

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES AREA AGENCY ON AGING, REGION X (aka: AAAX) August 12, 2025

12:55 p.m. Meeting Called To Order

I. Roll Call

John Bartosh, Jasper County-Board Chairman "present"
David Johnson, Barton County-Board Secretary "present"
Bryan Hall, McDonald County "present"
Daniel Swem, Newton County "present"

Staff Present:

Jennifer Shotwell, CEO
Bill Chase, Fiscal Director
Charlotte Foust, Resource Director
Cindy Swadner

Guest attendees present:

None

II. Approval of Prior Minutes:

Daniel Swem motioned to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 regular & closed sessions, second by **Bryan Hall**. Motion carried.

III. New Business:

A. Banking/Line of Credit; discussion followed.

Bryan Hall motioned to approve the Authorizing Resolution to expand the Line of Credit up to \$450,00.⁰⁰,
second by **David Johnson**. Motion carried.

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B. DHSS Monitoring/Goals & Strategies:

The goals and strategies defined by DHSS in the Missouri State Plan on Aging, specifically State Plan Goal 1.5 Highest Level Evidence Based Falls Prevention Classes and State Plan Goal 8.4 Participant (Consumer) Directed Services was outlined by Jennifer. Discussion followed.

Daniel Swem motioned that due to budget limitations caused by steeply rising costs and level funding, the Board authorizes the Agency to prioritize existing services and defer implementation of selected strategies outlined in the Missouri State Plan on Aging including State Plan Goals 1.5 and 8.4 that would require the use of existing and limited funding, second by David Johnson. Motion carried.

IV. Officer/Directors Reports:

Jennifer, CEO:

Federal, State & Ma4 > MO Association of Area Agencies on Aging:

- **Funding:** the FFY2024 levels of funding have been recommended by US House/Senate.
- **OAA:** Older American Act is also up for reauthorization.
- **Programs:** the US House/Senate put the following programs back in tentatively; impact remains unknown until Congress settles on amounts:
LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
Other Medicaid programs

Agency:

- **Board of Directors signatures:** each member is to review/sign the FY2026 COI agreement as mandated by DHSS to include Title VII.
- **Van 3:** is being wrapped by Tri-State sign association for free. It will be on display at the Trade Show.
- **FY2025 Review:** by service units and unduplicated people served
 1. 5,626 people served 506,630 units
 2. Increase over FY2024: 404 people, 11,895 units.
 3. Each Board member received detailed info on their own counties by person.

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Stormy, Nutrition Director: presented by Jennifer:

- **Catered Meal Site updates:**
 - **Eight** operational meal sites – **771 MEALS** served in July
 - **276 PEOPLE** served in July:
 - Barton County > 32
 - Newton County > 72
 - McDonald County > 172
- **Center updates:** all have been running smoothly. Monthly logs and meal counts were submitted on time for all sites.

Bill, Fiscal Director:

- **July Income Statement:** Bill presented to the Board the Year-to-Year Comparison of July 2025 to July 2024, specifically noting the increased costs in wages and food. If the same increases occur month to month, budget will be short by \$300,000+
- **January – June Monthly MSERS:** Bill is awaiting an answer from the State before finalizing FY2025 financials.

Charlotte, Resource Director:

- **Pepper Fest:** at the Joplin Empire Market was on August 9th. After expenses, we raised \$376 – which pays for 107 meals.
- **Popsicles at the Park fundraiser – 6/28/25:** AAAX didn't raise too much money, but it was a great outreach event.
- **Flannel Fling fundraiser – 10/04/25:** Flannel Fling is the Grapes & grog theme this year. Preparations are underway & we are seeking sponsorships. Tickets are on sale now for the event. Tickets are also being sold for a 3.4-carat earring raffle drawing. The event will be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral with dinner by Wilder's.
- **Medicare Open Enrollment – begins 10/15/25**
- **Joplin City Council – 8/18/25:** we have been invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at this meeting. Jennifer, Charlotte & Kim will represent the Agency in performing this honor.

V. Other Business:

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There will be **NO September Board of Directors' meeting** due to the Ma4 Summit September 8-10 in Columbia, Missouri.

VI. Guest Comments:

None present.

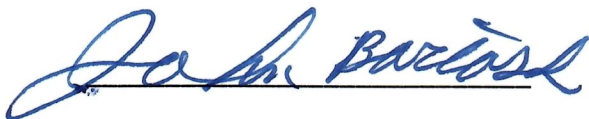
VII. Closed Session:

Closed Session was tabled.

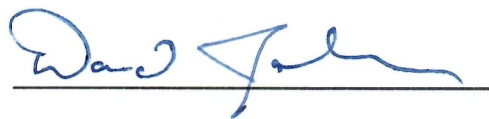
VIII. Adjournment:

1:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

**The next meeting will be October 14, 2025 at 1 PM
at the central office**



John Bartosh, Chair



David Johnson, Secretary