

# WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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December 3, 2023

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, **January 24, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually, and the meeting notification/link will be sent to the email I have 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 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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JANUARY 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

February 28, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
*November 15, 2023*

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Carlen Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jammie Johnson, Mary Mack, Jason Hussey and Jamey Rodriguez.
- EXCUSED: Susan McGinnis and Charles Williams.
- ABSENT: Anita Krondak and Louise Lynch.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Wendy Green, Unified Government Legal Department.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jamey Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Jamey said that she enjoyed serving as Chair this past year and thanked everyone for their trust in her.
- MINUTES:** The October meeting minutes were approved as written.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** There were none.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:
- No concerns.
- Wyandotte County:
- Jammie Johnson announced that she attended an event at the Vernon Center. She shared that they had indeed applied for grant funding but were denied as their application was missing some items. The Vernon Center will apply again for grant funding.
  - Pam Blood asked what vendor provides meals for the Meals on Wheels program. Linda said that Guadalupe Centers provides the “hot” delivered meals and provides the meals at the congregate meal sites.
- DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Leavenworth:
- Connie Harmon shared that the Meals on Wheels Annual Fundraising event raised \$42,000. The event will assist about 21,000 seniors with their donation for meals.

- Connie announced that the Assistant Director, Scarlett Ross will be retiring in February 2024.
- Connie reminded the group that the Legislative Breakfast will be held (tomorrow) November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Leavenworth Council on Aging is planning to fill over 400 stockings for Christmas.

Wyandotte:

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

- Linda announced that Ruth is attending a Federal Region 7 Conference which includes AAAs from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. They are discussing the re-authorization of the Older Americans Act which will be up in 2024. Discussions will include how to advocate for increased funding, as it has remained flat for the last 30 years while the number of seniors has skyrocketed.
- Linda shared that the Wyandotte office has now hired a CARE Coordinator. Brenda Bottello will begin work with the AAA on November 25<sup>th</sup>. CARE (Client Assessment Referral and Evaluation) assessments are required for all Kansans entering a nursing facility.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Linda Ramirez reminded those present to think about their nominations for the Chair (LvCo) and Co-Chair (WyCo) for 2024.

Linda asked if everyone is receiving the bi-monthly publication from the Area Agency on Aging. Jammie Johnson, Pam Blood, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Denise Dias and Carlen Davis all need to be added to the emailing list.

**NEXT MEETING:**

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

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:32am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez  
Recording Secretary