

WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council scheduled for July 24, 2024 has been cancelled.

Areawide Advisory Council meetings will resume virtually August 28, 2024 at 10am.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact the Area Agency on Aging at 913-573-8531.

Respectfully,

The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 26, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carlen Davis, Denise Dias, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, and Jessica Pontbriant.

EXCUSED: Barbara Ikerd, Pam Blood, Jammie Johnson and Cindy Hopewell.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Browne, Sharon Davis, Jason Hussey, Jamey Rodriguez and Kim Weaver.

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Pontbriant.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dawn Owens.

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

MINUTES: The May meeting minutes were approved as written.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Chuck Williams, a long-time Advisory Council member from Leavenworth, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2024. There was a visitation for Chuck on Thursday, June 13th. He will be buried with full military honors as his family's cemetery in Williamston, NC in August.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:
None.

Wyandotte County:
None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- All Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) staff participated in hour-long S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention Training through the VA in June. In addition to receiving information about the Veterans Crisis Line, the LCOA also received free gun locks to have available at our front desk for anyone who needs them.

- The Human Services team conducted a *Finish the Sentence* campaign to support World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th. We compiled photos/videos of community members, leaders, and business owners finishing the sentence, "Everyone at every age can stand up to elder abuse..." to create a video to share on social media
- The LCOA in conjunction with *The Escorts Motorcycle Club* held our 3rd Annual Poker Run on Saturday, June 15th from 11am – 4pm. All funds raised support the Senior Express Transportation Program.
- The LCOA has scheduled a *Pedicures for Paws* FUNDRAISER FOR THE Pets and Loving Seniors (PALS) program. *Bad to the Bone Grooming* will be providing dog nail trims to the public in the LCOA parking lot on Saturday, June 29th from 1pm – 4pm. The \$10 suggested donation for the nail trim will be donated back to support the PALS program.
- Senior Day at the Leavenworth County Fair will be held on Friday, August 2nd from 10am – 12:30pm and will feature musical entertainment by Josh Bounds, bingo, free lunch and prizes for those 50+. Join us under the big top at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie.

Wyandotte:

- There was no Director's Report available.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ramirez for Jessica Pontbriant, Chairperson in the absence of Linda Ramirez Secretary.