

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, March 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the virtually. The meeting notification and 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

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MARCH 24, 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

ELECTION OF CHAIR/CO-CHAIR 2021

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 28, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 24, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anita Krondak, Susan McGinnis, Charles Williams and Susan White.

EXCUSED: Dolores Elliott and Joan Spero.

ABSENT: Natalie Barge, Thomas Gordon, Tina Medina and Deloris Pinkard.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Linda Ramirez called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10am.

MINUTES: No minutes were sent as the last advisory council meeting was held in February 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: No Chairman comments. No Chair/Co-Chair elected for 2021. Wyandotte County will hold the Chair position.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ None.

Wyandotte County:

➤ None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon, Director of Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) was introduced by Linda Ramirez.
- Connie mentioned that they have currently assisted 89 seniors with tax preparation and have 300 on a waitlist for assistance. Interested persons should call the LCOA for assistance.

- Connie announced that the LCOA is working with their local Health Department for COVID-19 vaccinations. Seniors interested in receiving the vaccination should contact the LCOA for assistance filling out the Online Interest Form.
- The LCOA is providing \$1.00 roundtrip rides for those in need of transportation to vaccination sites.
- The LCOA has delivered Valentine bags through the Transit and Meals on Wheels drivers. The bags contained treats and food items.

Wyandotte:

- Ruth Jones, Director of the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging announced that she will be sharing the transportation idea used by LCOA with the Health Department meeting as it regards to COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Ruth announced that she has been interviewing applicants for the Fiscal Manager position previously held by Bobbie Lane. She expects to make a decision next week as to whom she will elect to fill the position.
- Ruth mentioned that there have been talks about cutting OAA funding for Nutrition Services. Currently, no cuts have been announced and will keep the group abreast should advocacy be needed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Linda Ramirez, Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Administrative Specialist/Advisory Council Liaison made several announcements.
- Linda Ramirez said that currently 11 of the 17 positions for the advisory council are filled. Leavenworth County has 3 vacant positions and Wyandotte County has 4 positions to fill.
- Linda shared that the new Advisory Council binders are available for pick up at the AAA office any day, Mon-Thurs., 8am – 12pm.

- Linda announced that everyone should receive the AAA newsletter. She suggests emailing your preference to her so that each will receive pertinent information as it becomes available.
- Linda shared that 3 forms will be sent via mail for return in the postage paid envelope that will be provided:
 - Conflict of Interest – which prohibits using your title as advisory council member for gratuities and political activities.
 - Communications/Correspondence – Members are not to use their status as an advisory council member to represent the group verbally or in written communications. All subjects/suggestions should be presented to the council and voted prior to usage.
 - Member Informational Sheet – this information for AAA records which is used to provide reimbursement for mileage (when/if we get back to in-person meetings). Please update the information whether or not you have previously filled out the form.
- Linda also mentioned that the Silver Haired Legislature has completed their registration/elections for 2021. Leavenworth Council will need to find a representative for their county as Michael Keohane will not be actively participating.

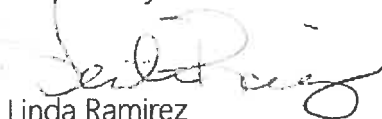
NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez

Recording Secretary