

# THE VILLAGE MODEL & ITS ROLE IN AGING IN PLACE

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# DESCRIPTION OF THE VILLAGE MODEL

Villages are:

Membership driven

Grass roots

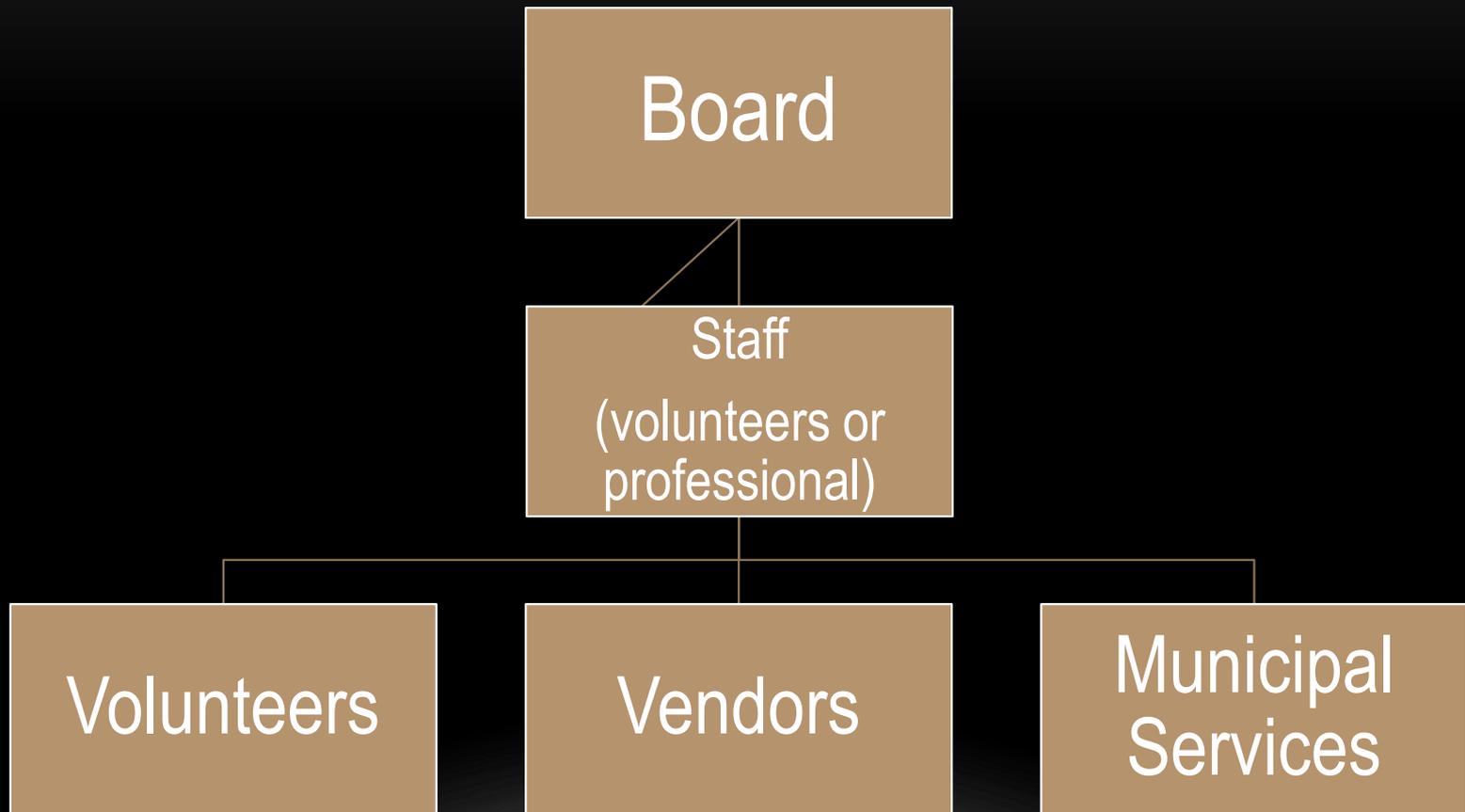
Run by volunteers and/or few paid staff

- Coordinated access to affordable services enabling individuals to remain connected to their community throughout the aging process
- Uses existing community capacity to answer challenges of long-term care



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# TYPICAL VILLAGE STRUCTURE



# GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

- A village can consist of one or more neighborhoods, a city, county, apartment complex, neighborhood groups, faith based organizations, area agencies on aging, health care systems and civic associations
- Urban; suburban; rural
- Types of Village models
  - Membership Fee based
  - All volunteer
  - Time Bank
  - Hub and Spoke
  - Faith Based
  - NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities)



## Advocate

- Accessible housing
- Medical & Social service
- Community safety & accessibility

## Service Provider

- Transportation
- Concierge for service
- Coordination of care
- In-home services
- House & garden upkeep

## Educator

- Information on services for seniors
- Caregiver education
- End-of-life preparation
- Health and wellness
- Legal & LTC services

## Socializer

- Promotes community engagement
- Provides opportunity for volunteerism
- Creates community outreach/partnerships

# QUESTIONS SO FAR?



# A DESCRIPTION OF VILLAGE MODELS

- **Silver Spring Village:** in development, board only
- **Onley Home for Life:** volunteer only
- **Capitol Hill Village:** volunteer first, 3 FTE

IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE VILLAGE, YOU'VE SEE ONE VILLAGE!

# A CASE STUDY

A 82-year-old lives alone in his home. Member has a history of stroke and has been diagnosed with mild dementia. Member was originally referred to the Village by a neighbor who was concerned about member after a recent fall and resulting broken hip. The member joined the Village reluctantly and has only accessed the Village, with the help of his neighbor, for one ride to and a medical appointment, and a daily call check-in call from a volunteer. Member has not been willing to meet with a county social worker for assistance and is insistent about not wanting any further help from the Village.

Recently the neighbor called and said that the member had not arrived at a scheduled coffee date and that the neighbor had knocked on the door three times with no answer. About an hour later, the check-in calling partner contacted the Village and said he had not answered the daily phone call.

How would each of the presenting Village models respond to the call?

## OPEN DISCUSSION

Considering the discussion of Villages and ethical considerations to aging in place thus far, consider the following:

- What are some of the strengths that enable this model to address these ethical considerations?
- What are some of the weaknesses that make this model challenging in addressing these ethical considerations?
- How could your agency/you partner with villages to help in such situations?