

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 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually, and the 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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Enclosures

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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NOVEMBER 16, 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

JANUARY 25, 2023

Due to the voting and cancellation of the December 2022 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 26, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Jammie Johnson, Camalla Leonhard, Jamey Rodriguez and Charles Williams.

EXCUSED: Linda Brown, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis and Marc Potter.

ABSENT: Louise Lynch.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

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

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Jamey Rodriguez opened the meeting and had no comments.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

- No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

- Jamey Rodriguez apologized for the delay in writing the expected letter from the board. She stated that she would be sure to reach out to Louise Lynch and work with her to compile the letter to the Mayor and Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

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

- The LCOA held its 16th Annual Meals on Wheels benefit on October 15th, raising over \$36,000 for meals. All funds raised will be put back into the program and used to assist seniors unable to pay the suggested \$2 per meal donation.
- The LCOA kicked off their Christmas campaign with Dillons. All items received will be used to stuff about 600 stockings to be given to each Meals on Wheels participants, Veterans and those in need.

- The LCOA will receive the keys to their building on October 27th. The staff will begin moving on October 31, 2022, and a soft opening will be held on November 17th. The LCOA will pause the Leisure & Learning Program activities until about November 21st. Meals on Wheels, Transportation and Medicare Open Enrollment will continue without interruption. A ribbon cutting and open house event will be planned for early 2023.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda shared that a Transportation and Minor Home Repair program will begin November 1, 2022. The program will be funded by the Title III-E (Caregiver) funds. Referrals should be made directly to Rik Van Dyke.
- Linda reported that the Christmas in November event is scheduled for November 17th (2-4pm) at the Area Agency on Aging. The WyCo office expects some dignitaries to be present as the Directors of the four community centers receive the keys to their new 12-passenger vans.
- The Area Agency on Aging will be receiving their own 12-passenger van soon. The van will be used to transport seniors to AAA sponsored events and when the Silver Haired Legislators travel to Topeka and other meeting sites across the State.
- The *Steppin' Back In The Classroom* Grandparent project was approved by the State. The program will assist 10 grandparents with purchasing 24 pairs of NIKE tennis shoes. The shoes will be presented to the grandchildren on November 3rd.
- Effective January 1, 2023, the contracted cost per hour for Homemaker and Attendant Care will go up. The hope is that the home health providers will pass that cost on to their employees so that they can build their workforce and seniors will get the necessary assistance.
- Linda announced that she attended the Silver Haired Legislature's Annual Session on October 4 – 6, 2022. The event was the first Annual Session allowing the virtual element which allowed those SHL members the ability to

provide input and vote on the issues to be carried into the 2023 Legislative Session. The following are the resolutions to be carried forward and presented:

- Resolution 4001 – Support the Expansion of Medicaid in the State of Kansas
- Resolution 4002 – Continued Support and Funding for community-based Public Transportation
- Resolution 4003 – Support and Funding for Broadband Expansion
- Resolution 4004 – Support for the Legalization of the Expanded Medical Use of Cannabis
- Resolution 4005 – Urging the Kansas Legislature to maintain the current funding for the Kansas Senior Care Act
- Resolution 4006 – Supporting the request of Area Agencies on Aging to Exempt Purchases by All Area Agencies on Aging from Sales Tax.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jamey Rodriguez shared with the group that Silver City Days will be held over the weekend, and all are welcome.
- After some discussion regarding the monthly meeting and the upcoming holidays, Linda Ramirez will send an email for members to vote to move the November meeting up one week to November 16th. A vote will also be shared to cancel the December meeting and resume meetings in January 2023.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council is currently scheduled to be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 pending an email voting for the November and December meetings.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary