



## Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board

Minutes October 13, 2020 2:30 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:** Tracey Achenbach, Josey Bathke, Lorraine Bowans, Pat Heiden, Lynette Jacoby, Dave Koch, Scott McLeod, Doreen Nott, Stacia Rath, Bob Welsh

**Staff Present:** Jeff Kellbach

- 1) Welcome & Introductions – Bowans called meeting to order at 2:32 PM.
- 2) Public Comments – Comments on items not on the agenda – *no comments*
- 3) Approval of Minutes from Meeting of June 9, 2020 – McLeod moved & Heiden seconded to approve Minutes from the June 9, 2020 Meeting.
- 4) Update from Aging Specialist – Kellbach
  - a) Webinars – *very good turn out; Jeff reviewed attendance data*
  - b) Website/ Service Directory – *continue to make progress on the website and Service Directory; JC IT is moving all websites over; Livable Community website will move over to the county's site; no anticipated "go Live" date*
  - c) FY20 Data – *Jeff's data: 138 individuals served; 107 new clients; 2 presentations for 20 participants; 8 JCLC events hosted with 516 attendees*
- 5) Finances – Jacoby
  - a) Bills – *-\$575 in expenditures so far; pre-paid webhosting agreement for 6 months for \$518; July webhosting was \$67*
  - b) Finance update - *FY Budget of \$8,000; funds available for initiatives*
- 6) Nominations Committee- Kellbach - *Heiden moved & McLeod seconded to approve the Slate of Officers. All ayes.*

*Chair – Josey Bathke*  
*VC – Lorraine Bowans*  
*Secretary – Dorene Nott*  
*Treasure – Lynette Jacoby*
- 7) NEW AGENDA ITEM (from Dave Koch) – *COVID and addressing isolation of our clients IDEAS/WAYS we could address this:*

- committee to discuss it or have every committee address it
- Jeff working with JC Public Health and other agencies on this issue
- add an item to the policy agenda RE: COVID
- standing agenda item for this group
- a county-wide list of seniors that live alone

8) Strategic Plan – reviewed status of each goal/action

a) Goal 1

- i. Action 1: Monthly: Review and evaluate progress
- ii. Action 2: need to do
- iii. Action 3: may have 4 new members next month

b) Goal 2

c) Goal 3 Policy Agenda

i. Lynette walked through the process we can/should use

1. Advised to narrow focus to 3 legislative policy issues; not a set number just harder to speak to more issues; establish priorities
2. We are a policy board of the Board of Supervisors so we develop a list of priorities and then submit to the Board of Supervisors
3. BOS reviews all the lists from the various departments (**USUALLY DUE IN NOVEMBER**)
4. BOS decides if they want to include in the county's legislative priority list
5. BOS legislative priority list presented to legislative delegation at the meeting
6. Each year the BOS then meets with the legislative delegation (**USUALLY BEGINNING OF DECEMBER**)
7. Urban counties also employ a lobbyists and if all the counties are in agreement on a topic then the lobbyist will take a position and take it forward

ii. JCLC 2021 POSSIBLE POLICY ISSUES

1. (OIL priority) Support a comprehensive bill that combats elder abuse, enacts specific penalties for perpetrators of abuse, utilizes special adult abuse investigators and includes a public awareness program.
  - a. **Remains a priority this year!**
2. (OIL priority) Include language in the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill to allow Iowa Department of Aging to access \$1 million in state funding for grant matches for the Livable Homes Program assisting older adults to remain in their homes longer and avoid costly long-term care facilities.
  - a. **This is a priority this year!**
3. (OIL priority) Develop a direct care worker training, recruitment and retention plan to meet to the need of the growing aging population and address workforce shortage.

4. *(OIL priority) Allocate additional funding to the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to increase the number of ombudsman and resources necessary to complete site visits and respond to the needs of residents in long-term care facilities.*
    - a. *This is a priority this year!*
  5. *(Per Tracey Achenbach: Recommended by Housing Action Team; effects broader population than just seniors) Increase funding and reduce barriers to access funding for projects that provide low-interest loans, forgivable loans, and grants for projects that provide rehabilitation accessibility modification [and creation of new rental units] for low/moderate income older adults.*
    - a. *This is a priority this year AS REVISED!*
    - b. *ADD: "and creation of new rental units" as shown above*
    - c. *DELETE: Support SF325 which removes the cap on real estate transfer tax contributions to Housing Trust Funds*
    - d. *DELETE: Loosen restrictions on grants for home repairs and aging in place modifications through IFA. Currently 30% of IFA State Housing Trust Fund Grants must be used to serve households earning less than 30% AMI. The Housing Action Team supports increasing the income limit 50% of the area median income for this criteria.*
    - e. *DELETE: When the amount of the loan is greater than the market value of the home, do not require LMI homeowners to use the value of their home to secure a forgivable loan for repairs and aging in place.*
  6. *(per Lynette Jacoby & Pat Heiden: This one is likely to already be on BOS list from other agencies) Strategically reach out to officials outside of Johnson County to educate on the plight of residents of manufactured housing and advocate for protections akin to those provided to renters in non-manufactured housing. Specifically, the Housing Action Team advocates for:*
    - a. *Protections against no-cause evictions*
    - b. *Providing tenants sufficient notification prior to lot rent increases*
    - c. *Requiring owners to provide justification for lot rent increases greater than the rate of inflation*
    - d. *Increase funding and reduce barriers to accessing funding for projects that provide low-interest*
- iii. *Motion made by McLeod and seconded by Rath (Stacia) to approve #1, 2, 4 & 5 above as amended. All ayes.*

9) Reports from Action Teams and Committees

- 1) Caregivers- Have not been Meeting- *meeting scheduled for 10/27*
- 2) Communications Committee – *Update provided earlier*

**-ask the committee to look into Lorraine's question about the ability to receive notices and then post them to facebook pages/next door app/twitter**

**-Lorraine: can we get on the Nextdoor app?**

**-Jeff recommends running postings through the County communications to get them posted to Nextdoor app**

3) Falls Prevention- Have not been Meeting- **meeting scheduled for 10/27**

**4) Housing – gadgets presentation on 10/14/2020**

5) Transportation- **Not Currently Meeting- No chair**

10) Meeting dates for future meetings

a) Executive Committee Meeting- November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM

b) Policy Board- December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM

11) Future Meeting Topics

12) Announcements

13) Adjournment- **Meeting adjourned at 3:55PM**