

Connections AAA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes November 13th, 2025

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

Date: November 13th, 2025
Time: **10:00 am**
Place: Zoom meeting

Present: Scott Cordell, Mary Stock, Terri Wilson, Wendy Richter, Ellen Peters, Rebecca Darrington, Wendy Jackson, David Snyder and Shelly Dannenberg.

Not Present: Alicia Nyreen. Ruth Bolinger was excused

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.
 - Discussed government Shutdown. Hoping for a resolution to come by the first of the year
 - Our funds will be okay through January, if there is not a resolution
 - Discussed the Affordable care act—which would affect consumers if there isn't a resolution to the bill
 - Big Beautiful Bill—Discussed how they are trying to preserve some of the things on this
 - Authorization of the Older American act—It hasn't passed yet but are hoping that they will fully reauthorize. They were making plans to reauthorize this a year ago, but was shut down by Elon Musk.
 - Director of HHS Kelli Garca Resigned.
 - As of July 1st, areas were redesigned with 7 region access points. Are going to advocate against some of the regions to have them make more sense

Aging offices will continue to talk to Legislature and hope for good results.

- Approval of Minutes of May Minutes—Scott and Rebecca
- Meeting Approval of Agenda—Scott and Terri

II. Reports

- Update
 - Fundraisers

- Golf Tournament
- Shredtastic
- Quarter of Beef raffle
- Puzzles and pizza event
- Trio gave notice for hot meals—So are doing frozen meals
- Cafes are being set up in Cass County—Cumberland/Massena
- Nutrition Dept has been working hard
- There was a family Caregiver Event in council Bluffs
- Grandpads—Are all being set back as this grant has ended and its too costly to keep them
- Medicare—Open enrollment – check plans. Have many appoints scheduled in both offices
- Ginger bread Gala-- coming up December 5th- Need volunteers for this event.
- Nicki gave update on Classes in her region
- A lot of classes are happening in all areas
- Ring cameras- Have a few left but this has ended as well Many positive comments about them

III. Business Requiring Action

IV. Open Forum—

- Questions about Budget—2026 budget if from July 1 to June 30th
- State Level—How do we make it known that older services are needed—advocate with iowa legislators\
- Volunteer—will send out list to sign up

V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Mary and Scott

Next meeting – January 8th, 2026