

# WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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May 13, 2024

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, **May 22, 2024** 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

### WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

MAY 22, 2024

#### 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

June 26, 2024

*(Discussion regarding Liaison, Linda Ramirez Absence)*

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
*April 24, 2024*

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Jacqueline Browne, Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Barbara Ikerd, Anita Krondak, Susan McGinnis, Jamey Rodriguez and Kim Weaver.
- EXCUSED: Cindy Hopewell and Jason Hussey.
- ABSENT: Jammie Johnson, Mary Mack, Jessica Pontbriant and Charles Williams.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** None
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jamey Rodriguez called the meeting to order in the absence of the Chair, Jessica Pontbriant at 10:15am.
- MINUTES:** The March meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Chairman had no comments.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:**
- Leavenworth County:
- Connie Harmon shared that the current concern is that 8 million dollars have been cut to the Meals on Wheels program. She is not sure what effects it will have on the MOWs program in Leavenworth County.
- Wyandotte County:
- Several issues were discussed.
- Transportation – Several members agreed that it's difficult for seniors to receive senior transportation. The members who attended the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing discussed the incident that a senior had to pay \$25 to attend the hearing, traveling from 82<sup>nd</sup> Street (between State & Parallel) to the event sight at 7<sup>th</sup> & Osage.

- Utility Tax Rebates – Some reported not receiving notice about the rebates. Linda simply shared that every household in Kansas City, Kansas should have received the mailer back in January.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

### Leavenworth:

- Connie reported that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) held its Volunteer Recognition earlier in the month. LCOA reports that 14 VITA volunteers processed over 1000 tax returns. Seventy of 122 active Meals on Wheels volunteers were also recognized.
- Connie mentioned that the LCOA will make some changes to their exercise program. Chair Side exercise, and "Move & Groove" will now be included. The class will use "steps" to impact cardio and will be equivalent to 1 mile of walking.
- Connie announced that the *Positive Aging Resource Fair* will be held at the Leavenworth Council on Aging, 10am – 2pm in recognition of Older Americans Month. Community resources, raffles, bingo/prizes and health checks will be available.

### Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda shared that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) held its Public Hearing on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Armourdale Community Center. The number of those who attended were greater than expected and the constituents were genuinely interested in listening and asked a lot of questions.
- The Shepherds Center in collaboration with the Area Agency on Aging will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall/Public Hearing. The event is currently scheduled for August 8, 2024 at the Victory Hills Baptist Church, 10am – 12pm. Local Commissioners and State Senators/Representatives will be invited to speak. Lunch will be served and those wishing to attend should RSVP to Betty Ewell for inclusion.

- The RFP (Request for Proposals) for a Meal Delivery Provider will be held in May. The hope is to have a delivery provider in place for June, July at the latest. The AAA is not sure if Guadalupe Centers and GA Foods will continue to be the meal providers.
- The Utility Tax/Sales Tax Rebates ended March 31<sup>st</sup>. Linda completed 100 filings for seniors by appointment in the AAA office.
- The Silver Haired Legislators (SHL) are scheduled to meet on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the AAA. Their discussion will be to review issues that they want to submit to the full SHL body in June. From those issues, they will decide which to take to the Capitol in October for the Annual Session. Anyone wanting to submit an issue should reach out to Linda Ramirez, SHL Liaison for submission.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- Denise Dias, K-State Extension Office shared that they currently have 2 Nutrition Assistant positions open. Ms. Dias shared the job description to anyone who wished to have one.
- Jacqueline Browne shared that she is looking to get information out to the public. She is currently working with one of the local community centers entertaining seniors with activities. Several suggestions were given including reaching out to the Neighborhood Resource Center for posting.

#### NEXT MEETING:

**The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 10am.**

#### ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:48am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez  
Recording Secretary