

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

DATE: December 15, 2025
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, Rick Friday, George Gillespie, Tom Hoogestraat, Mark Monson, Cathay Pringnitz. Linda Underwood. Excused: Mallory Drenth
- B. Recognition of Visitors:** Kelly Butts-Elston, Jenny Rogers, Sherri Carson, Alisha Frady, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara, Tasha Jones and Vicky Lohry.

C. Approval of October Minutes:

Mark Monson made a motion to approve the October Minutes. Cindy Bunton seconded. Motion carried.

D. Agenda:

George Gillespie made a motion to approve the agenda Rick Friday seconded this. Motion carried.

II. Reports

- A. Mission Moment:** Aubury shared the success of the Sugar and Spice Gingerbread Gala, and thanked staff for all their hard work and help with the event.
- B. CEO Report:** Kelly referred the board to her written report. She also noted concerns within the aging network about the possibility of another government shutdown at the end of January, which may require advocacy efforts. Additionally, she highlighted the ongoing need to focus on end-of-year fundraising.

C. Division Reports:

- A. **Healthy Living:** Sherri referred the board to her written report and added that her team is working on program changes that require state approval. These will be shared at next month's meeting.
- B. **Consumer Services:** Alisha referred the board to her written report and added we continue to see an increase in referrals for both general consumer services and for Care Transitions.
- C. **Community Engagement:** Aubury referred the board to her written report and added her gratitude to all staff, volunteers, advisory council, and board members who assisted with the Gala and all the 2025 fundraising events.

III. Business Requiring Action

- A. **October Fiscal Report:** Jenny shared the October financials

George Gillespie made the motion to accept and file the October Fiscal Report. Seconded by Mark Monson. Motion Carried.

IV. Business Not Requiring Action:

- A. **Update on State HHS Reorganization/Legislative Update-**Kelly gave an update on the HHS reorg, and that the AAAs have been in communication with ADS director Zachary Rhein about the process.
- B. **Legislative Update:** No formal update presented; conversation about the possibility of another government shutdown.

V. Open Forum: N/A

- VI. **Adjournment: George Gillespie made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Linda Underwood. Motion carried.**