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Meeting Minutes

Iowa Commission on Aging

Thursday, September 12th, 2019 10:00 a.m.

DOC Training Room 130 (first floor)

Jessie Parker Building, State Capitol Complex

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Welcome and Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened a regular meeting. Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

G. Willard Jenkins
Suzanne Heckenlaible
Carole Dunkin, Conference Call
Rich Motz, Conference Call
Steve Van Oort, Conference Call
*Senator Mark Segebart
*Senator Amanda Ragan, Conference Call
*Representative Mary Gaskill, Conference Call

*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

Members Absent

Quentin Hart
*Representative Ann Meyer

Others present:

Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director Linda Miller, Brian Majeski, Angela Van Pelt, Dax Oberreuter, Linda Hildreth, Alex Bauman, Julie Bergeson, Caroline Barrett-AG's Office, Sandra Hurtado-Peters - Dept. of Management, Patty Funaro- LSA, Jess Benson- LSA, Sonya Sellmeyer- IID

Conference call:

Bob Welsh- OIL

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner Heckenlaible 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 June 6th meeting as written, second Commissioner Dunkin, motion carried unanimously.

Director's Update & Quarterly Conversations

Director Miller

IDA has concluded the first two Elder Abuse Work Group meetings and is working on implementation phase of the work group. The Department is working on the Governor's priorities and is in the process of reviewing budget recommendations in preparation for the Governor's office and legislature this fall. Director Miller noted she was recently appointed to the Federal Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Advisory Council through ACL. She mentioned the problems of Iowa's grandparent caregiver population and the need for the advisory council.

Iowa Insurance Division Fraud Fighters Presentation

Sonya Sellmeyer, IID

Sonya Sellmeyer of the Iowa Insurance Division delivered a presentation and overview of the department's Fraud Fighters Program. There are events hosted around the state focusing on investigation and fraud prevention. The events provide education on investor fraud. Sonya talked about the top scams affecting elderly fraud victims today. At Fraud Fighter events, most of the questions asked relate to robo call scams. The next popular questions from the audience are about Medicare scams and power of attorney. There was a discussion on how IID can partner with the local Area Agencies on Aging to make the events successful.

Family Caregiver Update**Julie Bergeson**

Julie provided an update on IDA's Family Caregiver Program Redesign. A Lean event was held to map processes and streamline action steps. The Department has researched other states to identify best practices for the family caregiver program. Iowa is part of the Helping States Support Families Caring for an Aging America initiative through Centers for Health Care Strategies. Iowa is one of a handful of states in the program committed to developing policies to support family caregivers and address challenges. Julie delivered an overview, timeframe and goals of the program. She also noted ACL has been involved since the beginning.

Nutrition Program Update**Alex Bauman**

Nutrition requirements have been revised and well received by congregate meal staff and AAAs. Better menus for all age ranges and newer internal software have also been deployed. The next projects are revising the intake forms and marketing the meal sites. ACL's Innovation Grant has allowed the number of meals served at Heritage's Encore Café to spike. Meal sites deliver nutrition education to consumers monthly. Alex shared stats and info from the recent Iowa Hunger Summit, where community partners gathered to share ideas.

Iowa Return to Community Update**Linda Hildreth**

Linda delivered an overview of the pilot in Cass, Mills, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury counties. There were 98 consumers voluntarily admitted and resulted in over 91 percent of successful transitions. There were cases of consumers being ineligible due to living out of the service area, being on Medicaid or being under the age of 60. Elderbridge started a Return to Community pilot recently in Spencer and the surrounding area.

Elder Abuse Work Group Update**Angela Van Pelt**

The work group met on July 16th and August 7th. They reviewed past task forces on elder abuse and decided to focus on developing a single point of entry for elder abuse, restructure elder abuse prevention and awareness service delivery, and expand the Office of Public Guardian. The department is reviewing comments collected from work group members before moving to the implementation stage.

Administrative Rules Approval**Angela Van Pelt**

The Department on Aging proposed technical changes to clean up language in Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 22, and 23 of the IDA administrative code. The revisions have gone before the Administrative Rules Committee and came back with only technical clarifications. Angela provided a summary of each chapter change. A roll call vote was taken and Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 22, & 23 were approved 5-0.

Announcements from the Commission and/or Department Staff

No comments

Next Commission Meeting

The Commission will take place on:

- Thursday, December 5th, 10:00-12:00p

Public Comment

Bob Welsh with the Older Iowans Legislature noted the board will meet at 9:30am on Sept. 24 in the Iowa House Chamber.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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

Commissioner Jenkins

Linda J. Miller, Director