

Connections AAA

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

July 10th, 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: July 10th, 2025
Time: **10:00 am**
Place: Zoom meeting

Present: Scott Cordell, Mary Stock, Wendy Richter, Ellen Peters, Ruth Boiling, Wendy Jackson, and Shelly Dannenberg. Staff present: Aubury Krueger-Kutchara; Nikki Corderman; and Pam Wurster.

Special Guest: Kelly Butts- Elston- CEO, with a legislative update.

ITEM

I. Call to Order – Ruth Bolinger

- Roll Call – Roll call was called by Shellie Dannenberg.
- Recognition of Visitors—Kelly Butts Elston- CEO gave update on Legislation. Update is as follows.
 - US Aging—There were good and bad things as far as the bill that is being passed.
 - Good—
 - All of the advocacy that the staff have been doing has worked. They will be keeping the Older Americans Act all together.
 - They are keeping Health living classes, Ombudsman, SHIP, and LIHEAP.
 - Not so good
 - There was no increase in our Budgets
 - Cuts to Medicaid. If people are taken off Medicaid, they are all going to be looking for assistance.
 - Adding work requirements for ages 55 to 64, which will affect the grandparents raising grandchildren
 - Snap benefits will be affected
 - Continued Deficits in funds
 - All if this will affect the small Rural Hospitals
 - Possible Medicare cuts-
 - a. Hoping that Congress will fix this
 - Other-
 - Not sure when all of this new bill will take place-before/after the midterm election
 - Continue to keep waiting lists as this will help us show that not everyone is getting the services
 - Senator Grassley is very supportive
 - Meals- Underfunded- 200,000 in the hole

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

- Approval of Minutes of May Minutes—Scott and David
- Meeting Approval of Agenda—Mary and Dave

II. Reports

- Update of Activities (upcoming and events recaps)By Aubury
 - Staff have been busy going to Senior fairs, Health fairs
 - County Fairs are starting also, and some of those will be attended
 - Pow wows this weekend in Riverside- Pam attending
 - All Community Engagement staff are doing OATS classes in many areas
 - Golf outing coming up on September 12th
 - Gingerbread Gala coming up on December 5th
- Aubury got the Gambling license finally. Will be able to have the ¼ beef raffle
- USA Aging Conference—Aubury will be presenting at this on OATS classes. Kelly, Tasha, Alisha, Brenna, and Danika will be attending.
- Cherokee conference—Working on having a conference in that area with Vendors, so having monthly meetings for this. Not until Spring of 2026.

III. Business Requiring Action

- Elections of Officers—
 - Chair—Ruth Bollinger will continue
 - Vice Chair- Shelly Dannenberg will continue
 - Motion to retain these officers by Wendy J and David

IV. Open Forum-- none

V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting -- September 11th