

WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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Dear Advisory Council Member:

Enclosed you will find your copy of the minutes from the May 24, 2023 meeting. The June meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 10:00 am has been **CANCELLED**.

The July meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023. You will be notified by both email and a mailed notification prior to that date.

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

May 24, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Carlen Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jammie Johnson, Mary Mack, Marc Potter, and Jamey Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Anita Krondak, Louise Lynch, Susan McGinnis and Charles Williams.

ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Linda Ramirez called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

MINUTES: The April minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

➤ No concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon said she is looking forward to meeting everyone from the Area Agency on Aging tomorrow at the Sock Hop event. The Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) will be bringing a bus load of 20.
- The LCOA is officially relaunching their Intergenerational Program in June. *Generations Reaching Across New Days* will have a new look and feel. The first event will be held on June 30th with an "outdoor day" from 9am – 11am offering crafts, table games, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, relay races and possibly a small scavenger hunt. Anyone 3+ is welcome.
- Connie shared that the LCOA staff is working with the KU Osher Program to secure a 3-part Continuing Education class for the Fall Semester in November. The 3-week class, *Why Are We Here?* Will provide an introduction to Philosophy and is offered for non-degree seeking individuals.

- The Human Services staff are working on preparations for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15th. The event will include a brunch and panel discussion with 4 local experts.
- The LCOA staff is also expanding their health series to include a workshop on foot care, *Don't Forget Your Feet*.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda shared a "Thank You" to those council members who attended the Older Kansans Day at the Capitol in Topeka (back in February). Two of the issues that were discussed with the Legislators actually passed.
 - **Statutory tax-exempt status for Kansas AAAs.** Although this status does not affect the Wy/Lv AAA and 2 other PSAs, it does affect 8 others across the State.
 - **Nutrition Services for Older Adults.** The Nutrition budget across the State was increased by 3 million dollars. A special thank you was shared for Senator Pettey for bringing this back to the forefront.
- Linda reminded everyone that the Sock Hop event is tomorrow, May 25th at the George Meyn Community Center, 11am – 2pm. Linda asked that anyone who is able to come and assist, please join us.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cindy Hopewell made the comment that she is looking forward to meeting everyone at the event and is looking forward to making a difference by being a part of the advisory council.

NEXT MEETING:

The June meeting has been cancelled.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary