

DATE: February 25, 2016

TIME: 11:00am – 12:30pm

PLACE: Connections AAA, Three Regional Offices Via Videoconference

I. Call to Order: – Bonnie Godden

Just prior to calling the meeting to order, a moment of silence was observed in honor of Gary Frederiksen, Connections Board Chairperson who passed on February 2, 2016.

- A. **Roll Call:** Board members answering roll call were George Gillespie, Tom Hoogestraat, Barb Redmond, Bonnie Godden, Cathay Pringnitz, Warren Woods and Kari Livermore.
- B. **Recognition of Visitors:** Dyann, Bowers, Barb Morrison, Ann Wilson, Linda Krei, Kelly Butts-Elston, Vicky Lohry, Sherri Weinfurter, Ronda Engles, Bob Neumann and Chris Kuchta.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:**

Tom Hoogestraat made a motion and Cathay Pringnitz seconded to approve the amended January meeting minutes. Motion carried.

- D. **Approval of Agenda:**

Kari Livermore made a motion and George Gillespie seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

II. Special Election(s)

- A. **Board Chairperson:**

George Gillespie made a motion, seconded by Cathay Pringnitz to have Bonnie Godden to serve as the board chairperson through the end of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

- B. **Check Signer:**

Warren Woods made a motion, seconded by Tom Hoogestraat to add George Gillespie as a signer of checks for the agency. Motion carried.

III. Reports

- A. **CEO Report:** Barb M. referred the board to her written report. In addition, Barb did add further information regarding the MCOs. We now know that the MCOs will take over beginning on April 1st. We still do not know how many clients we will have with each of the MCOs. Barb M. also asked the board what they would like to do with the donations that we've received from Gary's memorials. Cathay Pringnitz offered that pivots for the home are wonderful aids for independence and may be something that the board would like to consider purchasing with the memorial funding.

B. Division Reports:

- **Associate Director:** Kelly referred the board to her written report. In addition, Kelly mentioned that it is once again time to register for participation in Omaha Gives day of online giving. Kelly informed the board that the Pottawattamie County Foundation will be partnering with the Omaha Community Foundation on Omaha Gives for Pottawattamie Gives. There will be a special portal on the Pottawattamie County Foundation website for the Iowa agencies who are participating. We hope that this might increase our donations from the event this year. Kelly also mentioned that we are still seeking sites for the Awareness Walk scheduled for May 26th.
- **Housing:** Linda referred the board to her written report with no additions.
- **Consumer Services:** Barb M. reported on behalf of Sherrie McDonald. Barb referred the board to the written report. Barb M. did report that Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital was not successful in achieving funding for the grant submission.
- **Healthy Living:** Sherri referred the board to her written report. Sherri also added that her division had five Matter of Balance evidence based program workshops scheduled this spring. Sherri also added that the Council Bluffs Meals on Wheels program has also received word that the CB Police will be taking part in March for Meals next month. Sherri updated the board that the CB MOWs wait list is down to 2 people on wait list for hot meals.

IV. Business Requiring Action:

- A. Fiscal Report:** Ann referred the board to her written report. In addition, Ann informed the board that she received the bid from our I.T. provider for the new server. It has been included in the budget. Ann also sent in the required budget update to the Department on Aging on Monday.

Tom Hoogestraat made a motion, seconded by Barb Redmond to accept and file the fiscal report. Motion carried.

- B. Expansion of Catered Meals:** Sherri, Vicky and Ronda showed the board a power point presentation explaining the pros and cons of transitioning the eastern region to a catered meal system at our fourteen eastern meal sites. Staff recommendation is for the board to approve expansion of catered meals to eastern region.

Cathay Pringnitz made a motion, seconded by George Gillespie to expand the system of catered meals by Valley Services to the fourteen meal sites in our eastern region, effective July 1, 2016. Motion carried.

- C. Iowa West Foundation Grant Application:** Barb M. informed the board that we need their approval to apply to the Iowa West Foundation for a grant for our Meals on Wheels program in Council Bluffs. Barb M. explained that if we are awarded funding, it will help alleviate some budget concerns, not only with the Council Bluffs MOWs program, but with our Sioux City MOWs and our home-delivered frozen meals, as we've had to add so much C I and C II money to the CB MOWs that could have been utilized for the other programs.

Warren Woods made a motion, seconded by Tom Hoogestraat to approve the agency's application to the Iowa West Foundation for Food Insecurity. Motion carried.

V. Business Requiring No Action:

A. Legislative Update: Barb M. shared with the board that there was not much new on the legislative front. Barb M. did inform the board that what everyone is hearing regarding the Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging request for funding of LifeLong Links™ was that there is a potential of some extra money, but probably not the full \$2.3M that we are asking.

B. Units of Service: Barb M. noted that she is still not pleased with the units report, but we continue to try to get it accurate and correct.

IV. Open Forum: Barb Redmond stated that we must make a plea for oversight of the MCOs in the implementation of Medicaid. Cathay commented that the oversight committee is already in place.

V. Adjournment

Warren Woods moved and Tom Hoogestraat seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Kelly Butts-Elston for Kari Livermore, Secretary