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## Minutes

March 2, 2016

Des Moines, IA

### Welcome and Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened a regular meeting in the Large Conference Room of the Iowa Department on Aging. Commissioner Grandquist called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

### Roll Call

#### Members Present

Betty Grandquist, Chair  
Jill Bjerke (Teleconference)  
Carole Dunkin (Teleconference)  
Quentin Hart (Teleconference)  
Willard Jenkins (Teleconference)  
Richard Stone  
Bev Winkie

#### Members Absent

Rep. Gaskill\*  
Rep. Pettengill\*  
Sen. Dotzler\*  
Sen. Johnson\*

\*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

**Others Present or on the call:** Donna Harvey, Joel Wulf, Brian Majeski, Erin Kurth, Danika Welsch, Shan Sasser, Lynzey Kenworthy, Barb Morrison, Bob Welsh, Joe Sample, Noah Tabor, John Hale, Anthony Carroll.

### Agenda

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Winkie, and a second by Commissioner Stone to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

### Minutes

The minutes of December 18, 2015 stand as presented.

### Department on Aging Update

Director Harvey provided an update of department activities. The updates included information on the consolidation of the software systems used by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), outcome-based designing of systems, the Veterans-Directed Home and Community Based Service Program, the move to Google, the Workforce Investment Opportunity Conference the Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) is co-sponsoring, the awards given to six communities in Iowa by the State Innovative Model (SIM) leadership group that will begin work on chronic disease issues and health related matters, and Harvey was elected to the Board of the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities. Discussion was held.

### Update on the Governor's Conference on Aging and Disability

Erin Kurth and Danika Welsch provided an update on the Governor's Conference on Aging and Disability and were asked to participate in the conference if they are able to. The national conference

begins with a day of intensives on Monday, May 23. The Lt. Governor will kick off the conference on Tuesday, May 24 which runs through Thursday, May 26. Go to [www.iowagcoad.org](http://www.iowagcoad.org) to register and review the agenda. Discussion was held.

### **Administrative Rules**

Brian Majeski walked through the Adopted and Filed notice for Administrative Code Chapter 6, Area Agency on Aging Planning and Administration. The Chapter made its way through the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) without questions. See ARC 2365C to review the proposed amendments, the public comment received and the IDA's response to the public comment. Discussion was held.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Hart, and a second by Commissioner Bjerke to adopt and file 17 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 6 as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

### **Area Plan Process**

Shan Sasser provided an overview of the area plan process in preparation for the area plan presentations the AAAs will be giving to the commission in June. See the Area Plan handout that was provided for details. Discussion was held.

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

Grandquist congratulated Hart for becoming the Mayor of Waterloo. Hart spoke of his commitment to continue his outreach to the seniors in his community.

Jenkins commented the World Health Organization's (WHO) list of criteria for age-friendly cities. This list is often used by other organizations to determine the best places to retire. Iowa has a couple of cities with the age-friendly city designation.

Bjerke announced she was appointed to the International Federation on Aging as a member and expert on aging in place. She will be attending a meeting in Copenhagen where she will present information on what the United States is doing to age in place. She will be working with the WHO on their age-friendly cities project in Geneva. Bjerke will also be writing a white paper on what the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can do nationwide to help create age-friendly housing.

Bjerke was asked to report back to the commission on the things she learns.

IDA will ask Dr. Shah of Des Moines University to give a presentation to the commission on the age-friendly work being done across the county.

### **Next Commission Meeting**

Due to requests received, the commission agreed to move the June, August and November meeting dates to Friday. Dates will be set according to the availability of the majority of the commissioners.

### **Public Comment**

No written comment was received.

Representatives of the Elevate Aging group spoke to the commission. See the Elevate Aging handout for additional information. Elevate Aging requested the engagement of the IDA and the Commission on Aging to develop a common strategy with them to inform, engage and prepare Iowans on aging issues.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss at this time the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

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