

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 26, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually, and the meeting notification/link will be sent to the email on file.

Excused absence requests should be made at least 24 hours prior to the meeting date to ensure 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

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FEBRUARY 26, 2025

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 26, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 25, 2024

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Mary Mack, Jessica Pontbriant and Jamey Johnson.
- EXCUSED: Anita Krondak and Susan McGinnis.
- ABSENT: Jacqueline Browne and Kim Weaver.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Connie Harmon, Jessica Pontbriant and Linda Ramirez.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** None.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jammie Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
- MINUTES:** The October 2024 meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Jammie Johnson thanked Jessica Pontbriant for chairing the meetings in 2024 and thanked those who voted to entrust her to lead the group for 2025.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:
- Jessica Pontbriant shared that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) office has seen an increase of calls regarding scams. She also mentioned that the LCOA is interested in bringing the same series of classes that the Wyandotte Aging office hosted last year.
 - Pam Blood mentioned that the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office has some really good information and resources as it pertains to scams.
- Wyandotte County:
- Jammie Johnson shared on her social media pages that she is part of the Areawide Advisory Council back in November 2024. She shared that a lot of the concerns from her constituents were about the following: affordable housing, free senior transportation, caregiver support groups, home repairs for caregivers and Alzheimer's concerns. Linda Ramirez shared that the Area Agency on Aging has just received funding to assist caregivers with caring for those with Alzheimer disease.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie reported that the LCOA will begin hosting a Dementia Support Group on the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:00pm. The support group will be facilitated by Novus Life Care.
- Connie shared that the Deeper Window Association is a resource for people to call regarding services for Alzheimer and other dementias as well as for caregiver respite. This organization also offers a caregiver support group with respite activities for the individual with dementia.
- The LCOA is offering a Financial Resource Workshop on February 3rd from 9am – 3pm. The workshop will provide participants with tips on how to make their money work harder and to get information on programs that can help stretch their budgets. Lunch will be provided, and seating is limited to 35 participants.
- K-State Extension is hosting a four-part *Dining with Diabetes* series at the LCOA each Tuesday in February from 10am – 12pm. Participants must pre-register, and there is a \$25 fee to participate. This program is designed especially for people with Type 2 diabetes and will help them learn the skills needed to promote good health.

Wyandotte:

No Director's report, as Ruth Jones had a meeting with the Kansas Department for Aging & Disabilities to go over the Governor's State Plan.

- Linda shared that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has opened a new congregate meal site. The new site opened November 1, 2025 at the Turner Community Center.
- The Area Agency on Aging has now hired a Meals on Wheels Coordinator. Her name is Aalayah Norwood.
- The hope for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Home Delivered Meals will happen by March 2025.
- Linda Ramirez is assisting the Unified Government Clerk's office with the filing of Utility and Sales Tax Rebates.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held regarding the two "in-person" advisory council meetings for 2025. It was decided and voted that the two meetings will be held March (in Leavenworth County) and September (in Wyandotte County).
- Jamey Rodriguez suggested having speakers at the advisory council meetings regarding Estate Planning.


NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Ramirez", written in a cursive style.

Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary