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Meeting Minutes

Iowa Commission on Aging

Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Heritage Area Agency on Aging

6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Dial In: 1-877-369-0926 Meeting ID: 229-171-714

Welcome and Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened a regular meeting. Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

G. Willard Jenkins

Suzanne Heckenlaible, Conference Call

Carole Dunkin, Conference Call

Steve Van Oort

*Representative Ann Meyer, Conference Call

*Representative Mary Gaskill, Conference Call

*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

Members Absent

Quentin Hart

Rich Motz

*Senator Mark Segebart

*Senator Amanda Ragan

Others present:

Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director Linda Miller, Brian Majeski, Angela Van Pelt, Dax Oberreuter, Linda Hildreth, Alex Bauman, Tim Getty- Heritage AAA, Larry Kudej- Heritage AAA, Jill Sindt- Heritage AAA, Kellie Elliott-Kapparos- Heritage AAA, Bob Welsh- OIL, Morgan Miller, Barb Buchanan, Becky Devera

Conference call:

Shelly Sindt- Elderbridge AAA

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner Van Oort made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Commissioner Dunkin second, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Van Oort made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th meeting as written, second Commissioner Heckenlaible, motion carried unanimously.

SCSEP State Plan Conference Call

Brian Majeski

Brian explained the new state SCSEP plan will need approved by the commission when it is ready. He indicated that will happen prior the next scheduled commission meeting and a meeting by conference call will be required before the next scheduled meeting. IDA will provide notice to commissioners and to the public. Brian also mentioned the current SCSEP manager employed by the department is retiring and a new employee will start soon.

Legislative Priorities

Angela Van Pelt

Angela noted the leadership changes in the House of Representatives and the appointment of Sen. Sweeney to the Senate Human Resources Committee. Angela gave an overview of the department's three main priorities for the upcoming session. First, IDA will be asking for additional appropriations to fund more pilots of the Return to Community program. Second, Angela provided an update to the Elder Abuse Work Group which resulted in the need for more funding for the Office of Public Guardian. Lastly, IDA will be assigning an employee part time to navigate home modification funding within the state. Rep. Mary Gaskill then offered comments in opposition of the request for proposal from the the OSLTCO.

Director's Update**Director Linda Miller**

Director Miller offered comments on the Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman. She noted the Ombudsman's office is independent of IDA. IDA provides administrative support to the OSLTCO. Due to federal law, IDA and the Iowa Commission on Aging cannot interfere with the advocacy services and mechanism of delivery of the OSLTCO.

Introduction to Encore Café**Tim Getty**

Tim provided an overview of Encore Café and goals for the café when it launched. He noted the café has exceeded expectations. Socialization and atmosphere of the meal site is just as important as the food. The focus has been on the consumer experience of the meal site in addition to the menu. Jill Sindt also commented there were contract concerns in the beginning, but the concerns were unrealized. The contribution rate is also higher at Encore than traditional meal sites.

2020 Commission Schedule**Commissioner Jenkins**

The Commission will take place on:

- Thursday, March 12th, 10:00-12:00

2020 Commission Schedule

- March 12, 2020 10AM
- June 11, 2020 10AM
- September 10, 2020 10AM
- December 10, 2020 10AM

IDA Staff Update**Brian Majeski**

Alicyn Reimer has moved from the administrative assistant position to a program planner position overseeing case management and EPA programs. Nicole Shore has been hired to replace her as administrative assistant.

Announcements from the Commission and/or Department Staff

No comments

Public Comment

Bob Welsh with the Older Iowans Legislature provided an overview of OIL's legislative priorities.

Morgan Miller, Legislative Director of AFSCME, provided comments on the opposition of the OSLTCO's request for proposal.

Becky Devera, Volunteer Ombudsman, offered her opposition to OSLTCO's management and request for proposal.

Barb Buchanan, Volunteer Ombudsman, offered her opposition to OSLTCO's management and request for proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Van Oort moved to adjourn, Commissioner Jenkins second, and the Commission was adjourned.

Commissioner Jenkins

Linda J. Miller, Director