

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

DATE: June 24, 2026
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, George Gillespie, Tom Hoogestraat, Linda Underwood, Mallory Drenth.**

Recognition of Visitors: Kelly Butts-Elston, Jenny Rogers, Alisha Frady, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara, Vicky Lohry and Tasha Jones.

B. Approval of May Minutes:

Cindy Bunten made a motion to approve the May Minutes. George Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.

D. Agenda:

George Gillespie moved to amend the meeting agenda to place business requiring action at the beginning of the agenda. Cindy Bunten seconded. Motion carried.

II. Business Requiring Action

- A. FY 2025 Audit Report-** Austin Hanke, with Hayes & Associates, presented the 2025 Audit Report for Connections Area Agency on Aging. In their opinion, based on their testing, CAAA's financial statements present fairly in all material respects its financial position at June 30, 2025. Austin shared key financial results with the board. Due to completed audits not being filed in a reasonable amount of time by the former auditor, CAAA has been reported to not be a low risk auditee.

George Gillespie made a motion to approve the FY2025 Audit Report. Cindy Bunten seconded. Motion carried.

- B. May Fiscal Report-**Jenny shared the May fiscal report with the board. Jenny shared that fiscals are on track for the end of the fiscal year.

George Gillespie made a motion to accept and file the May fiscal report. Linda Underwood seconded. Motion carried.

C. Council Bluffs Building Purchase Option.

George Gillespie made a motion to bypass buying the building. Seconded by Cindy Buten. Motion carried.

III. Reports

A. CEO Report: Kelly shared her written report with the board and added:

- a. **Contracts-**Kelly has been working with our current contractors to help them work with their reduced amounts, including identifying consumers who have family members in the household that could help with chores and implementing ride limits.
- b. **ADRC Call Center:** Starting July 1, 2027, Iowa Compass will be taking all calls that come into the ADRC, and AAA staff will begin using the Compass Database as well as entering information into the Wellsky database.
- c. **Agency Insurance-**The quote for our agency health care premiums increased by approximately 20%. And our current carrier will no longer offer services in Iowa after FY27. We will resign with current carrier and shop for a plan that will start on January 1, 2027.

B. Division Reports:

- A. **Healthy Living:** Sherri shared her written report with the board and added that she stated as approved the closure of the Glenwood meal site. Participants from the Glenwood site will receive café cards to access meals at Russ's Market. Vicky reported that we have 17 booklets of Farmers Market Vouchers available.
- B. **Consumer Services:** Alisha referred the board to her written report and added that they have introduced a new needs assessment for the consumer services department to help us better serve those in greatest need. Tasha shared that we are partnering with the Human Services Advisory Council in Council Bluffs to host a Medical Power of Attorney clinic on July 30.
- C. **Aubury** referred the board to her written report and added that she is happy to report that we have a new partnership with the Mills and Fremont County Public Health Agency. Their staff have been trained in the Matter of Balance and the Bingocize program. Aubury and the board spoke of different fundraising opportunities.

IV. Business Not Requiring Action:

- A. **HHS Realignment:** Kelly spoke on the progress of HF2707 and the 3 possible scenarios that the AAAs will face.

V. Open Forum: N/A

VI. Adjournment: **George Gillespie made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mallory Drenth. Motion carried.**