

# WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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September 5, 2024

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held in person on Wednesday, **September 25, 2024**, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the *Wyandotte County Research & Extension Office* located at 1216 N 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66112 (in the Wildcat Room).

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 the Area Agency on Aging at 913-573-8531.

Respectfully,



Linda Ramirez  
Advisory Council Liaison

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Enclosures

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## AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

SEPTEMBER 25, 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

OCTOBER 23, 2024

*In Person – K-State Extension Office*

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

*August 28, 2024*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Jacqueline Brown, Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Jessica Pontbriant, Jamey Rodriguez and Kim Weaver.

EXCUSED: Mary Mack and Susan McGinnis

ABSENT: None.

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** No guests were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jessica Pontbriant, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**MINUTES:** The May meeting minutes were approved as written. The June minutes will be sent and distributed to members.

**CHAIRMAN  
COMMENTS:** Jessica welcomed Linda Ramirez back from medical leave.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:  
None.

Wyandotte County:  
None.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon, Director announced that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) is having to raise the cost of the Meals on Wheels donation from \$2.00 to \$3.00. The cost of the meals has not had to be increased in 15 years and is now costing their county about \$11.50 per meal. After notifying the participants of the cost increase, the LCOA received about \$13,500 in donations from their community members.

- The LCOA in collaboration with Walgreens, will be providing vaccinations on September 19<sup>th</sup> that will include flu, pneumonia, shingles and hopefully the new Covid vaccine.
- The LCOA is working with St. Luke's Hospital on a *Social Isolation Group*, a group open to all ages who are military services members, older adults or those who self-report as being isolated. The LCOA will receive referrals from the hospital.
- The LCOA will be escorting a group of 20 seniors to attend the NASCAR Experience and have lunch at Famous Daves.

#### Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the following Director's report for Wyandotte County

- Linda shared the following:
  - The OAA State Plan on Aging Listening **Tour** – Thursday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am –11:00am, Neighborhood Resource Center, 4953 State Avenue. The listening tour will provide the opportunity for older Kansans to share their suggestions, needs, comments and feedback regarding OAA services. Your participation is invaluable and will be used to develop the upcoming State Plan on Aging.
  - The Town Hall/Public Hearing was held on August 8th at the Victory Hills Baptist Church, in conjunction with the Shepherds Center and the local Silver Haired Legislature. The event was attended about 100 citizens and several Dignitaries. Representatives Melissa Oropeza, Pam Curtis, Tim Johnson and UG Commissioners Burroughs, Bynum, Stites and Hill. Topics of discussion were Voter Suppression, Medicaid Expansion, the Expansion of Grandparents as Caregivers. Local topics included: the UGs Revenue Neutral (Burroughs), local rebates (Utility Tax Rebates, Sales Tax Rebates (Bynum), Kansas Homestead filings, the elimination of the BPU Pilot Fee), and Economic Development (Stites).
  - The Kansas Department for Aging & Disabilities is opening a RFP for HCBS Assessments. The ADRC currently completes an average of about 250 monthly and will also be applying for the RFP to continue providing that service.

- SHL held their Planning Meeting in July. From that, the following issues will be discussed at the Annual Session to be held October 8-10 in Topeka, Kansas. Those issues: Medicaid Expansion, SCA Funding, KDOT Senior Transportation, Medical Cannabis, KPERS adjustment to eliminate segment 3 and move to 2.
- The Area Agency on Aging Bi-Monthly Newsletter (*The Communicator*) is now available in the Kansas Talking Books Library. Kansas Talking Books is a FREE library service providing Audio Books & Magazines, Braille books, Digital Talking Book Machines, and Descriptive DVDs & Videos. These services are available to any Kansas resident with a temporary or permanent visual or physical impairment, or a reading disability. Their collection of books and magazines contain a variety of genres and subjects with tens of thousands of books and magazines available for all ages.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- There was no other business announced.

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**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez, Recording Secretary