

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, April 26, 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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APRIL 26, 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

MAY 24, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 22, 2023

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

EXCUSED: Charles Williams.

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 10:05am.

MINUTES: No February minutes were sent as the February meeting was cancelled.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** No opening remarks were made.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ None.

Wyandotte County:

➤ Jamey Rodriguez asked the council to approve a letter be written on their behalf to those Wyandotte County commissioners who have vacant positions on the council encouraging them to appoint someone to those positions. The council voted to allow her to compile the letter. Jamey will send the letter to Linda Ramirez for distribution and the council members will vote at the April meeting for approval as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

➤ Connie Harmon announced that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) is now in their new building and fully open to the public. The LCOA are seeing record numbers of attendance at their activities and events.

- Connie shared that their Nutrition team is delivering meals with their local city officials in honor of *March for Meals*.
- The Public Hearing for Leavenworth County will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:30pm at the new LCOA location (711 Marshall Street in Leavenworth, KS).
- Connie announced that the LCOA will host their Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 21, 2023. They will host their luncheon at their location and have over 100 volunteers to that will be recognized.
- Based on community feedback, the LCOA launched a new trip series called B.L.A.S.T. It stands for *Bucket List Adventure Series Trips*. This group will be going zip lining in May.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda reported that the wait list for both Senior Care Act (SCA) and Older Americans Act (OAA) Programs remain. No waiting for service under the Title III-E Caregiver Program.
- Linda reminded the council that an in-service for Advisory Council Members is still being planned, no date has been set. The in-service program will be held to teach council members how to be better advocates for seniors.
- The Older Americans Month Celebration (Sock Hop) is scheduled for May 25, 2023 at the George Meyn Community Center, 11am-2pm.
- Linda mentioned that the Older Kansans Day trip to Topeka was a success and that two of the "talking points" have moved forward with hearings at the Capitol.
- Linda shared that a *Senior Resource Day* sponsored by the Unified Government is scheduled for Friday, March 31st. This is the last day to apply for the Senior Citizens Utility Tax Rebates. The Area Agency on Aging will be at the event and provide information by hosting a table.

- The Area Agency on Aging will host their *March for Meals* event on Thursday, March 23, 2023. The event will be held at Strangers Rest Baptist Church, 11am – 12pm. Mayor Tyrone Garner and the Regional Director of the US Department of Health & Human Services are expected to be in attendance.
- The Public Hearing for Wyandotte County will be held on April 4th at the West Wyandotte Library, 10am – 12pm. These meetings are required by the State through our Area Plan that is submitted annually.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jamey Rodriguez shared an upcoming PACE event scheduled for April 15, 2023. The event will be held at the PACE Center and will show the importance of getting Legal documents in place.
- Linda Ramirez did announce and welcome three new members to the council who were in attendance, Carlen Davis, Denise Bias and Cindy Hopewell. Linda also mentioned that Camalla Leonhard had resigned.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Ramirez', written over a horizontal line.

Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary