

Meeting Minutes
Iowa Commission on Aging
By Conference Call
Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:00 a.m.
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Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

G. Willard Jenkins
Suzanne Heckenlaible
Carole Dunkin
Rich Motz
Steve Van Oort
Quentin Hart
Cindy Baddeloo

Members Absent

*Representative Mary Gaskill
*Senator Mark Segebart
*Representative Ann Meyer
*Senator Amanda Ragan

*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

Others present:

Director Linda Miller, Brian Majeski, Dax Oberreuter, Caroline Barrett- AG's Office, Jill Sindt- Heritage AAA, Kellie Elliott-Kapparos- Heritage AAA, Sandi Hurtado-Peters- IDOM, Kelly Butts-Elston- Connections AAA, Shelly Sindt- Elderbridge AAA, Bob Welsh- OIL.

Approve Agenda & Minutes

Commissioner Van Oort made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Commissioner Motz second, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Van Oort made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5th, 2019 meeting, Commissioner Hart second, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting, Commissioner Dunkin second, motion carried unanimously.

Service Delivery Update

IDA staff continues to work remotely. Miller explained COVID federal funding and the impact on the department. IDA is currently in the recovery phase of our COVID-19 response. AAAs are still encouraging seniors to isolate in place. The management team continues to have ongoing video meetings with the AAAs, ACL, and regional aging state directors. There is an opportunity to change and in service areas post-COVID.

Director Miller

IDA COVID Timeline Guidance

Linda provided an overview of the three phases of COVID for IDA. She covered funding streams, dollar amounts, dates the money is available, and when it has to be spent by. Funding is distributed to the AAAs by a funding formula. Linda explained what services AAAs can use the money for. The population served, focus and goals were discussed for each of the three phases.

Linda Hildreth

New Staff Update

Marissa Patterson was introduced as the new administrative assistant for the department.

Brian Majeski

Area Plan Update Guidance

The area plans are the contracts with the individual AAAs. Brian provided an overview on the services in the area plans. Usually, the AAAs would provide area plan updates to the commission. COVID made the AAAs rethink service delivery. IDA sent guidance on revising emergency plans and all AAAs updated their plans. The emergency disaster proclamation in Iowa gave flexibility to

Brian Majeski

provide services and allowed AAAs to provide services under their emergency plans rather than their area plan. Due to the current environment, AAAs likely won't return to their current area plan before the new area plans are due, so there is no updated needed at this time.

Legislative Update

Angela Van Pelt

The legislature came back June 3rd. IDA tracked a variety of policy bills, which include bills relating to elder abuse. All bills being monitored are dead due to the limited session. The legislature will likely pass a status quo budget for the next fiscal year. LSA and DOM are providing flexibility to make decisions. Angela will send state coronavirus website links to commissioners. The department is running radio and newspaper media campaigns promoting AAA services.

2020 Centenarian Update

Dax Oberreuter

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the department won't be holding any centenarian recognition events this year. Certificates signed by the governor and the director will still be sent to centenarians by mail.

OSLTCO Update

Cindy Pederson

Ombudsman haven't been able to enter facilities since March 18th. Local ombudsmen are currently in virtual visitation status. Virtual advocacy is being provided by phone and telemeetings since March 18th. Packets were mailed to all residents with info on how the Ombudsman office can still advocate for them. Communication with residents is being conducted as if local ombudsmen were still in-person at facilities. OSTLCO is currently studying IDPH and DIA guidance on reentering facilities.

Public Comment

The next commission meeting will be September 10th at 10 a.m. Kellie Elliott-Kapparos announced Barb Werning will be the new Executive Director of Heritage starting July 1. Tim Getty received an award for Encore Café from The National Council on Aging. Kelly Butts-Elston noted AAAs are learning new ways to do service and innovate in the Return to Community program due to COVID. Shelly Sindt noted they are working toward a unified approach to open congregate meal sites when the time is right. Bob Welsh announced OIL won't hold its annual meeting in September. Bob thanked Jill Sindt and Kellie Elliott-Kapparos for their service at Heritage.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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

Commissioner Jenkins

Linda J. Miller, Director