

WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 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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OCTOBER 25, 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

NOVEMBER 22, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 27, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Marc Potter, and Jamey Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Charles Williams.

ABSENT: Pam Blood, Carlen David and Louise Lynch.

STAFF PRESENT: Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: Suzanne Bishop, Unified Government Legal Department.

CALL TO ORDER: Jamey Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:03am and had no opening remarks.

MINUTES: The August minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Jamey Rodriguez, Chair asked about the possibility of meeting in person again. Jamey suggested bringing in *Providers* to speak to the group. Several council members agreed that meeting again in person could be an option, every 4 or 6 months.

Linda Ramirez agreed that quarterly would be an option but mentioned that someone would be tasked with contacting and scheduling "providers" to come in and speak. Linda also mentioned that members would have to be mindful of who those providers would be. The Area Agency on Aging is in the business of protecting the seniors of our respective counties and expressed that having outside business in an advisory council meeting may not be a good fit. The council will discuss this further in future meetings.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

➤ No concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon shared that the Leavenworth Council on Aging now has a Facebook page and anyone with access to Facebook can look them up at "Council on Aging."
- Connie mentioned that 28 participants attended the Falls Prevention Event hosted by the Human Services team, University of St. Mary and St. Lukes Hospital. Participants received information regarding safeguarding their homes as well as a variety of strength and balance assessments.
- The Farmers Market voucher program ends on September 30th. To date, 236 participants have been served.
- The Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) is hosting a shot clinic with Walgreens on October 4th at their office. Participants will be eligible to sign up for flu, pneumonia, RSV, and shingles shots. The new COVID vaccine will also be available.
- The Human Services team is hosting a Virtual Dementia Training workshop in partnership with Novice Life Care on October 13th. This is a hands-on, immerse experience for individuals caring for people living with dementia. Interested persons should contact the LCOA to make an appointment.
- Based on feedback from their public hearing, the LCOA will be hosting an advanced care planning class, Caring Conversations, and lunch on October 18th with St. Luke's Hospital. St. Luke's will also sponsor bingo that afternoon.
- The LCOA staff will host a *Fill the Cart* event at the Leavenworth Dillons on October 20th, 11am – 6pm. The event will be collecting items for their annual Christmas stocking delivery.

Wyandotte:

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

- Linda shared that, Ruth Jones; Director was in Wichita for the Kansas Area Agencies on Aging (K4A) Director's Retreat.
- Linda announced that she and another staff member, Gwendolyn Jones, will be attending the Silver Haired

Legislative Annual Session in Topeka. The session will be held October 3-5th. The following topics will be discussed: Support for Medicaid Expansion, Expanded use of Medical Cannabis, Fair Voting Rights for All, and Assistance for Grandparents as Foster Parents, Removal of Tax on Social Security.

- Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansans (SHICK) appointments for the Wyandotte office will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am – 12pm. Denise Dias will also be assisting with counseling and will schedule her own appointments.
- This week, the Unified Government sponsored its *Employee Appreciation Week*. Linda shared that our Director, Ruth Jones was honored along with several others celebrating their “Years of Service” in the Commission Chambers. Ruth is celebrating 30 Years of Service.
- The County Administrator visited the AAA office on September 19th. Mr. David Johnston listened to the staff’s concerns, and it seems that his office will be assisting with the barriers the AAA is facing with the UGs new financial system, WorkDay.
- The tentative date for the new Congregate Meal site at Armourdale Community Center has been set for October 1st.
- Wyandotte County is celebrating *Good Neighbor Week* (this week) with an activity daily. The AAA is one of 3 distribution sites for the “Vial of Life.” Wednesday is *Neighborhood Bingo*; Thursday is *Random Act of Kindness* and a *Free Movie Night* will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center where the movie The Lorax will be shown.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary