

# 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, November 17, 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

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NOVEMBER 17, 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

DECEMBER 22, 2021

*Unless voted to reschedule or postpone*

#### ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
*October 27, 2021*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Anita Krondak, Camalla Leonhard, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Tina Medina, Deloris Pinkard, and Marc Potter.

EXCUSED: Charles Williams and Susan White.

ABSENT: Thomas Gordon.

Linda Ramirez announced that Dolores Elliott, WyCo has resigned from the Advisory Council.

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Susan McGinnis, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**MINUTES:** The September meeting minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Susan McGinnis, Co-Chair of the council thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting in the absence of Thomas Gordon.

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

Wyandotte County:

- Deloris Pinkard asked everyone to get out and vote.
- Pam Blood thanked Linda Ramirez with getting the process along for getting a senior constituent an electric wheelchair.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon announced that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) has been busy. They recently held their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meals on Wheels fundraiser. The fundraiser nearly doubled the highest amount earned in prior years.
- The LCOA will be participating in the "Subaru Share the Love event this year.

- Connie reported that the LCOA has re-opened their Tonganoxie Congregate Meal site and it is well attended.
- The LCOA on aging held their Flu/Pneumonia Shot event with over 50 participants receiving a shot.
- On this date (Nov 27<sup>th</sup>), the LCOA is hosting a *Muffins & Mammograms*. Participants can also access transportation to the event.
- The Leavenworth Council on Aging will be hosting its Halloween Spooktacular event. Costume and pumpkin carving contests will be judged by local celebrities.
- The LCOA will be hosting a Thanksgiving lunch. The lunch will serve plated meals and provide entertainment.
- The LCOA hosted a "Fill the Cart" event to assist with filling the Senior Stockings. The LCOA is expecting to distribute about 400 stockings. The drivers have been growing their beards so they can dress up as Santa for delivery.
- The LCOA is applying for a grant that would allow the purchase of a new vehicle specifically for the elderly and disabled.

#### Wyandotte:

The director's report was given by Ruth Jones.

Ruth congratulated Connie on her accomplishments and said that great things are happening in Leavenworth County.

- Ruth announced that the Hot Meal program re-started in Wyandotte County on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The program is currently delivering 100 hot meals daily.
- Ruth shared that the Vac-5 event was held. The event provided \$50 gift cards, lunch, and free transportation. Vendors were on site from the UG Health Department, WellCare, Human Services, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Holy Smoke BBQ.
- Ruth announced that the AAA requested some funding from the ARPA funds, through the State of Kansas. With this awarded funding, the AAA will purchase new steamtables, refrigerators, and TV monitors for all 8 meal sites in Wyandotte County.

- Ruth also shared a contract with a company named Versally. This contract will pay senior volunteers to contact the Meals on Wheels clients weekly for Peer-to-Peer discussions.

Linda Ramirez shared the following:

- The Area Agency on Aging has submitted a budget proposal to the County Administrators Office. The proposal will assist with out-of-pocket expenses for seniors who access services through the Senior Care Act funding stream. The proposal will also assist with purchasing a 15-passenger van and provide assistance with minor home repairs.
- United Prayer Movement will be providing Holiday Meals for Thanksgiving. Participants must be home on the holiday to receive their meals. Name submissions to be made to Linda Ramirez and include name, address, zip code, phone number and the number of meals needed.
- Rik Van Dyke and his Community Living Team is seeking assistance with contacting clients to complete a satisfaction survey. If interested, contact Linda Ramirez at the Aging office.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Linda Ramirez brought to the council's attention that the next advisory council meeting is scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup> (the week of Thanksgiving). The group voted/agreed to move the meeting up one week to November 17<sup>th</sup>. Linda Ramirez announced that she will be on vacation and Deasiray Bush will host the meeting in her absence.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

#### ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez  
Recording Secretary