



Heritage  
Area Agency on Aging  
**Jones County Task Force**  
**October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ned Rohwedder

**Staff:** Harrison March, Barbara Werning

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

Review of meeting minutes delayed due to lack of quorum.

With only one member present, Chair Ned Rohwedder suggested a simple discussion of updates rather than the formal meeting agenda, which is more appropriate to hold for a fuller meeting.

Barbara Werning shared she is working on a grant application for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, which provides some grants for services in Jones County. The grant award would be used for emergency kits for home-delivered meals consumers in Jones County: flashlight, batteries, basic supplies and shelf-stable foods. Ned noted he likes the idea of batteries and flashlights, as those are often the first items people need during an outage.

Barbara said she's enjoying meeting and building relationships with foundations like this. Conversation then surrounded potential grants from Theisen's stores, which often support non-profits in their communities. This may be another potential source of funding.

Harrison March provided an update from Lisa Tallman: she has added a few consumers to home-delivered meals lately and is working on finding activities to send home with the meals so consumers can stay engaged.

Harrison also provided an Area Plan update: the ranking forms sent to all members are starting to come back in and will be accepted through the end of the month. A service needs discussion among members and providers will be led by Heritage's Eugenia Kendall in the November meeting.

Ned shared a COVID-19 update for the county: last week Jones County had its highest active case count to date at about 125. Year-to-date cases are around 340. Anecdotally, he has noticed more common use of face masks in public. Barb asked about the status of local long-term care facilities. Ned said he hasn't heard of any outbreaks to date and that policies about visitors to the facilities are still pretty strict.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is November 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom/conference call.

**Submitted By**

Harrison March

Oct 14, 2020



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**November 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ned Rohwedder, Lisa Tallman

**Staff:** Harrison March, Barbara Werning, Eugenia Kendall, Kellie Elliott-Kapparos

Before the start of the meeting, Ned Rohwedder noted he'd been in touch with the new community relations staff member at Pinicon Place. He had a brief chance to talk with him and hopes to reconnect soon to talk more about older adult issues and potentially joining the Task Force.

### **Review of Meeting Minutes**

Lisa Tallman motioned to approve the minutes as presented for meetings in June and October 2020. Ned Rohwedder second. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Heritage Area Plan Discussion**

Barbara Werning, Executive Director, gave a short introduction to the agency and noted the longtime experience this group has with Heritage AAA. As the writing of Heritage's next Area Plan progresses, she and Eugenia Kendall next want to learn about insights/experiences people have in the county that helps highlight the importance of certain services.

Eugenia reviewed results from the Service Needs Ranking Form sent in October and asked for the insights members had regarding the highest-ranked services. Lisa said she gets a lot of Information & Assistance type calls herself, including one this morning. The top issues she hears about from consumers mirror those ranked highly in the forms. Ned added that socialization goes hand-in-hand with the highly-ranked congregate and home-delivered nutrition services. Participants get a lot of value beyond the meals when they can interact with friends and staff.

Eugenia reviewed the top-of-mind issues provided in the survey results. Barbara pointed out that caregiving services appeared often in the results and asked why this might be. In Lisa's experience, knowledge of caregiving and helping find services are the top concerns. Many people unexpectedly become caregivers without any prior knowledge, so locating services is critical early on for both the caregiver and recipient.

Next steps for the Area Plan are to develop strategies and priorities for services in the coming years. Ned pointed out the importance of building trust and relationships which is harder without in-person meetings during the pandemic, but he feels is in a good place with Lisa leading the senior center.

### **Heritage & Community Updates**

Harrison March reported no major changes to Heritage operations. On Tuesday, Nov. 17, Heritage's Bryan Bruner will start a new series of virtual tai chi classes. They will be streamed live on the Heritage Facebook page on Tuesday afternoons. You do not need an account to watch the videos. Harrison is happy to answer questions members or participants have about accessing the classes.

### **Open Agenda**

Lisa provided a phone number to contact Tamra Albright-Johnson at her new job. Members hope she is able to rejoin the Task Force soon.

Kellie Elliott-Kapparos said Heritage's Tim Getty will be stopping out in Anamosa the day of the meeting and can bring PPE from the Heritage stock if Lisa needs any. Lisa requested sanitizer,



masks and gloves to help her staff continue their service amid surging pandemic cases in the county. Kellie will contact Tim to coordinate.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is February 10, 2021

**Submitted By**

Harrison March

Nov 12, 2020

  
Area Agency on Aging  
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**Feb. 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ned Rohwedder, Lisa Tallman

**Guests from A2I:** Kiersten Onanga, Sarah Martinez, Payton, Cameron

**Staff:** Harrison March

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

Ned Rohwedder motioned to approve the Nov. 2020 minutes as presented, Lisa Tallman second. Motion passed, 2-0.

