

WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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November 8, 2023

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, **November 15, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually, and the meeting notification/link will be sent to the email I have on file.

Excused absence requests should be made at least 24 hours prior to the meeting date to assure the excuse is recorded. Please keep in mind that 3 or more unexcused absences may result in termination of your term on the board.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact Linda Ramirez at 913-573-8531.

Respectfully,



Linda Ramirez
Advisory Council Liaison

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Enclosures

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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NOVEMBER 15, 2023

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Leavenworth County
Wyandotte County

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leavenworth County
Wyandotte County

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The December meeting has been cancelled.

Meetings resume in 2024

January 24, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 25, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Cindy Hopewell, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Jason Hussey, and Jamey Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Denise Dias, Susan McGinnis and Charles Williams.

ABSENT: Louise Lynch.

STAFF PRESENT: Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Jamey Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:08am and had no opening remarks.

MINUTES: The August minutes were approved with two corrections. Pam Blood was present at the September meeting and the "next meeting" date should have read October 25, 2023.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** There were none.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

➤ Jammie Johnson asked about available funding for the repairs at the Vernon Center. Linda Ramirez explained that the Vernon Center receives a small grant from the Area Agency on Aging to run the Congregate Meal Site at that location. She also suggested that the Vernon Center apply for grants using their Historic Landmark designation as their basis for additional funding. Cindy Hopewell suggested that they reach out to the Commissioner of that district.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

➤ Connie Harmon said that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) received an overwhelming response for the shot clinic offered in collaboration with Walgreens on October 4th. 121 participants were served with many receiving more than one vaccine.

- Connie shared that the LCOA is began its Open Enrollment assistance. They have 3 full time staff scheduling appointments for this year.
- The LCOA will hold its Annual Meals on Wheels Benefit on Saturday, November 4th. This event is already sold out and will feature dueling pianos, dinner and a live auction.
- Connie announced that the LCOA will host the County's Annual Legislative Breakfast on November 16th from 8am – 9:30am. Commissioners, elective officials, county department heads and area legislators will be in attendance to discuss current issues.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report for Wyandotte County.

- Linda announced that Kansas Legal Services are now accepting new appointments in Wyandotte County. Appointments are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, as funding allows.
- Linda announced the newest member of the advisory council, Jason Hussey. Mr. Hussey was newly elected by Commissioner Davis, 8th District, he is replacing Marc Potter. Mr. Hussey provided a short introduction of himself and the meeting continued.
- Linda shared that the Silver Haired Legislative (SHL) session went well. The four resolutions that passed for 2024 are as follows:
 - **Resolution 4006** – Support the Expansion of Medicaid in Kansas
 - **Resolution 4007** – Expand the Grandparents as Caregivers Act to include certain relatives to be eligible for assistance
 - **Resolution 4008** – Establish Medical Cannabis Advisory Board in order to explore and make recommendations regarding the expanded use of cannabis
 - **Resolution 4010** – Oppose the efforts to restrict voting Rights

OTHER BUSINESS:

Linda Ramirez explained that as the new year approaches, it is time to nominate (and then vote) for the new Chair and Co-Chair for 2024. Leavenworth County will hold the Chair seat in 2024 and a Wyandotte delegate will be Co-Chair.

Linda also asked about the council and their intention to hold the November meeting as currently scheduled or move it up a week to November 15th. She also asked about the group's intention of attending the December 27th meeting. Since a quorum was not present at the meeting, an online voting email was sent.

Jamey Rodriguez announced that a Wellness Event will be held October 30th at Crosslines in Argentine. The event will provide vaccinations and is sponsored by Midland PACE, WyCo Health, and the Shepherd Center.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:32am.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Ramirez".

Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary