

**Idaho Commission On Aging
Teleconference
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 21, 2025 Boise, Idaho**

Commissioner Members: Chair Morley, Vice-Chair Ohrtman, Commissioner Marquette, Commissioner Bundy, Commissioner Milliken

ICOA Staff: Judy Taylor, Bettina Briscoe, Vicki Yanzuk, Brandi Waselewski, Erin Olsen, Fanny Rodriguez-Melnikosky, Janet Miller, Lisa Johnson, Lynn Fyanes, Michelle Russell, Rachel Kessinger, Scott Carpenter, Susan Bradley

I4A Members: Director Stoddard, Director Holcomb, Director Kaminsky, Director Thompson, Director Hirschi, Director Arnold

Guests: Heidi Smith, IDHW 211 Program
Dr. Sarah Toevs and Sheila Weaver, Idaho Caregiver Alliance and Caregiver Navigator

Excused: Deedra Hunt, Birgit Luebeck, Jenny Hill

Open and Welcome Quorum – Chair Morely

- Chair Morely called Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 9:00AM.
- Opening remarks
- * Motion was made and carried to approve August 21st, 2025 agenda.
- * Motion was made and carried to approve May 22nd and 23rd, 2025 minutes.

Director’s Report – Judy Taylor

- What is happening across the aging network
 - Unifying graphic
 - Planning process
 - Prioritize and organizational thinking
- State Update
 - Budget
 - SFY 2027 asking for maintenance budget only
 - SFY 2026 – Governor's Executive Order to reexamine the budget for possible budget reduction

- Report and Hold legislation
 - Took effect July 1, 2025
 - Dept of Finance now has right to accept allegations
 - Financial Institutions have broader rights and more protection
 - Can freeze accounts
- H & W budget intent language
 - Report will be released to discuss Fit & Fall Proof
- Code Clean up
 - Statue level with charge of eliminating obsolete, unnecessary or inaccurate
- Zero based regulation
 - Red tape reduction still active
- RFP Outcome
 - Not yet formally announced
- Federal Updates
 - OAA reauthorization
 - Still pending
 - OAA new regulations
 - APS new regulations
 - Still pending
 - Very little federal funding mostly State funds
 - New Rehabilitation Act 504 regulations
 - Accessibility mandated
 - ICOA website will be 504 compliant
 - New HCBS access rule
 - Overlap with APS on critical incidents
- State Planning Update
 - Approved and in effect
 - Kicks off local planning in the AAA level
 - Planning manual updated
 - This round applies to Area III & IV (South and Central)
 - Next year North and East will submit 3-year plans
- The Strategic Plan Structure
 - Mission
 - Vision
 - Values
 - Strategic Pillars
 - Goals
 - Critical Success Factors
 - Programs: Universal, targeted, crisis

- Objectives
- Outcome measure
- Target (SMART Goals)
- OAA – AAA planning Obligation
 - Section 306 Area Plans
 - (a) Each area agency on aging designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) shall, in order to be approved by the State agency, prepare and develop an area plan for a planning and service area for a two-, three-, or four-year period determined by the State agency, with such annual adjustments as may be necessary. Each such plan shall be based upon a uniform format for area plans within the State prepared in accordance with section 307(a)(1).
 - Further defined in CFR
 - Further operationalized in Planning Manual
- AAA Planning Milestones
 - Submission of a plan timeline –
 - Second Friday in December 2025 , implemented in January
 - Submission of the final draft –
 - Second Friday in July 2026 for ICOA review and pass back
 - Acceptance of the final plan –
 - Second Friday in October 2026
 - Yearly after-action reviews November Commissioners' meeting

Project Manager Report – Vicki Yanzuk

- The Path to 2075 – Positive story of global aging
 - Goldman Sachs Economics Research May 2025
 - “...functional capacity of older individuals is improving overtime.”
- Federal Changes – Latest Updates
 - Budget Documents
 - Presidents Budget
 - US Senate Committee Bill
 - HHS Budget Request
 - Federal 2025 Budget and Continuing Resolution
 - Policy Tracker
 - Removing Administration Community Living
 - Adding Administration on Aging
 - Will now be Administration for families, children, and communities (still pending approval of the secretary)
 - This means no changes to policy changes
 - GetCare State Database
 - Contract expires fall 2026

