



**ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**December 12, 2024 VIA ZOOM**

**Council Members Present:** Susan Leuthauser, Liz Sherwin, Dawn Dunnegan, Cyndi Mears, Michele Ross, Pat Swartzlander, Todd Wilson and Ryanne Wood

**Staff Present:** Becky Passman, Sonita Oldfield-Carlson, Kathy Hyde, Lisa Harwood, Kim Crutcher, Stephanie Newton, and Devin Hansen.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all present listed.

**III. Approval of Agenda of December 12, 2024**

Motion made by Rayanne Wood to approve the Agenda and seconded by Michele Ross. All were in favor.

**IV. Approval of Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of September 19,2024**

Motion was made by Todd Wilson and seconded by Cyndi Mears to approve the Minutes as written. All were in favor.

**V. CEO Update**

Becky stated that reauthorization approval is waiting in senate and house. Rayanne Wood nominated disability access. Aging disability and assistance RFP was awarded to 211. Providing full ADFRC & Call center.

Agency is trimming expenses and cost, primarily in nutrition, to create efficiencies. Lisa Harwood is reviewing that.

4-year plan is the focus of agency discussions, timeline for partial draft is 1/27/25 with final 4/4/25.

**VI. Old Business – None**

**VII. New Business – None**

**VIII. Program Updates and Reports**

- a. Nutrition Program Update – Lisa went over the highlights of the reports submitted to the board, highlighting on refocus on Appanoose Co. changing to a café. Becky Passman asked Lisa to share her area plan. Per Lisa they are reaching clients with highest needs. Using cafés are better for MAAA and clients, as then we do not need staff to run them and the cafés are open longer than meal sites, to give the people more opportunities to go eat with the flexibility. Becky stated that using cafés will also help in reducing overhead, as there will not be rent, electricity, garbage, or staff. We have a site in each county, with the exception to Wayne County. MAAA just wanted to inform this board of changes, that MAAA is moving toward a more sustainable model and if the counties hear anything, they are welcome to reach out. Todd W. stated we should investigate Hatti Nicks Café in Corydon as an option for a café.
- b. Social Services Program Update – Kim stated that the reports are showing an increase in social services from last year. She highlighted what they were working on for the area plan and gave a success story. Social Services is focusing on providing services in rural areas, make OC/CM more accessible in 4 counties, partner with RSVP, public health and Sam speak for low-cost shoes, as well as transportation in rural counties and small towns.
- c. Health Promotion & Home Safety – Sonita discussed partnering and collaboration with medical healthcare for delivery and sorting other funding sources. Hoping to see expanded cope on NON evidence based as more flexible and a doorway into evidence based. Michele asked for examples of non-evidence based and Sonita listed several, Michele mentioned ISPIAL Silver and expanding to dental care.
- d. Marketing Update – Devin stated he had been absent for a few weeks and highlighted in his report what he is working on.

Susan L opened the floor for comments.

Todd W. asked about funding and if it comes from Federal Government. Becky P. explained the Older American's Act and funding from the State of Iowa, participant contribution, County support and that only 2 counties contribute to the support. And that we are required to solicit to sources for donations, grants and other funding resources.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion made by Liz Sherwin and seconded by Michele Ross to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 .a.m.. All were in favor.