



Board of Directors

Minutes for Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 9 am

Present | Bill Siedhoff, Cynthia Crim, Karl Wilson, Ann Bannes, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Mary Wheeler

Excused | Skip Batchelor

Senior Fund Staff | Nicole Brueggeman, Stephanie Herbers, Katie Ratkowski

Other Attendees | Matthew McBride (Lashly Baer, External Counsel)

Tornado Response: Aging Network *(Stephanie Herbers)*

Provided an update on how the aging network is responding to needs in the aftermath of the May 16 tornado. St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA) is coordinating check-ins with seniors living in senior apartments without power. They are also accepting referrals for additional individuals needing help in their homes. SLAAA—in partnership with senior centers and other partners—has shifted from weekly meal deliveries to daily to serve home delivered meal clients who do not have power. Over 1,000 hot meals have been delivered daily, often with power banks to charge phones and other supplies. Regional Response Team and UMSL Community Innovation and Action Center has created a centralized referral system with Action St. Louis and 4theVille that will allow canvassers to add people to the system on the ground. As some organizations move past emergency response efforts, there is a question of how to sustain the systems that have been created and respond to continued needs.

Tornado Recovery: Crisis Case Management Proposal *(Nicole Brueggeman)*

Staff have been working with SLAAA and LifeWise STL to create a proposal for a centralized senior response hub. Funding will support the organizations sending response teams of social workers or other professionals to seniors impacted by the tornado and connecting them with resources, such as food, medicine, legal assistance and housing. LifeWise STL will contract with a Hub Manager who will triage referrals

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and direct the response teams. Mission: St. Louis would serve as the hub location, offering office space and dedicated storage.

There were questions about whether the city should be managing this effort. SLAAA is involved in the planning and coordination of this, but Senior Fund has more flexibility for quick response to get contracts going and funding of direct assistance.

Cynthia Crim made a motion to accept the Crisis Case Management proposal presented and authorize staff to move forward with the project with spending authority of up to \$155,000, Ann Bannes seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, Cynthia Crim made a motion to adjourn, Sister Mary Ann Nestel seconded; motion passed unanimously.

*Next full board meeting is currently scheduled for **June 26, 2025 at 10am.***