- Procurement process has started
 - Idaho ITS assisting with specifications
 - Idaho Division of Purchasing will conduct RFP
- OAA Funding by Federal Fiscal Year
 - Down 6% from FFY 2025
 - Should grow 1-2% a year moving forward
 - Congregate Meals, Supportive Services and Home Delivered Meals make up most of funding
- Funding Formula Updates
 - OAA – New Weights
 - OAA – New Flat Rate State Administration Funds
 - APS - 3% increase in funding
- Annual AAA Distributions
 - SFY 2025 OAA Title 3, APS, State Nutrition, Community Care Program, Ombudsman Funds specific to AAA
 - Budget Guidelines
 - Legal services, Admin Expense, Transfers, 10% Federal Admin
 - Guideline Benchmarks - 50% In-house, 50% direct services
 - Distribution Percentages
 - 76 % OAA Title 3 & 7 State & Federal
 - 12% APS
 - 6 % Community Crae Pilot
 - 6% State Nutrition Program
- Commission 2026 Budget
 - All State & Federal – \$18.3 million
 - Decreased since the pandemic but greater than pre-pandemic
- RFP still with Division of Purchasing
 - Next step will be communication and transition plans

Family and Community Partnerships (Kinship Care): Heidi Smith, Health & Welfare 211

- The Division of Family and Community Partnerships includes:
 - Resource Development and Support
 - 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine
 - 7 Fulltime staff
 - Resource and Service Navigation
- A statewide information & referral service
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 - 2-1-1- connects people with important community resources
 - “Live front door” to Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
 - Free, confidential, available to anyone

- Live agents M-F 8-6
- 1 of only a few fully state funded 211's in the country
- 7 full time agents, bilingual staff and access to language line
- Specific to zip code
- Online Searchable Database
 - Guided Search Feature
 - Advanced Search options
 - Active Services: 7,000
 - Programs/sites: 3,300
- Common Referrals
 - Rental assistance
 - Utility assistance
 - Medicaid/SNAP
 - Food pantries
 - Mental health
- Common Misconceptions
 - Myths
 - All resources are listed
 - 211 is funding source
 - 211 has case information
 - 211 has access to unpublished numbers
 - Facts
 - Resources opt in
 - No direct funding, 3rd party determination
 - No case information for public assistance
 - Guide callers to available information
- Additional Connections
 - 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
 - Central Intake (child abuse/neglect reporting)
 - Day care provider and parent referrals & Information
 - Navigation referrals
 - Fraud report
 - Day care complaints
 - Foster Care inquiries
- Statewide Events – Data sharing and community collaboration
- Older Adults Page
- Kinship & Caregiving Page
- Senior Page
- Online Lending Library
 - Books, games, and other materials

- Free to your door- requested materials include a postage paid envelope for easy, free return
- Available to anyone
- parenting, child development, trauma, mental health, substance use, kinship, provider related, children's books, books in Spanish
- Pamphlets and information related to health and human service
- Resource and Service Navigation
 - Identify and develop resources and support services
 - Partner with families to develop customized service plans that focus on family strengths and community supports
 - Work collaboratively with other programs and agencies
 - Provide support to families in need so that children may be cared for in their own homes or the homes of relatives
 - Funding Sources
 - Emergency Assistance
 - Career Enhancement
 - Kinship
 - Process
 - 211 Referral – Screening – intake appointment – ongoing work with the family
- Kinship Navigation
 - Assistance for families in navigating supports, services, and benefits that they may be eligible for
 - The majority of kinship caregivers are not receiving supports they are eligible for, and may not be aware that such help exists
 - 1 in 11 children will live in kinship care at some point before turning 18
 - Kinship is often a long term commitment – 42% have provided care for 5 or more years
 - Kinship caregivers feel overwhelmed and alone, exhausted and overwhelmed
- Kinship Support through IDHW
 - My Family. My Story. Art and expression series
 - Idaho Kinship Day – Save the Date 9/13/2025 in Pocatello, Boise, Coeur d'Alene
 - Kinship Button
 - Library
 - Federal Kinship Grant
 - Bridging Systems work
 - Enhanced Kinship 211 Agents and specialized information requests
- 211 Website Demo

