

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, February 22, 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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FEBRUARY 22, 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

MARCH 22, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 25, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Louise Lynch, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Marc Potter, Jamey Rodriguez and Charles Williams.

EXCUSED: Camalla Leonhard.

ABSENT: Pam Blood.

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Susan McGinnis called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

MINUTES: The November 2022 minutes were mailed to members and were approved. No December meeting was held.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Susan McGinnis opened the meeting with a welcome and thanked all for being continuous members of the board.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

- Mary Mack shared that the ribbon cutting for the Leavenworth Council on Aging is coming soon.

Wyandotte County:

- Louise Lynch raised the concern of the handicap bathroom stalls at City Hall in Kansas City, Kansas. Ms. Lynch stated that when visiting the 9th floor at city hall, she was unable to get her motorized scooter into the bathroom stall and shared that concern with Misty Brown, Chief Legal Counsel.
- Discussion was raised regarding bed bugs and the future of the residents of Victory Hill Senior Living. Jamey Rodriguez shared that she is part of the committee for safe and healthy housing for seniors. Jamey also reported that the problem with bed bugs is throughout Wyandotte County and other senior living facilities. Ms. Lynch also mentioned that the seniors are afraid to speak out regarding the problem to management and Jamie agreed.

- Jamie Rodriguez reported that the corporate office for Victory Hills has submitted a comprehensive plan to rectify the bed bug problem and that plan is currently under review and waiting approval.
- Jammie Johnson asked who the organization is that monitors senior living facilities. She is at the assumption according to the discussion that Codes Enforcement would be the organization.
- Louise Lynch also made mention that she is working to get BPU to be more lenient to the senior and disabled population regarding cut offs for late payments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- No Directors report was given in Connie's absence.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report in Ruth's absence.

- Linda reported that the wait list for both Senior Care Act (SCA) and Older Americans Act (OAA) remains. No waiting for service under the Title III-E Caregiver Program.
- Linda shared that the director, Ruth Jones is planning an in-service for Advisory Council Members. This in-service program will be planned to teach council members how to be better advocates for seniors. This training is expected to happen in March or April of this year.
- Linda announced that the wait is over! The Older Americans Month Celebration (Sock Hop) is coming back this year and will be held on May 25, 2023 at the George Meyn Community Center, 11am-2pm. All advisory council members are encouraged to attend.
- The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will have a table at the Sock Hop to allow for recruitment to the Areawide Advisory Council and Silver Haired Legislators.

- Older Kansans Day is scheduled for February 15, 2023. Seniors from across the State converge on the capitol and discuss pre-determined issues set forth by the Kansas Area Agencies on Aging. If interested, you should contact Linda at the AAA office.
- As a reminder, WyCo seniors have until March 31st to apply for the Senior Citizens Utility Tax Rebates. Each senior must meet the program guidelines to apply.
- Linda informed the advisory council that after losing a staff member in December 2022 and the other position had been vacant for so long; the Area Agency on Aging is happy to announce that both Information & Assistance positions have been filled.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A list of Commissioners with no appointment was requested, Linda announced that she will email the listing to the council.
- Susan McGinnis opened the floor to nominations for Chair and Co-Chair this new year. Jamey Rodriguez was nominated by Jammie Johnson at the Chair, the council voted at Jamey Rodriguez has been elected as the Chairperson representing Wyandotte County.
- Susan McGinnis opened the floor to nominations for Co-Chair. Jammie Johnson nominated Charles Williams. Mr. Williams graciously declined. Anita Krondak was then nominated, the council voted, and Ms. Krondak was elected the Co-Chair representing Leavenworth Council.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary