

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

DATE: January 28, 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, Mallory Drenth, George Gillespie, Tom Hoogestraat, Mark Monson, Linda Underwood. Excused Rick Friday and Cathay Pringnitz.**
- B. Recognition of Visitors: Kelly Butts-Elston, Jenny Rogers, Sherri Carson, Alisha Frady, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara, Tasha Jones and Vicky Lohry.**

C. Approval of December Minutes:

Cindy Bunton made a motion to approve the December Minutes. Linda Underwood seconded. Motion carried.

D. Agenda:

Cindy Bunton made a motion to approve the agenda Linda Underwood seconded this. Motion carried.

II. Reports

- A. Advisory Council Report:** Aubury referred the board to her written report and added that she is looking for new council members to have representation from all 20 counties.
- B. CEO Report:** Kelly referred the board to her written report. In addition to her written report, Kelly spoke of the agency's ongoing relationship with Jennie Edmundson Hospital through the IRTC program. Agency leadership will be attending to the Region VII meeting for ACL/USAgings in Kansas City on Feb. 5th-6th. It's a good way to expose our team to what's going on in our regional network of colleagues in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. Sandy Markwood, C.E.O. of USAgings and several of her leadership team will be present as will some members of the Administration.

C. Division Reports:

- A. **Healthy Living:** Sherri referred the board to her written report and added that her team continues to work on contracting with partners for meal services.
- B. **Consumer Services:** Alisha referred the board to her written report and added that we have finished the Grandpads program due to underutilization. Consumer Services is currently down two positions and staff are helping to cover extra needs.
- C. **Community Engagement:** Aubury referred the board to her written report and added she will be meeting with a sponsor for the golf tournament this week and attending the Council Bluffs Chamber Annual meeting. Pam Wurster will be attending the Siouxland Series Luncheon, a new networking initiative of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce.

III. Business Requiring Action

- A. **December Fiscal Report:** Jenny shared the December financials

George Gillespie made the motion to accept and file the December Fiscal Report. Seconded by Mark Monson. 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 potential bills.

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

VI. **Adjournment: Cindy Bunten made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried.**