

DATE: January 28, 2016

TIME: 11:00am - 12:30pm

PLACE: Connections AAA, Three Regional Offices Via Videoconference

I. Call to Order: – Gary Frederiksen

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

Bonnie Godden made a motion and Cathay Pringnitz seconded to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion carried.

- D. **Approval of Agenda:**

Tom Hoogestraat made a motion and Cathay Pringnitz seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.

- E. **Approval of New Board Member**

Bonnie Godden made a motion and Tom Hoogestraat seconded to seat Warren Woods as a new board member. Motion carried.

II. Reports

- A. **CEO Report:** Barb referred the board to her written report. In addition, under the MCO update Barb informed the board that the rates in our contract with Amerigroup are better than she initially hoped. The rates with Amerigroup are not as good as with AmeriHealth, and that United is coming in at a lower rate than both of the other two. United is interested in a one year contract for case management and a two year contract for meals. The other two MCOs have offered a two year contract for all services. Barb also informed the board that at a meeting held in Sioux City, Rep. Dave Dawson indicated he wants to delay implementation until July 1st, while Rep. Ron Jorgensen indicated he wants to start on March 1st to achieve the most cost savings as possible. Barb also informed the board that since their last special phone meeting and after staff participated in a demo of the ICN phone system, she and staff are unsure about going with ICN entirely. We are actively re-evaluating.
- B. **Advisory Council Report:** Bob Neumann referred the board to his written report.
- C. **Division Reports:**
 - **Associate Director:** Kelly referred the board to her written report.
 - **Housing:** Linda referred the board to her written report. Linda had one addition: The Evergreen Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Feb. 11th due to a lack of quorum.
 - **Consumer Services and Healthy Living:** Barb reported on behalf of Sherrie McDonald who had other work commitments. In addition to her written report, Barb

informed the board that we've lost another case manager in our northern region and that she is going to an MCO.

- **Healthy Living:** Sherri reported that she did not have a formal report that there was not a lot of news from her division, but she wanted to inform them that effective February 1st we would be implementing a wait list for Meals on Wheels in Sioux City and Council Bluffs as well as a wait list for frozen meals on a suggested contribution basis, and for those wanting to receive services through the Food Insecurity Program in our eastern region.

D. FY'2018-2021 Area Plan Process: Kelly distributed a timeline for planning, submitting and implementing the agency's four-year area plan that will begin on July 1, 2017 and go through June 30, 2021. Kelly explained that the goal is to make this a better planning tool, and we've already involved staff members and we plan to include board and advisory council, providers, consumers and family caregivers in the process as well.

III. Business Requiring Action:

- A. Fiscal Report:** Ann referred the board to her written report. Ann pointed out to the board that line item 4300 waiver meals are way down.

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

• Business Requiring No Action:

A. Legislative Update: Barb had shared the Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging's Advocacy pieces in the board packets. Barb also mentioned the following at the meeting:

1. The Governor's budget does not have any new dedicated funding for LifeLong Links. The means that IDA cannot advocate for additional funding.
2. Barb asked the board to help us correct any incorrect assumptions about the AAAs only needing \$313,360 to fund LifeLong Links.

B. Expansion of Catered Meals: Barb reminded the board that when we issued the RFP for catered meals in our northern and central regions, we had asked for an additional proposal for expanding into our eastern region. Barb informed the board that 8 of the 14 meal sites in our eastern region prepare their own meals, although they all use the same menus and recipes as we use in the northern region. Barb then went through some pros and cons for expanding the catered system. The Pros: consistency throughout service area; preservation of Ronda's time staffing cooks; free up freezer space for frozen meal program; onus on staffing is on caterer NOT Connections; and Valley would be responsible for delivery and transport of meals. On the Cons side: Possible reduction of staff. Gary offered that he felt standardization was important. Bonnie asked for figures so the board could take them to the centers. Kelly reported that through Advisory Council meetings two centers (one in the northern region and one in the central region) have volunteered to provide feedback to eastern region centers on their experiences as catered sites. Barb Redmond inquired as to whether centers who aren't currently five-day sites could add days easier as a catered center, and the answer from both Sherri Weinfurter and Barb Morrison was that yes that would be another potential plus.

C. Units of Service: Barb remarked that Ann and Kelly have been honing in on our data reporting and while not completely 100% an accurate reflection of activities, we are getting much closer.

- **Open Forum:** Gary inquired that with all that is facing us, how do we see politics playing out. Barb responded that it naturally plays a role in funding decisions. Barb then informed the board that with the early meeting in December, we were not able to distribute the board's holiday gift from the agency, so Barb was pleased to present the members with a holiday ham.

- **Adjournment**

Bonnie Godden moved and Kari Livermore seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Kelly Butts-Elston for Kari Livermore, Secretary