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## Meeting Minutes

### Iowa Commission on Aging

Thursday, March 7th, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Iowa Department on Aging Office

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Dial In: 1-877-369-0926 Meeting ID: 747-505-912

### Welcome and Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened a regular meeting. Commissioner Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### Roll Call

#### Members Present

G. Willard Jenkins, Conference Call  
Suzanne Heckenlaible, Conference Call  
Quentin Hart, Conference Call  
Rich Motz, Conference Call  
Carole Dunkin, Conference Call  
Cheryl Arnold

\*Representative Ann Meyer

\*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

#### Members Absent

\*Senator Amanda Ragan  
\*Senator Mark Segebart  
\*Representative Mary Gaskill

### Others present:

Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director Linda Miller, Brian Majeski, Angela Van Pelt, Dax Oberreuter, Cynthia Pederson, Caroline Barrett-AG's Office, Sandra Hurtado-Peters - Dept. of Management

### Conference call:

Kellie Elliott-Kapparos (Heritage AAA), Bob Welsh OIL

### Approve Agenda and Minutes

Arnold made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Jenkins moved, Dunkin second, motion carried unanimously. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6th meeting as written, Dunkin moved, second Hart, motion carried unanimously.

### Director's Report

**Director Miller**

Director Miller updated the Commission regarding the first round of AAA Quarterly Conversations that covered information and assistance services by the AAAs. The new format was well received and positive feedback was given from employees and AAA staff. The quarterly conversations are focused on continuous quality improvement of services. The conversations covered metrics and addressed gaps in services data. Director Miller reported the next quarterly conversation topic will be case management.

### Return to Community Update

**Linda Hildreth, Programs Administrator**

Linda Hildreth delivered an overview of the Return to Community Pilot Program to the Commission. Data was presented covering the first six months of program implementation. Hildreth noted the pilot was extended to cover more facilities and the data exceeded expectations. Director Miller noted the program diverts consumers and dollars away from Medicaid, saving the State and the consumer money while also being able to age in place in the community.

### Medicaid Claiming Update

**Director Miller**

Director Miller informed the commission that the Department is moving ahead with plans on Medicaid claiming. The Department has made progress working with Iowa Medicaid Enterprise to allow for the department to participate in Medicaid claiming. The Department anticipates it will receive a 50 percent match of administration services spent on Medicaid patients. There will be a time study conducted to see how many Medicaid patients are serviced through the AAAs and money will be delivered monthly

through IME based on the time study results. Director Miller noted progress in accomplishing Medicaid claiming would not have been possible without consultants with Sellers Dorsey.

#### **Procurement Update**

**Assistant Director Majeski**

Assistant Director Majeski explained the contract with AARP to provide senior employment services had exceeded its maximum time limit under state law. A request for proposal was sent out to fill the service contract. A request for application was submitted following the de-designation announcement of Heritage AAA. It is the Commission's duty to designate and de-designate AAAs. Assistant Director Majeski mentioned a commission meeting by conference would be needed on April 1 to carry out the designation of the new AAA. The new AAA will have to have an area plan in place by July 1.

#### **IDA Staffing Update**

**Assistant Director Majeski**

Assistant Director Majeski delivered an update on the organization chart and staff at the Department. The Department is organizing to support the continuous improvement of core services. One employee had been moved to a position to support Medicaid claiming and another position devoted to claiming will be filled.

#### **OSLTCO Structure Redesign**

**Cynthia Pederson, Long Term Care Ombudsman**

Ombudsman Pederson discussed the redesign of eight ombudsman districts down to two districts. Work load will be distributed by the Des Moines office and ombudsman staff is distributed evenly between the two regions including four ombudsmen per district in addition to a traveling ombudsman to conduct unannounced visits to facilities. No staff reductions were made in the redesign.

#### **Legislative Update**

**Angela Van Pelt, Legislative Liaison/PIO**

Angela Van Pelt reported the Department is watching bills related to mandatory training and elder abuse and guardianship. Geriatric housing as well as home modification bills are being monitored but not expected to move forward in the legislature. Bills have until the end of the week to survive the first funnel week.

#### **Announcements from the Commission and/or Department Staff**

Commissioner Jenkins spoke to the protection of older adults from financial exploitation and the need to address the scams. Caroline Barrett of the AG office will report during the next meeting the programs, if any, Iowa has in place to combat the abuse

#### **Next Commission Meeting**

The Commission will take place on:

- Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00p

#### **Public Comment**

Bob Welsch with the Older Iowans Legislature shared legislative priorities.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**

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

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Commissioner Jenkins

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Linda J. Miller, Director