

**WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**June 18, 2026**  
**107 Chicago Street, Brooklyn, Michigan**

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**Members Present:** Jenna Chmielewski, Curtis Gale, Bob Harvey, Brent Leininger, Lisa Maletic, Ray Snell, Jim Van Doren, Ken Wyatt

**Members Excused:** Aimrie Ream-Taylor, Keith Williams

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff:** Nichole Baker, Malloree Colburn, Alphonsus Ibe, Kara Lorenz-Goings, Greg Schira, Claire Warner, Jeff Willet

**Guests:** Ashley Ellsworth, Rosemary Abramovich

1. Call to Order, Opening Ceremony, and Roll Call of Members

Curtis Gale called the WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors **regular meeting** to order at 2:00 p.m. on June 18, 2026. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Curtis read the WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging Mission Statement, the executive assistant called the roll.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ray Snell moved to approve the agenda as presented, Bob Harvey seconded. Motion carried with no one opposed.

3. Guests

The guests, and WellWise Services staff members, introduced themselves.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Presentation: Nichole Baker presented the process for developing the Fiscal Year 2027-2029 Multi Year Area Implementation Plan. The presentation included data from the community needs survey and focus groups, key factors in the development of the multi year plan, proposed direct services, contracted services for bid, and Fiscal Year 2027-2029 projected allocations for each group of services.

6. Consent Agenda

Bob Harvey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, Brent Leininger seconded. Motion carried with no one opposed.

7. Reports

a. Bureau of Aging, Community Living and Supports (ACLS): Ashley Ellsworth reported the following:

- Thanked Nichole Baker for joining a learning session hosted by the state for new grantees of the rural health transformation grant on how the CTCS Care Transitions Program has operated in Region 2.
- Will be onsite at WellWise Services next week for the annual Area Agency on Aging assessment.

b. Agency Chief Executive Officer

The Board Members reviewed a report from Kara Lorenz-Goings and WellWise Services managers on activities for the past month. Kara noted the following:

- May was Older Americans Month, and concluded Kara's first year as CEO.
- Visit of the Principal Deputy Administrator of the Administration for Community Living on May 7
- Attended Older Michiganians Day event on May 13.

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- WellWise Services hosted a public hearing on May 19.
- Board Annual Meeting took place on May 21.
- WellWise Services Annual Celebration took place earlier this week.
- The annual benefit event for Safe Haven is scheduled on June 24 at Eagle's Nest Bar & Grill.

c. Advisory Council

The Board Members reviewed a report from the **June 16, 2026** Advisory Council meeting. Rosemary Abramovich, Advisory Council Chair, highlighted the following:

- The Council members voted to keep the same meeting day for FY 2027.
- **The Council members discussed** building rapport between the Board and Advisory Council, **and** ~~Council members~~ reaching out to agencies and organizations as well as residents **will be of the three counties.**
- Council members are considering changing the reporting schedule to the Board.

8. Committee Business

a. Personnel Committee: Ken Wyatt reported the following from the Personnel Committee meeting on June 15, 2026:

- The Personnel Committee met on June 15, 2026 with Curtis Gale, Lisa Maletic, Keith Williams, and Ken Wyatt attending in person.
- The Committee members reviewed a list of CEO goals provided by the Board, and a list provided by Kara, and developed three goals to present to the full Board for approval.
  1. Develop and implement a strategy that positions WellWise Services as the preferred community-based partner for aging services by launching innovations that align with the agency's mission.
  2. Evaluate and implement initiatives to support community needs and report outcomes to the Board as identified in feedback from multi-year planning.
  3. Empower newer and existing direct reports of the CEO to lean into leading the most efficient and cohesive operations as exhibited by high quality service delivery outcomes.

b. Finance Committee: Bob Harvey reported the following from the Finance Committee meeting on June 16, 2026:

- The Finance Committee met on June 16, 2026 with Bob Harvey, Jim Van Doren, Brent Leininger, and Keith Williams attending in person.
- Kara Lorenz-Goings reported on various projects that are completed or underway that were funded by the infrastructure grant.
- The Committee members reviewed a proposed amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and recommended approval.
 

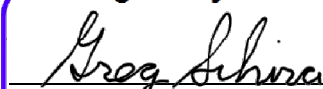
Bob Harvey moved, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to adopt the amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget, Jim Van Doren supported. Motion carried with no one opposed.
- The Committee members reviewed the process for the FY 2027-2029 multi-year plan contractor requests for proposal, and selected August 31, and September 1 as possible meeting dates for the selection committee. Bob Harvey and Keith Williams volunteered to serve on the committee.

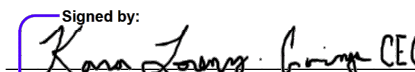
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- The Committee members reviewed the financial reports for the month ended April 30, 2026, and recommended full Board approval.
  - Alphonsus Ibe, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on MI Choice Waiver enrollment.
- c. Compliance Committee: Curtis Gale reported the following from the Compliance Committee meeting on June 18, 2026:
- Jenna Chmielewski, Curtis Gale, and Bob Harvey were present. Aimrie Ream-Taylor, and Keith Williams were excused.
  - The Committee members reviewed a compliance report.
  - The Committee members reviewed policies and did not make changes.
  - The next regular meeting of the Compliance Committee will take place on September 24, 2026.
9. Unfinished Business  
Ad Hoc Board Committee: Kara Lorenz-Goings reported:
- The purpose of the committee is to review the Board committees: frequency of meetings, and if changes are needed
  - Kara, and Keith Williams have attended Board Meetings at other Area Agencies on Aging and collected data.
  - Members of the committee are the members of the Board Executive Committee, and Ray Snell.
  - Arranging a meeting is the next step.
10. New Business  
Fiscal Year 2027-2029 Multi-Year Plan Cost Allocation: Brent Leininger moved to approve the multi-year plan as presented, and the cost allocation as outlined by Agency staff, Bob Harvey supported. Motion carried with no one opposed.
11. Board Member Comments and Questions  
 Bob Harvey reported Tracy James, WellWise Services Marketing Coordinator, presented to the VALOR group in Adrian (Veterans and Loved Ones Resources) about directed care services and resources available at WellWise Services.
12. Adjournment: The Board Members adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m. after a motion by Brent Leininger and support by Jim Van Doren.

**Signed by:**      **Next Board Meeting: August 20, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**

  
 Greg Schira, Executive Assistant  
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 Kara Lorenz-Goings, Board Secretary

Approved, as amended, by the Board of Directors on August 20, 2026.