

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

DATE: Oct. 30, 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, George Gillespie, Mallory Drenth, Rick Friday, Linda Underwood, Cathay Pringnitz. Excused: Mark Monson, Cindy Buntin.
- B. **Recognition of Visitors:** Kelly Butts-Elston, Jenny Rogers, Sherri Carson, Alisha Frady, Tasha Jones and Vicky Lohry.

C. Approval of Sept Minutes:

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

D. Agenda:

A motion was made by Linda Underwood to approve the agenda This was seconded by George Gillespie. Motion carried.

II. Reports

- A. **Mission Moment:** Kelly shared the passing of Advisory Council member Robert Johnson and former board member Bonnie Godden
- B. **CEO Report:** Kelly referred the board to her written report. In addition, much conversation and discussed ensued about the governmental shut down, and how the agency was preparing contingency plans, something unpleasant, but necessary if Congress cannot get their act together,
- C. **Division Reports:**
- A. **Healthy Living:** Sherri's report was distributed prior to the meeting and in it shed went over the many planned and implemented changes for nutrition delivery.
- 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 service and for

Care Transitions. Tasha reported that we will be hosting a Caregiver Conference on November 4th

- C. **Community Engagement:** Aubury's report went out with board packets and gave some preliminary fundraising amounts from our various events.

III. Business Requiring Action

- A. **Quarter 1 Fiscal Report:** Jenny shared the final numbers that were turned into the state for the first quarter of FY2026.

Mallory Drenth made the motion to accept and file the First Quarter Fiscal Report. Seconded by Rick Friday. Motion Carried.

- B. **Selection of Date for Combined Nov/Dec Meeting:**

George Gillespie made a motion to hold the combined Nov/Dec board meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 11am. Seconded by Mallory Drenth. 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 government shut down, the potential impact on SNAP reduction and the resignation of HHS Department Head Kelly Garcia.

- V. **Open Forum:** N/A

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