

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 24, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person at the Leavenworth Council on Aging located at 711 Marshall St, Suite 100, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048.

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 24, 2024

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 22, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 27, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Jacqueline Browne, Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, Jamey Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Denise Dias.

ABSENT: Kim Weaver and Charles Williams.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Zee Bishop, Unified Governments Legal Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER: Jessica Pontbriant called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

MINUTES: The February meeting minutes were approved as written.

CHAIRMAN

COMMENTS: Chairman had no comments.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ No council concerns.

Wyandotte County:

➤ Pam Blood thanked Linda Ramirez for providing the packet of information sent through the mail.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

➤ Connie shared that April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and the Council on Aging has 180 active volunteers. They will honor their 14 VITA tax volunteers with a luncheon on April 5th and anticipate having 100 Meals on Wheels volunteers at a luncheon scheduled for April 19th.

- The Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) has scheduled their Public Hearing for April 17th at 1:30pm. The public is invited to attend the event at their location.
- The LCOA will be hosting a *Positive Aging Resource Fair* in their building in recognition of Older Americans Month. This year's theme is *Powered by Connection* and 21 vendors will have booths throughout the building. The public is welcome to attend.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report.

- Linda announced the first public hearing is scheduled for April 23rd, 10am at Armourdale Community Center.
- Linda shared that the Area Agency on Aging continues in talks regarding the delivery of Meals on Wheels. In the meanwhile, Mom's Meals will be the provider as those meals are shipped directly to the recipients. This costs the AAA \$60,000 per month and is not sustainable for the long term.
- The Area Agency on Aging is participating in the campaign for the *Community for All Ages*. KC Communities for all Ages is an initiative to increase awareness of the impact of a growing older population.
- The Area Agency on Aging applied for the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) grant. A "thank you" was given to Connie Harmon, LvCo Director for her letter of support.
- The Senior Care Act program currently has funding. The AAA is currently addressing the waitlist. The new State FY '25 starts July 1, 2024.
- The deadline to apply for the Utility & Sales Tax is July 15th. Linda will continue with scheduling appointments.
- The 50th Anniversary and Birthday of the Area Agencies on Aging is May 10th. A celebration is scheduled in Topeka. Some of the Wyandotte County AAA staff plan on attending.

- The Area Agency on Aging participated in the UGs Homeowners Resource Fair. The event was well attended and many seniors visited the table with their of questions.
- The AAA hosted its March for Meals event on March 8th at the newest congregate meal site, Armourdale Community Center.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Linda Ramirez reminded all in attendance that she has only received a few *Conflict of Interest* and *Communications/Correspondence* forms. She asks everyone to send in their completed forms.
- Linda also mentioned that the April advisory council meeting will be held "in-person" at the Leavenworth Council on Aging office.


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ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:38am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary