

**CONNECTIONS AREA AGENCY on AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: March 25, 2026
TIME: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
PLACE: Via Zoom

ITEM

I. Call To Order – Tom Hoogestraat

- A. **Roll Call - Board members answering roll call were Cindy Bunton, Mallory Drenth, George Gillespie, Tom Hoogestraat, Mark Monson, Linda Underwood. Excused Rick Friday and Cathay Pringnitz.**
- B. **Recognition of Visitors: Kelly Butts-Elston, Sherri Carson, Jenny Rogers, Alisha Frady, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara, Tasha Jones and Vicky Lohry.**

C. Approval of February Minutes:

Linda Underwood made a motion to approve the December Minutes. George Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.

D. Agenda:

George made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the following changes, add Advisory Council report under reports, and to move Business Requiring Action to the beginning meeting Linda Underwood seconded this. Motion carried.

II. Business Requiring Action

- A. **January and February Fiscal Reports:** Jenny shared the January and February fiscal reports.

George Gillespie made the motion to accept and file the January and February Fiscal Reports. Seconded by Linda Underwood. Motion Carried.

- B. **Area Plan SFY 2027:** Kelly Aubury and Jenny shared fiscal and narrative updates for the Area Plan Update.

George made motion to approve the 2027 Area Plan Update. Seconded by Cindy Bunten. Motion carried.

III. Reports

- A. Advisory Council Report:** Aubury referred the board to her written report and added that the Council received the presentation on the Area Plan Update and approved the direction of the plan unanimously.
- B. CEO Report:** Kelly referred the board to her written report. In addition to her written report, Kelly stated that she and Jenny have started to work with our health insurance provider, to have our renewal date on 12/31.

C. Division Reports:

- A. Healthy Living: Sherri** referred the board to her written report and added that many of the centers are 40 to 50% over budget due to changes in meal providers. Sherri shared that they have received a lot of applications for the Café cards, and that the popularity of the Cafes continues to grow. Vicky added that the Riverside meal site loves the Hyvee meals.
- B. Consumer Services:** Alisha referred the board to her written report and added that service navigator Tatum has accepted the position for part-time IRTC and part-time Service Navigation. Alisha pointed out that the number of calls continues to increase and that we are seeing an increase in needs. Tasha reported that we will host a Virtual Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop in April.
- C. Community Engagement:** Aubury referred the board to her written report and had nothing further to add.

IV. Business Not Requiring Action:

- A. Legislative Update:** Kelly shared that we have been successful in our advocacy on HF2707. Directors were able to speak with legislators at the recent Hill Day, and representatives agreed that the redesign would be costly and cause a disruption of services and service networks. An amendment was added to the bill that outlines steps in the process for the redesign for AAAs.

V. Open Forum: N/A

VI. Adjournment: Cindy Bunten made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried.