

# WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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June 8, 2022

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 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

### WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

June 22, 2022

#### 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

July 27, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
*May 25, 2022*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Jamey Rodriguez and Charles Williams.

EXCUSED: Pam Blood, Linda Brown, Camalla Leonhard, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis and Marc Potter.

ABSENT: Louise Lynch.

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jamey Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

**MINUTES:** The April minutes were mailed and approved.

**CHAIRMAN  
COMMENTS:** Jamey Rodriguez stated that she attended the Older Americans Month Celebration and that it was nice considering the circumstances and not having the event in 2 years. She is looking forward to the Monarch's baseball game with the Leavenworth Council on Aging.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:

➤ No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

➤ No Concerns.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Leavenworth:

Jessica Pontbriant provided the Director's for Connie Harmon.

- The Leavenworth Council on Aging hosted their *Indoor Senior Picnic* in recognition of Older Americans Month on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Lodge. Over 150 people attended the event and feedback received was very positive.
- All Leavenworth County Congregate Meals Sites will be fully open on June 1<sup>st</sup> and offer in-person dining as well as grab-n-go lunch options.

- The Farmer's Market Voucher Program will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> and all staff involved with the program have received training.
- The Human Service team is planning activities for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). The County Commissioners will read a proclamation declaring June 15<sup>th</sup> WEAAD in the County. Staff will host a Lunch & Learn with St. John's Hospital. A social worker from the Senior Behavior Health Center will offer a presentation on senior safety.
- Staff recently completed interviews with Meals on Wheels of America for a research study they are doing about pet programs. The LCOA Pet Program team has been mentoring three other AAAs in Kansas and Wyoming as they begin their pet programs. Staff also applied for \$15000 grant through Meals on Wheels of America to provide additional veterinary services.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda reported that a wait list remains active for the Seniors Care Act (SCA), Older Americans Act Title III-B (OAA) and Senior Services Program (SSP). The Area Agency on Aging received an additional \$275,000 in SCA dollars from the Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services. That funding will keep current customers active through June 30. The new award for SCA will begin July 1.
- The Caregiver Support Program is launching its *Cardio Not Carbs for the Caregiver* project combining exercise, healthy eating, and a support group into one class. Linda Ramirez will share a flyer of this information.
- The Wyandotte County AAA office will be offering respite for grandparents who are tasked with being the primary caregiver for their grandchildren. Although the day activity has not been revealed. Grandparents 55 & over, living in Wyandotte County should contact the AAA to provide their interest for this program.
- The Area Agency on Aging has applied for some of the Unified Government ARPA funds. Deadline to apply is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Services that the AAA intends to utilize funds for include Emergency Assistance, Energy Assistance,

Homemaker Services, Attendant and/or Personal Care Services, Internet and Telephone Assistance, and internet Service for the 8 congregate meal sites.

- The *Callgivers Program* is available for isolated seniors in Wyandotte County. Callgivers offer a friendly call to seniors, and functions as a wellness support check for seniors in our community. Linda Ramirez will distribute flyers to board members.
- Funding is still available for the Battling Isolation Program which will assist with a one-time payment for internet/phone service. The funding is to be used for those who are attempting to stay connected to seniors or for those seniors in need of assistance paying their bill.
- Due to the cyberattack, our fiscal department is 2 months behind in financial reporting to the Kansas Department on Aging & Disability Services. However, we are now allowed access to the financial system to pay invoices. Once the AAA is caught up on all payments, updated reports will be available in the coming weeks.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- Linda Ramirez reported that the Area Agency on Aging has several vacancies on the areawide advisory council. If you know anyone interested in serving on the board, have them contact Linda Ramirez for instruction.
- Linda Ramirez reported that the Silver Haired Legislature will be meeting in our office on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The SHL will discuss the issues brought forward from public input. Linda suggested contacting your SHL member to give feedback that you would like to take to the Executive Board meeting in October.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

#### ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez  
Recording Secretary



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An eight-week family caregiver cardio-support group focused on the well-being and nutritional needs of those caring for a loved one.

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This service is geared towards seniors who are physically and/or socially isolated, including homebound.

Callgivers offers a friendly call to seniors, and it functions as a wellness support check for seniors in our community.

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(913) 573-8531**



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Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging

# **BATTLING ISOLATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Reconnecting Our Seniors**



If you're in need of assistance staying connected, contact the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging at **913-573-8531**.



### **Qualifications:**

- Those 60 and older, or those needing to connect to older residents, who are in nursing homes or in residential locations where they are isolated, and
- Those who had lost internet or phone connection due to COVID-19 and inability to pay for the services.
- Lost services due to COVID19.

### **To apply for assistance:**

- Contact the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging at 913-573-8531 to complete an intake for consideration.
- Be prepared to submit a copy of the outstanding bill identifying the amount past due and include the current amount due.
- Provide the name of the carrier to whom the payment is owed, along with the account # and mailing address for payment.



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