**Heritage & Community Updates**

Harrison March's Heritage AAA updates:

- No major changes to operations
- The RFP process is ongoing for the FY22-25 Area Plan. Information is available on the Heritage AAA website
- Lots of current focus is on vaccine information and communications. Heritage is fielding many calls from older adults looking for vaccine info, transportation info and more. Heritage will continue to update providers via email and the public via its website, social media and media outreach.

Ned Rohwedder's updates:

- Jones County Public Health reported administering 524 vaccines last week. The current phase has around 4,500 eligible people, so at that rate it'll be nine more weeks in this phase. An increased allocation could help speed this up if it becomes available.
- Ned is no longer the Board of Supervisors representative on the Heritage AAA Board of Directors. His assignment was changed to the Mental Health Board, while a new Supervisor will take his place with Heritage.

Lisa Tallman's updates:

- There is pet food in stock from Heritage that she is trying to get out to consumers.
- RSVP donated packages of personal care items to send with consumers' meals. These have been well received and help with personal care as well as limiting trips to the store.

**Transitions & Diversions – Access2Independence**

Kiersten Onanga presented to the group about her new transitions program at A2I, helping people living in care facilities transition back into their home setting. Information included:

- Comparing the Medical Model and Social Model philosophies for assessing a person and their living environment
- Some ways people come to live in long-term care but later are ready to move out
- The funding process for resources and services upon exiting long-term care
- Services A2I provides that help with the transition
- Qualifications for A2I services

Harrison will send a copy of Kiersten's presentation and a flyer for her program to all members after the meeting.

Ned and Lisa thanked Kiersten for presenting today – lots of good and new information shared. Ned asked if there is any pushback they get from facilities. Kiersten said there sometimes is, but



focusing on the consumers' needs is the priority. Sarah Martinez added that the facilities are obligated to honor residents' requests in Iowa and can be fined for not doing so.

Ned provided a local contact who may be able to help Kiersten share more about the program.

**Advisory Council Vacancy**

Item tabled for next meeting due to time.

**Open Agenda**

No items presented.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is March 10, 2021

**Submitted By**

Harrison March

Feb. 10, 2021



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**March 10, 2021 Meeting**

No meeting was held due to unavailable members, but Lisa Tallman (Senior Dining) and Harrison March (Heritage AAA) discussed updates from Lisa:

- Great response to her pet food offering for older adults. Placed a free ad in last week's paper and still getting calls.
  - o One participant is eager to get back into the community and will start volunteering for Lisa when the Anamosa site can reopen
- Vaccine rollout seems to be going slowly from her perspective, with the number of doses not being high enough to reach all of the county's seniors. Regardless, Lisa is being proactive in planning for the reopening of Anamosa and Monticello sites so she's ready to hit the ground rolling when the time comes.
  - o The pandemic has forced the evaluation of some prior normal practices. Small changes can be made for the future that'll have big impacts on consumers' health.
- Lisa would like to increase Task Force participation among professionals and local seniors. Ideas for outreach to do so included:
  - o Sending information with home-delivered meals
  - o Placing ads in the paper
  - o Connecting with members of the former Jones County Elderly Consortium

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is April 14, 2021

**Submitted By**

Harrison March

March 10, 2021



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**April 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ned Rohwedder, Lisa Tallman

**Staff:** Harrison March

### **Review of Meeting Minutes**

No edits proposed to Feb. 2021 meeting minutes. Minutes approved as presented.

### **Heritage & Community Updates**

Harrison March's Heritage AAA updates:

- Heritage has one job posted for a Data Project Specialist, which will replace Mike Chapman upon retirement this summer. Information available on the Heritage website.
- Former Fiscal Director Brad Franzwa has left the agency. Applications are currently closed but a hire is not announced yet. Harrison will pass along news if a hire is made.
- The return to in-person meetings and events has been discussed at Heritage, but no plans are currently set. Harrison will ask management for an update on this topic.

Lisa Tallman:

- Waiting for Heritage's guidance on reopening congregate dining
- Scaled back pet food distribution to once per month to maintain the service but require less leg work and fewer deliveries. This has received a very positive response.

Ned Rohwedder:

- Vaccine supply is starting to catch up with demand, though it's not quite there yet. Jones County Public Health will soon end its weekend vaccine clinics and turn over vaccination to pharmacy partners.

### **Advisory Council Vacancy**

Lisa is ineligible to join due to her term ending last Fiscal Year, though she would be interested in joining when eligible this summer. Ned did not express interest at this time. Harrison will set a reminder to check in with Lisa when appointments for next Fiscal Year are set to begin in a couple months.

### **Task Force Recruitment**

Lisa covered an idea mentioned in March, which is to recruit more members to the Task Force. Beyond interests in seniors' issues, many people are simply eager to get involved in the community once again. She recently had a pet food program participant offer to help at Senior Dining once it's reopened and is looking for more opportunities. Discussion included:

- Lisa said home-delivered meals flyers would not likely be worthwhile, as many recipients would be unable to attend
- Newspaper ads and connecting with the old Jones County Elderly Consortium are good ideas to explore. Harrison will take the lead on these.
- Heritage's upcoming plans to promote congregate dining would not necessarily cross over into this, as the funding is intended for increasing dining participation. However, it could be connected by sharing Task Force information with people who come to Senior Dining for their meals.
- The Lawrence Center and hospital could be good contacts for promotional information as well.



