

Connections AAA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 8th, 2026

Please call in advance if you are not able to attend, unfortunately, the meeting will be cancelled if a quorum is not met.

Date: January 8th, 2026
Time: **10:00 am**
Place: Zoom meeting

Present: Scott Cordell, Mary Stock, Ruth Bollinger, Ellen Peters, Rebecca Darrington, Wendy Jackson, David Snyder, Scott Cordell, Dennis Brown.

Not Present : Alicia Nyreen, Shelly Dannenberg.

Staff present: Aubury Krueger-Kutchara; Nikki Corderman; and Pam Wurster.

Special Guest: Kelly Butts- Elston- CEO

ITEM

I. Call to Order – Ruth Bolinger

- Roll Call – Roll call was called by Aubury
- Recognition of Visitors—Kelly Butts Elston- CEO gave update on Legislation. Update is as follows.
 - Government is now open, but still feeling the after affects of being closed
 - We will not be getting any additional funding again
 - Advocating and supporting for Dementia specialists in each office , but unsure if that will happen
 - Discussed ADRC and access points. They are having an office space in some of our office a couple of times per month
 - Older American Act has still not been passed, but are hoping that is shortly. This usually passes unanimously.
 - New governor for Iowa could see changes coming
 - Hill day—is March 4th
 - Talked about the meals—change to frozen, meal sites, cafes, etc. Working on some partnerships with Hy- Vee. Getting frozen meals from Moms Meals
 - Looking at best options for each community.
 - Aging offices will continue to talk to Legislature and hope for good results.
- Approval of Minutes of November Minutes—Mary and Scott
- Meeting Approval of Agenda—Rebecca and Dave

II. Reports

- Update

- Staff—Two open positions—I and A staff in Council Bluffs and Care transition coach in Sioux City
- Fundraisers update
 - 1000 from Giving Tuesday
 - 5000 from Immanuel Visions
 - 28,000 has been raised – not including events
 - Gala—Unsure of amount, but similar to last year. Cost of food went up and cost of venue went up. Looking into other options for this year.
 - Golf Tournament is September 18th
- Other updates
 - Working on area plan update
 - Need to continue to Advocate for Older American Acts
 - Nicki is doing a lot of classes for Tai Chi and Bingo size in her counties
 - Oats classes—All three staff continue to do and there is a new volunteer – Douglas, who will be starting to help with these as well
 - Powell Radio—Doing some advertising with them
 - Billboards—MIPPA funds used to put them up

III. Business Requiring Action

- none

IV. Open Forum—

- Volunteer opportunities
- Dates for all meetings was mailed out

V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Mary and Scott

Next meeting – March 12th, 2026