

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, May 25, 2022 at 10:00am. 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.

Respectfully,



Linda Ramirez
Liaison

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Enclosures

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MAY 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Wyandotte County

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NEXT MEETING

June 22, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes – April 27, 2022

PRESENT: Pam Blood, Linda Brown, Anita Krondack, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Marc Potter, Jamey Rodriguez and Charles Williams.

EXCUSED: Jamie Johnson and Camella Leonhard.

ABSENT: Louise Lynch.

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

GUEST PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Susan McGinnis called the meeting to order about 10:01am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

- Leavenworth County: None.
- Wyandotte County: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leavenworth County:

Connie Harmon said that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) has been very busy.

- The LCOA held their 1st of 2 Public Hearings on April 13th. Connie reported that participation was good. They heard from their constituents about Improvements, what's working and not working and what they would like to see or change in their community.
- Connie stated that the LCOA are providing *Grief Training* for their staff. The transportation staff asked if this was something they could access as several instances where drivers were transporting people who have just learned the lost a loved one. The drivers will learn how to interact with those passengers who have just experienced a loss.
- Connie shared that the LCOA hosted a *Volunteer Recognition* on April 22nd. Connie described the event as more of Lunch & Learn.
- Connie said a 2nd Recognition/Lunch & Learn is scheduled for their 15 VITA Tax Volunteers. This event will be held on May 5, 2022.

- Connie announced that the LCOA celebrating Older Americans Month on May 13, 2022. The Senior Picnic will be held indoors at the Eagles Lodge. Entertainment by Bill Robinson, a 50/50 Pot and much more will be enjoyed.
- The LCOA is providing group discounted tickets to the Monarch Baseball Game on June 9th. Each ticket is \$20 and you may contact the LCOA at 913-684-0777 for more details.
- Connie announced that the LCOA was awarded two grants for Transportation through Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

Wyandotte County:

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

- Linda announced the following upcoming events:
 - The Wyandotte County Aging office will be celebrating Older Americans' Month on Thursday, May 19, 2022, 11am – 2pm. The event will be held outdoors and open to the public. The event will take place at the Aging office located at 849 N 47th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102. Lunch, beverages, popcorn, giveaways, service information and music will be available to everyone attending.
 - *Caregiver, Carbs and Cardio* is a new 5-week cardio-support group focused on the well-being and nutritional needs of those caring for a loved one. The group will meet on the 5 Wednesdays in the month of June from 6 – 7pm. Those interested should contact Rik Van Dyke at 913-573-8531 or by email at rvandyke@wycokck.org.
 - Farmers Market Vouchers will again be distributed by mail from the Wyandotte County office. Distribution cannot begin until June 1st. All interested seniors should contact the office after June 1st so that an application can be mailed to them.
 - Linda shared that a Public Hearing was held in Wyandotte County on April 5, 2022. Several seniors were in attendance (including advisory council member, Marc Potter) and that many questions were asked after the presentation showing a great interest in programming.
 - The Area Agency on Aging is currently working on a project to provide a day of respite for grandparents charged with being the primary caregiver to their grandchildren. The final details are not yet known. Linda will keep the council updated, when available.

- Linda mentioned the Cyber Attack on the Unified Government over Easter weekend. She announced that the Aging Department doesn't know anything more than what is being shared in the media. Staff at the Aging office is unable to access their documents, but that senior services are not affected. Services are entered into the State system that is web-based.
- Linda introduced Deasiray Bush, Fiscal Officer for the Aging office to the meeting. Deasiray stated that she is also unable to retrieve her files, but is willing to answer any questions regarding budgets and/or grants the council members may have. No one asked a question.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The election of officers (Chair and Co-Chair) were held by vote at this meeting. It was voted that Jamey Rodriguez (new member) become the Co-Chair representing Wyandotte County. Susan McGinnis (Leavenworth County) will become the Chair. These positions will be held during 2022. In 2023, Wyandotte County will hold the Chair position.

Jamey Rodriguez stated that she knows a Kansas City Kansas School Board member and will get Linda Ramirez in contact with him regarding the Grandparent Support Program.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Ramirez
Liaison