

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Natalie Barge, Pamela Blood, Dolores Elliott, Thomas Gordon, Anita Krondak, Camalla Leonhard, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Tina Medina, Deloris Pinkard and Susan White.

EXCUSED: Brandon Johannes and Charles Williams.

ABSENT: Marc Potter and Joan Spero.

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Jones, Deasiray Bush and Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Thomas Gordon called the meeting to order at approximately 10:08am.

MINUTES: The June minutes were mailed to members and were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Thomas Gordon welcomed all to the meeting and announced that he has not spoken with anyone at the Unified Government regarding having the meetings televised.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:
No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

- Delores Elliott called into the meeting and did have comments, but was unable to speak because the phone participants were muted and Linda Ramirez was unable to "unmute" their mics.
- Mr. Gordon mentioned that the group should continue to recruit persons for the advisory council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

Camala Leonhard gave the director's report for Leavenworth as the director, Connie Harmon was unavailable for the meeting.

- The Leavenworth Council on Aging has been busy planning for *Senior Day at the Fair*. The event will be held July 30th from 10am – 12:30pm at the Leavenworth County

Fairgrounds. Lunch, music, bingo and a 50/50 raffle are planned. The Congregate meals sites in Tonganoxie and Basehor will be closed, but all home delivered meals will be delivered.

- Plans are underway for the Senior Express Indoor Flea Market on Saturday, August 7th from 9am – 1pm at the Eagles on 20th Avenue in Leavenworth.
- An announcement that Leisure & Learning Activities are now operating at about 46% since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Programs currently operating include:
 - Stay Strong, Stay Health Exercise – offered by the K-State Extension Office
 - VitaBand Exercise
 - Move It or Lose It Exercise Class
 - Chairside Exercise

Wyandotte:

Deasiray Bush, Fiscal Manager for the Wyandotte County office gave the director's report.

- Deasiray mentioned that Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will host its Public Hearing on August 13th at the Victory Hills Church located at 2010 North 66th Terrace, KCK 66104, 10:30a – 12:30pm.
- Deasiray announced that the AAA has a goal to bring back its "Hot" meal program to assist with the face-to-face contact to its most vulnerable seniors. The PILOT program is to begin in September. All other seniors will continue to receive frozen or Moms Meals as they currently receive.
- Deasiray shared that the AAA received an increase in Senior Care Act funding for the 2022 budget year. The increase is about \$290,000.
- The AAA is expanding COVID-19 vaccines in our area. The AAA is collaborating with the Human Services department to provide vaccines. A "VAC-5" event is scheduled for September 11th from 11am – 3pm at the AAA located at 849 North 47th Street, KCK 66102. The event will provide \$50 gift cards, music, lunch and local vendors.

- The AAA will be getting a VISTA volunteer to assist our office with marketing, Facebook and creating a YouTube Channel.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Gordon suggests sharing the advisory minutes with the community. He mentioned that pastors in our communities would be perfect to share information with their congregation.

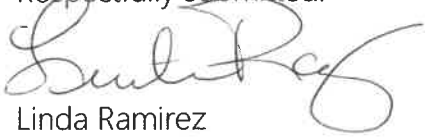
NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Linda Ramirez', written in dark ink.

Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary