

# WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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September 3, 2021

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually, and 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.

Sincerely,

Linda Ramirez  
Advisory Council Liaison

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## AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

#### 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

OCTOBER 27, 2021

#### ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
*August 25, 2021*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dolores Elliott, Thomas Gordon, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Tina Medina, Marc Potter and Susan White.

EXCUSED: Pam Blood, Camalla Leonhard and Charles Williams.

ABSENT: Natalie Barge, Deloris Pinkard and Joan Spero.

Linda Ramirez announced that Brandon Johannes, LvCo has resigned from the Advisory Council.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ruth Jones, Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None.

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

**MINUTES:** The July minutes were mailed to members and were approved with one correction. Ms. Susan McGinnis was not present at the July meeting.

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Mr. Gordon expressed his appreciation to the council members for their dedication and attention they provide to the community.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:  
No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

- Thomas Gordon asked the board to answer the questions, "What is your WHY to being on the board?" Tina Medina responded by saying that she sees herself as a *community contact* and believes that giving your time to others is a win/win situation. She also believes everyone should show compassion for others.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon said that the Senior Day at the Fair was successful as about 130 seniors attended. Seniors enjoyed bingo, a 50/50 raffle and entertainment.

- Connie also shared that the fundraiser for their *Senior Express* Transit program earned almost 2x as much as past years. This gave the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) a chance to clean out an accumulation of donations over the past 18 months.
- Connie announced that the LCOA is now in a mask mandate requiring all staff and guests to wear masks while on site. The LCOA is not currently cancelling any programs.
- The LCOA sent received over 300 responses to their survey asking customers what types of programs they would like to see in the future.

Wyandotte:

- Ruth Jones announced that over 100 seniors have signed up for the C.H.A.M.P.S.S. (Choosing Healthy Appetizing Meal Plan Solutions for Seniors) program since the IHOP at the Legends site opened in May.
- Ruth shared that the Public Hearing held on August 13<sup>th</sup> was a success. Several seniors attended the hearing that was held at the newest congregated meal site, Victory Hills.
- Ruth made the group aware that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in Wyandotte County was given an increase in Mill Levy Funding. The increase is about \$19,000 for 2021 and \$5,500 more for the 2022 fiscal year.
- Ruth made the announcement that the AAA currently has an open position for an Information & Assistance Specialist. Ruth believes that once the position is filled, it will relieve some of the other staff from having to fill in for the influx of calls. Many new calls are coming in as some seniors are afraid to move into facilities with Wyandotte County seeing an increase of positive COVID-19 cases.
- Ruth shared that talks are continuing with the County Administrator's Office and the Transit Department for the goal of bringing back "hot" meals in 2022.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Linda Ramirez provided a reminder to the group of the VAC-5 event that is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021, on the grounds of the Area Agency on Aging building. She shared that the event would provide \$50 gift cards, free lunch and entertainment to those who receive their complete vaccination.

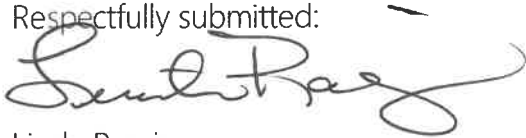
**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Ramirez", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Linda Ramirez

Recording Secretary