

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, April 27, 2022 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.

Respectfully,



Linda Ramirez
Advisory Council Liaison

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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APRIL 27, 2022

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ELECTION OF CHAIR (WYCO)
ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR (LVCO)

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Leavenworth County
Wyandotte County

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leavenworth County
Wyandotte County

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING
MAY 25, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 23, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Anita Krondak, Susan McGinnis, Marc Potter and Charles Williams.

EXCUSED: Camalla Leonhard and Louise Lynch.

ABSENT: Mary Mack and Deloris Pinkard.

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Ramirez and Jessica Pontbriant (LV CO).

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Susan McGinnis called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

MINUTES: The February minutes were approved with one correction. Tina Medina was present at the meeting.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Susan McGinnis welcomed the group to Spring and was glad that everyone made an effort to join.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

➤ No Concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

Jessica Pontbriant provided the Director's report in Connie Harmon's absence.

➤ The Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) Nutrition staff planned the March for Meals (MOWs) celebration. The celebrations included a social media campaign that spotlights the Nutrition staff and MOWs volunteers throughout the month; the Nutrition staff submitted a proclamation; members of the nutrition staff participated in the Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day parade and Community Leaders delivered meals along with the Nutrition staff.

- The LCOA was recently awarded an \$8000 grant for the *Pets and Loving Seniors (PALS)* program from Meals on Wheels of America and PetsMart.
- The LCOA launched several new Leisure & Learning activities this month. The JROTC students from Leavenworth High School hosted a *Facebook for Beginners* class on March 8th. The LCOA hopes to continue this technology series.
- Staff have been busy preparing a budget for Nutrition program upgrades. The hope for the upgrades will include client software and technology to improve efficiency and access to the meal sites. Also, updating the sites with new equipment and signage to promote the Meals on Wheels program.
- The LCOA has the first of two required Public Hearing scheduled for “April 13, 2022, at 1:30pm.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director’s report.

- The State of Kansas is providing the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) a 1x match from its ARPA funds. Only the C-1 program (Congregate Meals Program) can benefit from the funding. Wyandotte County has put in a proposal to the State to purchase four 12-15 passenger vans to be used at 4 of the 8 meals sites in WyCo. (Bethel Neighborhood Center, Strangers Rest Baptist Church, Vernon Center and Victory Hills Baptist Church). The other four meal sites are located in what is considered high rises in our area, therefore transportation is not needed as those participants simply come down to the dining area for their meals.
- Linda reported that there is still funding available for the *Battling Isolation Program*. The program provides assistance with the one-time cost of internet and/or phone service payments for seniors or someone needing to stay connected to a senior.
- The Wyandotte County Nutrition office has planned its 2022 March for Meals event for March 31, 2022. The event will be held at the Vernon Center from 10am – 12pm. Those wishing to participate at the event should contact the Nutrition Department at 913-573-8574 to reserve your meal.

- Transportation dollars are available using the VAC5 funding source. Participants should contact Assisted Transportation directly at 913-262-5190 and provide the code: VAC5. Transportation services under the VAC5 funding source is provided until the funding is exhausted.
- The Area Agency on Aging has scheduled its first Public Hearing for April 5, 2022. The event will be held at Victory Hills Church from 10:30am to 12pm. Public Hearings are a great opportunity to learn about programs and/or provide feedback regarding senior services in Wyandotte County.
- Linda shared that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has a new Facebook page and YouTube platform for getting out needed information. Linda will send the links so that the advisory board can see all of what is going on in Aging.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Linda Ramirez announced that Susan White and Tina Medina have resigned from their seats. Linda also reported that the Commission Liaison is working to get the vacant positions filled by the commissioners in Wyandotte County.
- As there were not enough in attendance at this meeting, the voting for new Chair (Leavenworth County) has not been completed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted: -



Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary