



Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board

Meeting date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025; 4:00pm – 5:30pm

In-person Meeting: Room 214 B (South), 855 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA 52240

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Welcome & Introductions – Kalohn
 - a) Present in Person: John Kalohn, Haley Crabb, Lorraine Bowans, Lou Tassinary, Greg Smith, Jeff Kellbach
 - b) Present Virtually: Tom McDanel, Mandi Remington, Stacia Rath
 - c) Absent: Aria Guzulaityte
 - d) Guests in Person: Michael Wagler (AARP Iowa President), William Gorman (JCLC HAT Chair)
 - e) Guests Virtually: Daniel Liebzeit, Happiness Kingi
- 2) Public Comment – Comments on items not on the agenda
 - a) None
- 3) Approval of April 2025 Minutes
 - a) Motion by Tassinary, Second by Crabb, all in favor, motion carried.
- 4) AARP Updates- Michael Wagler, AARP Iowa President
 - a) Connie Eastman, AARP Iowa Outreach Manager, has retired and they are currently working to fill that position this summer.
 - b) AARP National has a new CEO, Myechia Minter-Jordan
 - c) Discussed that two of AARP Iowa's priority areas will be Medicaid protections and Social Security.
 - d) Discussed the passing of the ADU and Crypto Currency Bills.
 - e) We had discussion about retaining young talent from leaving the state and recruiting MD's to Iowa due to deal with the shortage. Michael says these are 2 Policy Points that AARP has on their radar.
- 5) Survey Updates- Kalohn & Liebzeit
 - a) John went through Powerpoint regarding demographic information of the 933 respondents to the Survey.
 - b) A Policy Board noted that the percentage of African American respondents to the survey was lower than the percentage of African Americans per census data and asked about the possibility of reopening the survey. It was determined that reopening the survey and allowing new applicants is not typically done.
 - c) Question about whether there will be more information about the percentage of respondents from the different zip codes and that information should be available at a later date as Daniel and Happiness work through the data analysis.
 - d) Discussion about the high proportion of respondents being over 65+. Daniel stated that it may have been a result of the recruitment efforts that were made and ended up targeting more of the 65+ population.
 - e) John plans to have more detailed information and frame work for Action Plan for the August Meeting.
- 6) Update from Aging Specialist – Kellbach
 - a) 2025 Healthy Aging Fair will be held October 8th from 1-4PM at the North Liberty Community Center.

- b) Dementia Friends- Jeff held a session for Johnson County staff that resulted in 9 new Dementia Friends. Please reach out to Jeff if you are interested in having a 1-hour Dementia training for your business or for groups.
 - c) Communications Committee- No new updates
 - d) Aging and Caregiving Legislative Forum- Event was held yesterday with 26 attendees. Senator Weiner, Representatives Jacoby, Lawler and Zabner were present to answer questions from moderator, Larry Kudej and the audience. This event was put together by the Heritage Task Force on Aging.
 - e) Jeff announced 2 upcoming events. ADU Training that is being held tomorrow and TRAIL's Senior Housing and Services Fair on June 19th. John asked if anyone would be willing to represent JCLC at the event as the County is closed for Juneteenth. Lorraine volunteered and John and Jeff will coordinate with her.
 - f) Rent Reimbursement- Johnson County Social Services held rent reimbursement clinics at 12 locations this year and thus far has assisted over 140 Johnson County residents with receiving over \$52,000 in reimbursements from the State.
 - g) Client Statistics- Aging Specialist and Navigators client numbers as well as the number of contacts are up considerably this fiscal year which ends at the end of June comparatively to previous full fiscal years.
- 7) Finance
- a) Finance update – FY25
 - a. JCLC has approved up to \$750 towards tomorrow's luncheon. After this expenditure we will have spent approximately \$4,500 of the \$5,000 budget.
 - b. The FY26 budget has been approved for \$5,000.
- 8) Strategic Planning Updates – Kalohn
- a) John is working with a couple of individuals to lead our Strategic Planning process and will provide an update at the August meeting.
- 9) ADU Training Session
- a) Already discussed during Aging Specialist report.
- 10) Operating Rules Ad Hoc – Kalohn
- a) John presented an updated Operating Rules document and requested Policy Board Members to make suggestions to the document. John will plan to have the final draft for the August 12th meeting.
- 11) Meeting dates for future meetings
- a) Executive Committee Meeting- Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, 4:00pm, hybrid
 - b) Policy Board Meeting- Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 4:00pm, hybrid
- 12) Future Meeting Topics
- a) John reported that Rachel has resigned from her role with her last day being last Thursday. John thanked her for her efforts and contributions to JCLC.
 - b) Bill Gorman, Chair JCLC HAT, spoke about possible priority areas moving forward. Some of those topics included support to residents of Mobile Home Parks and Co-Housing.
- 13) Announcements
- a) Facebook Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/JCSocialServices>
 - b) Latest Newsletter: <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/livable-community/newsletter>

c) Other

14) Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 5:13PM

Johnson County Livable Community Mission Statement:

Help Johnson County become a livable community where everyone can age successfully.