

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, October 26, 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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Enclosures

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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OCTOBER 26, 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

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

**WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
*September 28, 2022***

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Linda Brown, Anita Krondak, Camalla Leonhard, Louise Lynch, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Marc Potter, Jamey Rodriguez and Charles Williams.

EXCUSED: Jammie Johnson.

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

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

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Susan McGinnis opened the meeting and had no comments.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

- Louise Lynch expressed her concerns regarding her disappointment in the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and their practices. Her main concern is for those seniors and the disabled approved for the Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) utility assistance program. She personally experienced shut off after being approved for assistance.
- Ms. Lynch also mentioned her disappointment in Commissioner Davis's motion to move \$105,000 from the mayor's fund to what she describes as a "slush fund" for the commissioners. The group discussed and entertained a correspondence to the Mayor and Commission regarding the motion/approval. Ms. Lynch and Jamey Rodriguez agreed to come up with the language for a correspondence from the advisory council. This letter should be put past the members for a vote. If passed, Linda Ramirez will place it on Advisory Council letterhead and forward to the offices of both the Mayor and Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon reported that their Human Services team hosted a Falls Prevention Awareness Event on September 22nd. Thirty St. Mary's occupational and physical therapy students helped with the event, and 50 participants attended. Students set up 10 stations with various assessments to determine fall risks and educate about falls prevention.
- The Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) will be hosting an AARP Safe Driving Course on October 6th (9a-1p). This will be the first class since 2019. Interested participants can sign up through the AARP website or call the LCOA to sign up.
- The LCOA is raffling two sports items: an autographed Len Dawson Chiefs jersey and an autographed Bobby Witt Jr baseball to benefit Meals on Wheels. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The drawing will be held at the Dueling Pianos event on October 15th.
- The LCOA is planning to move to their new location in mid-October. All October activities will be held at the current location. Meals on Wheels, Transportation and SHICK services will continue as scheduled and without interruption.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda reported that Mill Levy Transportation has exhausted its funds 2022. New monies will be available January 2023. The AAA will begin utilizing Title III-E Caregiver funds for transportation. Caregivers needing transportation should contact the AAA.
- The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging (AAA) partnered with AT&T for a digital literacy workshop. The workshop went over many issues like how to protect yourself against email scams, how to connect your device to Wi-Fi. Some participants qualified to receive internet service for \$10 per month.

- The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature will hold its 2022 Annual Session next week, October 4-6 in Topeka, Kansas. There are about 6 issues slated for discussion and voting with the entire membership across the state. Voting will determine which issues will be presented to the State Legislature for consideration in 2023. As liaison, Linda will attend the event all 3 days, while other staff will rotate to attend daily. The Mayor Garner of Wyandotte County is expected to attend the banquet Wednesday evening.
- The AAA is planning a *Christmas in November* event to present the 4 vans purchased for congregate meal site transportation in Wyandotte County. Bethel Neighborhood Center, Vernon Multi-Purpose Center, Victory Hills Baptist Church and Strangers Rest Baptist Church will be the recipients. The AAA is hoping to host dignitaries and have media presence at the event. More information will be provided at the next meeting.
- Linda reported that she has received some inquiries for the *Steppin' into the Classroom* program for grandparents. About 25 grandchildren being raised by their grandparents are expected to receive new sneakers through the program.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jamey Rodriguez shared with the group that Silver City Days will be held over the weekend, and all are welcome.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez

Recording Secretary