

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, **June 26, 2024** 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 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

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JUNE 26, 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

July 24, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 22, 2024

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, and Jamey Rodriguez.
- EXCUSED: Pam Blood and Anita Krondak.
- ABSENT: Jacqueline Browne, Carlen Davis, Kim Weaver, and Charles Williams.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Connie Harmon, Ruth Jones, Jessica Pontbriant and Linda Ramirez.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** SueZanne Bishop, UG Legal Counsel.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jessica Pontbriant, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
- MINUTES:** The April meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Jessica thanked Jamie Rodriguez for conducting the April meeting in her absence.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:
None.
- Wyandotte County:
None.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Leavenworth:
- Connie Harmon, Director shared that the *Positive Aging Resource Fair* that was held on May 2nd was an overwhelming success. Over 100 participants enjoyed a delicious lunch, won fabulous prizes and received important health information from over 20 vendors.
 - Connie announced that the Council on Aging (COA) has made several changes to their exercise classes.
 - Mondays: *Walk for Health* becomes **Move and Groove** at 10am.

- Wednesdays and Fridays: *Chairside Exercise* becomes **Chairside Yoga** and *Move It or Lose It* becomes **Vita Band Exercise**. In June, a second Chairside Yoga class at 10:30am will be added due to the large number of participants.
- The Council on Aging staff will be participating in SAVE training with the VA for the prevention of veteran and older adult suicide. The class will allow staff an opportunity to learn how to respond when someone is in crisis. They also partner with the VA to hand out gun locks at no cost to those who need them as part of this program.
- **Grants:**
 - The COA received a grant totaling \$1000 from the Fort Leavenworth Spouses Club to support the purchase of incontinence supplies.
 - Staff completed an application for \$2,100 Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) grant to help subsidize the purchase of essential nutritional supplements for residents undergoing life-sustaining medical treatments such as dialysis and chemotherapy, those on a medically tailored diet and for the purchase of incontinent supplies.
 - The COA has been invited to apply for the Meals on Wheels Loves Pets grant. \$15,000 was requested to serve 35 additional pets of newly added homebound MOWs participants.
 - The COA applied for a Meals on Wheels Meeting Unmet Needs grant. \$25,000 was requested to clear their current wait list of 14 participants.
 - The COA is currently working on an IRA grant to support their VITA tax program.
- **Events:**
 - The Annual Poker Run with the Escorts Motorcycle Club will be held Saturday, June 15th from 11am – 4pm. Staff also ordered shirts in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
 - *Pedicures for Paws* fundraiser for the PALS program – *Bad to the Bone Grooming* will be providing pet nail trims to the public in the COA 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.

Wyandotte:

Ruth Jones, Director provided the Director's report.

- Ruth announced that the staff is diligently to put the final touches on the Older Americans Month Celebration (Sock Hop). All are encouraged to attend.
- The Area Agency on Aging closed its office on May 10, 2024, 1-5pm so that the staff could share in the 50th Anniversary of the Area Agencies on Aging in Topeka.
- Senior Farmer's Market distribution will begin Monday, June 3rd at 9am. No appointments are needed.
- The Area Agency on Aging in collaboration with the Shepherds Center and the Silver Haired Legislators will be hosting a Town Hall/Public Hearing. The event will be held on August 8th from 10am to 1pm Victory Hills Baptist Church.
- All MOWs clients (300+) are now receiving meals under the new vendor, *Moms Meals*.
- The Vernon Multi-Purpose Center is the site of a new PILOT program that will allow seniors an opportunity to learn, maneuver through, and access nutrition education on an iPad. The IPads can be checked out but cannot be taken from the facility. The AAA hopes to expand this program.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Linda Ramirez announced that she will be out on FMLA until about July 14, 2024. Jessica Pontbriant, Chair plans to coordinate the June meeting with the others.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez, Recording Secretary