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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: 6/28/2023

TIME: 11:00AM – 12:30 PM

PLACE: Boxer BBQ, Council Bluffs

ITEM

**I. Call To Order – Kelly Butts-Elston**

**A**. **Roll Call** - Board members answering roll call were: Cindy Bunten, Bonnie Godden, Tom Hoogestraat, George Gillespie, Kari Livermore, Cathay Pringnitz, and Barb Redmond. excused Mark Monson

B. Recognition of Visitors: Kelly Butts-Elston, Ann Wilson, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara, Jenny Rogers, Tasha Jones, Athena Nicholls, Vicki Lohry, Ronda Engles and Jeanna Bull

**C. Approval of May Minutes** –

**Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes. Kari seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

1. Agenda –

**Kelly asked that we the approval of April Fiscals be removed. George made a motion to approve the amended agenda seconded by Cathay. Motion carried.**

**II. Reports**

1. **Mission Report:** Kelly asked Jeanna to share a success story for the Caring for our Communities and Rapid Response programs.
2. **CEO Report**: Kelly referred the board to her written report. In addition to her report Kelly added:
   1. **Vaccine Grant:** Kelly reported that Connections and Elderbridge are partnering to submit a proposal with the focus of getting shots in arms. The grant provides us funds to continue educating on the importance of all kinds of shots and shot boosters.
   2. **Siouxland Go Chamber Group:** Kelly reported that she Chris and Aubury went out and spoke with the young professionals group to ask them to assist us with our new Sugar and Spice Gingerbread Gala. The group was very receptive, and we hope to build an ongoing relationship with them.
   3. **Kanesville Heights.**  Kelly reported that our longtime apartment managers in Council Bluffs Kimball Management County will be resigning in the next 6 months due to health reasons. We are currently looking for another management company that will be a good fit for us.
   4. **Trio Food Services.** Kelly reported that we are currently looking at a new system with microwave ovens to help to reduce the growing costs of service delivery.
3. **Division Reports**
4. **Community Engagement**: Aubury referred the board to her written report and shared information on our upcoming fundraisers in Council Bluffs and Sioux City. Aubury also reported that Nikki is being trained as a Matter of Balance Master Trainer and that having a staff member in the Creston region with the master trainer status will be a great help as we have partnerships with 4 county public health entities that provide the Matter of Balance program.
5. Healthy Living: Kelly shared Sheri’s report and added that we currently have 33 senior centers and that the numbers haven’t bounced back since COVID. We have 3 centers closing in June and July, Harlan Orient and Creston.
6. Consumer Services. Kelly shared Sherrie’s report and had nothing further to add.

**III. Business Requiring Action**

1. Approval of FY24 Contracts: Kelly and Ann presented the board the contracts for approval for FY 2024.

**George made a motion to approve all contracts as presented, Barb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**IV. Business Not Requiring Action:**

1. **Review of May Financials:** Ann presented the board with the preliminary May fiscal report.
2. **Staff program Intros/Updates/Q&A:** Program staff Athena Nicholls, Jeanna Bull, Ronda Engles, Tasha Jones, Vicky Lohry and Wendy Thurlow were invited to the meeting to introduce themselves and what they do.
3. **Legislative action:** Kelly reported that there isn’t a whole lot of action right now. Joe Sample former I4A executive director was invited to the white house to share how we used the ARPA funds in Iowa to support older Iowans.

**V. Open Forum:**

## VI. Adjournment:

**George made a motion, seconded by Cindy to adjourn. Motion carried.**