Idaho Caregiver Alliance & Family Caregiver Navigator: Sarah Toevs and Sheila Weaver

- Mission: To serve as the voice, convener, and catalyst for support of unpaid family caregivers across the lifespan
- Vision: Family caregivers and the people they care for are recognized, valued, and supported in Idaho
- Statewide multiple partnerships – government agencies and nonprofits
- Timelines
 - 2014 – ICA established in collaboration with ICOA
 - 2020- FCN funded by Idaho Home Choice
 - 2024 – Move to the ADRD program with funding from ACL
 - 2025 – FCN funded by ICA/ACL. Performed SWOT Analysis and Assessment
- ICA Connects and Advocates
 - Listening sessions, conferences, summits through the years
 - Also supporting local non-profits to provide respite
- Expanding Opportunities with National Partners
 - US Aging, ARCH, Generations United, Community Catalyst, Cambia, Idaho Community Foundation, Center for Health Care Strategies
- Shift in population demographics needing to adapt to those preferences
 - America has 53 million unpaid family caregivers.
 - 1 in 4 Idahoans are caregivers
 - 300,000 unpaid family caregivers
 - 70% work full or part-time
 - Mostly women, average age 51
- Family Caregiver Navigator
 - Free & low barrier
 - Serves caregivers of all ages
 - Care planning and referral by phone
 - Evidence-informed
 - Intervention Model
 - Since 2020
 - 1,380 Caregivers have been in contact with a Navigator
 - 769 cases have been entered into the system
 - 610 care plans have been completed
 - 32 Idaho Counties served
 - Majority caregivers for over 1 year
 - Top Diagnoses of care receivers
 - ADRD
 - Mental Health Condition
 - Heart-related conditions

- Cancer
 - Diabetes
 - Autism
- Caregiver Demographics
 - 34.5% above 65, 79% female, 83% white, 43% work , 67% married, 45% college
- Care receiver demographics
 - 70.5% above 65, 55% female, 85% white, 64% retired, 44% married, 25% college
- Challenges
 - Trouble paying – food, heat/electricity, housing, transportation
 - Top 3 living concerns – ability to pay for utilities, condition of housing, feeling safe
 - Lack of social connectedness and transportation
- Home-based care – 90% caregivers were able to maintain or decrease their intent to place their care receiver
- Improvement in Well-Being – 78% decrease in depression and 80% identity discrepancy
- Looking to the future
 - Guidance on community needs and opportunities
 - Assistance with promotion and connections
 - Your ideas and feedback for your area

APS IFF Stakeholder Workgroup: Vicki Yanzuk and Chair Morely

- First Group – Approx 2 years workgroup determined tiers to reevaluate
 - Previous Data
 - Case load
 - Investigations
 - Substantiations
 - Standards
 - Salary
- Second Group – Will examine last 2 years of data and lessons learned
 - New Emphasis
 - Standards
 - Salary
 - Operating
 - Intake
- Create Funding formula
 - Review new expenditure data
 - Develop multi-year funding formula
 - AAAs, Commissioners, ICOA staff
 - Meet October – January
 - Feb Commissioner Presentation

Commissioner Reports

- Roundtable discussion of highlights from reports, events, and challenges in their areas.
- Questions and discussion followed.

AAA Dialogue – AAA Directors/I4A Chair/

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Closing Business/Meeting Adjourns – Chair Morely and Director Taylor

- Meeting adjourned 3:05pm