**Open Agenda**

No items presented.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is May 12, 2021

**Submitted By**

Harrison March

April 14, 2021



  
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**May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ned Rohwedder, Lisa Tallman

**Staff:** Harrison March

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

No edits proposed to April 2021 meeting minutes. Minutes approved as presented.

**Heritage & Community Updates**

Harrison March's Heritage AAA updates:

- Heritage has a flexible reopening timeline that will depend on pandemic trends: home visits in June, limited opening in July and close to fully open in August. Updates to come.
- Heritage has a few jobs posted on its website ranging from office jobs to the care team.

Lisa Tallman:

- Aiming for July to reopen congregate dining in some form. Heritage has provided some guidelines on how this will look, but there is also plenty to still determine.
- Almost all participants who've discussed vaccines are fully vaccinated. All but one staff are fully vaccinated, so Lisa will be mindful of this person's interactions with diners.

**Task Force Recruitment**

Reviewed email message for fellow professionals and a draft newspaper advertisement for the general public. Feedback and discussion included:

- Lisa: likes them both, but would tweak the email to flow better. Lisa is willing to send the emails and be the contact person since she is known in the area as a contact for senior dining. Harrison will provide her with the contact list for former Elderly Consortium.
- Ned: thinks it best to wait to have new attendees until July when an in-person meeting may be possible. Involvement and engagement via Zoom is harder to achieve. Lisa agreed that waiting until July is preferable.

Harrison asked if Senior Dining will be an OK location for the meetings. Lisa thinks the space will be adequate for distancing requirements, but suggested meeting at 9 a.m. in July to allow more time before the early diners arrive and consider moving back to 10 a.m. in August or later.

**Open Agenda**

Lisa noted she has a busy few weeks ahead preparing for reopening and identifying a location for Monticello's congregate dining after the previous site closed. She plans to tour a local church soon to scout the location. Monticello will open after Anamosa reopens to make sure things going smoothly in one location before adding another. Food for Monticello and home-delivered meals will come from the Anamosa kitchen.

Ned is unavailable for the June meeting date. With Advisory Council and Officer elections needed in June, Harrison suggested moving the meeting to another date. Members agreed to have the June meeting June 16 at 9 a.m.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is June 16, 2021, at 9 a.m.

**Submitted By**

Harrison March

May 12, 2021

  
Area Agency on Aging  
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**June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ned Rohwedder, Lisa Tallman

**Staff:** Harrison March

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

No edits proposed to May 2021 meeting minutes. Minutes approved as presented.

**Heritage & Community Updates**

Lisa Tallman:

- Congregate dining will reopen July 6 in Anamosa. Harrison March and Heritage AAA are working on materials to help promote the reopening and the program in general. Expects it to be pretty busy with the eagerness consumers have to return. Two Heritage staff will be on-hand to help on July 6.
- Lisa will be the guest speaker at the July 1 Elderly Consortium meeting. She will cover Task Force recruitment and discuss the search for a congregate dining site in Monticello.

Ned Rohwedder:

- No reports from the Board of Supervisors. Ned may try to attend the Elderly Consortium meeting July 1.

Harrison March:

- Heritage has hired three new staff members: Jenn Knudtson, Fiscal Director, and Miranda Kasemeier, Options Counselor, have both started their positions. The new Data Project Specialist will start their role later this month.
- In-person services around the region are reopening, including Heritage offering in-home visits again.

**Task Force Recruitment**

Lisa will talk about expanding the Task Force and its goals focusing on outreach when she speaks at the Elderly Consortium meeting.

Harrison asked if a small flyer would be appropriate for distributing to congregate diners, which Lisa OK'd. All agreed it would be nice to add some members who are of the age demographic we want to reach.

**FY22 Elections**

Ned accepted the nomination to remain Chair of the Task Force and was elected, 2-0. Harrison will continue taking meeting minutes, while a Vice-Chair or Secretary may be added in the future.

Ned nominated Lisa to serve on the Advisory Council, at which she has represented Jones County in the past. Lisa was elected, 2-0. Jones County will have one vacant spot on the Advisory Council, which may be filled in the future.

**FY22 Meeting Schedule**

All agreed to keep the meeting date of the second Wednesday of the month. Ned suggested moving the time up to 9 a.m. to allow Lisa more time preparing meals for the day. A new meeting time of 9 a.m. was approved unanimously.



**Open Agenda**

Lisa received Farmers' Market Checks for distribution this morning, but has not had a chance to count her allotment yet. The program is open to ages 60+ who meet income guidelines. She will make calls to previous participants and place some advertisements to promote the program.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is July 14 at 9 a.m. at Senior Dining in Anamosa.

**Submitted By**

Harrison March

June 16, 2021