

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

DATE: September 18, 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 Tom Hoogestraat, Cindy Bunten, George Gillespie, Rick Friday, Mallory Drenth, Mark Monson. Absent Linda Underwood. Cathay Pringnitz excused
- B. **Recognition of Visitors:** Kelly Butts-Elston, Jenny Rogers, Sherri Carson, Alisha Frady, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara, Tasha Jones and Vicky Lohry.

C. Approval of July Minutes:

Mark Monson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Rick Friday seconded. Motion carried.

D. Agenda:

A motion was made by Cindy Bunten to amend the agenda to allow the auditor to make his report when he arrives. This was seconded by George Gillespie. Motion carried.

II. Reports

- A. **Mission Moment:** Kelly shared the passing of long time volunteer Bob Nuemann.
- B. **Advisory Council Report:** Aubury reported there wasn't a meeting in September due to low attendance.

C. CEO Report: Kelly referred the board to her written report and shared:

- a. Discussion the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act..
- b. Kelly discussed that she is on the Iowa Sail steering committee. There is a lot of movement in making Iowa a state you can age in place.

D. Division Reports:

- A. **Healthy Living:** Sherri referred the board to her written report and added that she had the Healthy Living team have been very busy with the changes to the meal program.

- B. Consumer Services:** Alisha referred the board to her written report and added we have applied for a Common Spirit Grant for Harrison County to expand the IRTC program to Harrison County. Tasha reported that we will be hosting a Caregiver Conference on November 4th
- C. Community Engagement:** Aubury referred the board to her written report and added that we will have MIPPA billboards going up across the service by the end of the month. Aubury also reported that the raffle is going well and that we have a couple of sale opportunities coming up the next couple of weekends.

III. Business Requiring Action

- A. Fiscal Audit FY2024:** Paul Hamilton presented the audit findings for Connections FY2024 Fiscal Audit, and there were no findings.

Cindy Bunten made the motion to approve the FY2024 Audit. Seconded by George Gillespie. Motion Carried.

- B. End of Year Fiscal Report FY 2025:** Jenny presented the end of year fiscal report for FY 2025.

Mark Monson made a motion to accept and file the end of year report. Seconded by Cindy Bunten. Motion carried.

- C. July Financial Report:** Jenny presented the board the July fiscal report.

George Gillespie made a motion to accept and file the July fiscal report. Seconded by Cindy Bunten. Motion carried.

- D. Pottawattamie County Housing Grant approval:** Kelly and Tasha asked the board to approve the grant request to the Pottawattamie County Housing Foundation.

George Gillespie made a motion to approve the grant submission. Seconded by Cindy Bunten. Motion Carried.

IV. Business Not Requiring Action:

- A. Update on State HHS Reorganization/Legislative Update-**Kelly shared that the state seems to be rushing ahead with the reorganization. We may need advocacy from board members as things develop.

V. Open Forum: N/A

VI. Adjournment: George Gillespie made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rick Friday. Motion carried.