

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, September 27, 2023 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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SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

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
OCTOBER 25, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

**WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
*August 23, 2023***

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Carlen Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Susan McGinnis, Marc Potter, and Jamey Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Louise Lynch and Mary Mack.

ABSENT: Charles Williams.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Jamey Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:03am and had no opening remarks.

MINUTES: The July minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

➤ No concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

➤ Connie Harmon announced that excavation began last week on their new parking lot. The new lot will be gated and lit to hold their 31 fleet vehicles and was funded by a KDOT grant.

➤ The Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) Leisure & Learning Program staff will take 25 seniors on a kayaking trip to Perry Lake on August 28th. A trip to the New Theatre & Restaurant to see Dreamgirls is also scheduled for September 6th.

- All LCOA Medicare counselors have received their refresher training in August and are ready for Open Enrollment in October.
- The Human Services team is working with University of St. Mary physical therapy department and St. Luke's Hospital on a falls prevention event scheduled for September 22nd.
- The Leavenworth Council on Aging plans to relocate two of their congregate dining sites. Beginning October 2nd, the congregate site in Basehor will shift from Hickory Villas to Basehor United Methodist Church. In December, the Tonganoxie site will shift from the Florence Riford Senior Center to West Haven Baptist Church. Both new locations are larger spaces with large, accessible parking areas.
- A flu clinic will be held at the Council on Aging in conjunction with Walgreens on October 4th. Participants will be eligible to sign up for flu, pneumonia, RSV, and Shingles shots.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda announced that a successful Town Hall/Public Hearing was held on August 1st at Victory Hills Baptist Church. Several Representatives were on the agenda to speak along local Commissioners who attended. The event finished up with a Q/A session and lunch.
- Linda shared that the volume of assessments has went up as Medicaid income caps were raised. The Wyandotte office is currently in the process of hiring more contractors to assist with the influx of assessments. We've also noticed an increase in MOWs applications.
- Linda has been working on the *Steppin' Back Into the Classroom* project for grandparents. The budget has been set, the deadline to apply is September 15th. The plan is to purchase tennis shoes and hoodies.
- Linda announced that funds for Transportation and Legal Services have been exhausted. New funding for transportation will resume in October.

- The Area Agency on Aging will be opening a new meal site at the Armourdale Community Center this fall. The AAA will share its grand opening date when it has been set.
- The AAA is currently interviewing for a new Fiscal Officer. This comes as our Fiscal Officer was removed and placed at the Unified Government Transit Office in March 2023. Now, 6 months later, we have been given the green light to move forward with a replacement. Former Fiscal Officer, Deasiray Bush has been named Transportation Director for the Unified Government.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

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ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Ramirez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" and last name "Ramirez" clearly distinguishable.

Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary