

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, March 26, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held **in person** at the Leavenworth Council on Aging located at **711 Marshall Street, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048**.

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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MARCH 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

APRIL 23, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 26, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline Browne, Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, Jamey Rodriguez, and Kim Weaver.

EXCUSED: Pam Blood.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Jones, 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 January 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Jammie Johnson thanked everyone for attending.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

- No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

- Jammie Johnson asked the question if anyone knows where the shelters are located for seniors should a disaster happen. Linda Ramirez stated that the Area Agency on Aging has two staff members that are associated with the Emergency Management Team for the Unified Government. Should a disaster arise, the Area Agency on Aging will be notified where to notify the seniors in the area.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie reported that unfortunately, the weather has impacted services and attendance at many scheduled February activities. Those activities that could be rescheduled were, but the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) have missed seeing many clients over the past couple of weeks.

- Connie shared that 3-meal shelf stable boxes were delivered to all Meals on Wheels participants in January and February and were particularly helpful during the suspension of meal deliveries due to inclement weather conditions.
- Beginning next week, the LCOA will add a yoga class on Mondays at 8:30am to satisfy the growing number of suggestions they've received to add another class. Classes are now being held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- Due to increased liability concerns, the LCOA will no longer offer Medical Attendant Services with staff beginning March 1, 2025. As always, clients can continue to utilize the transportation service and have their own caregiver/friend/family member ride with them to their appointments at no charge.
- The LCOA is monitoring very carefully the federal funding environment in Washington D.C. One of their federal grants was recently paused indefinitely due to the funding freeze. The LCOA staff submitted 8 local grant applications in February to support Senior Express Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Heart to Heart Transportation, and the purchase of nutritional supplements and incontinent supplies to support Leavenworth County residents.
- The Leavenworth Public Hearing is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th at 1:30p. This date will more than likely be rescheduled so that the date will be aligned with the State's findings to allow time for public comment. Linda will share the new date when it becomes available.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the director's report for Ruth Jones.

- Linda shared that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has scheduled their Public Hearings for 2025.
 - **March 4, 2025** – Turner Community Center
667 S 55th Street, Kansas City, KS 66106 (10a – 12p)
 - **March 20, 2025** – Victory Hills Baptist Church
2010 N 66th Terrace, Kansas City, KS (10a – 12p)
- Linda announced that the Wyandotte County Aging office is moving toward an electronic signature process. *DocuSign* will be a crucial part of programming and will allow the AAA to stay in line with updates from the State.
- Linda also shared information about the Senior Resource Fair hosted by 8th District Commissioner Andrew Davis on Friday, March 28th, 9am – 11am.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held regarding next month's in-person advisory council meeting. Jessica Pontbriant was unsure if the KDHE, KanCare Representative would be available to speak at the meeting. Jammie Johnson suggested that Jamey Johnson could speak to their staff to use as back-up if the speaker is not available. Jamey agreed.
- Jammie Johnson shared that she had a Caregiver speaking engagement where she had over 40 caregivers from across the state in attendance. She said that thanks to Gwendolyn Jones (AAA staff member), she was able to provide several pieces of information as it regards to services that the AAA is able to provide. Ruth Jones, Director thanked Jammie for sharing the information.
- Cindy Hopewell shared that her husband was temporarily placed on the Meals on Wheels program. She wanted to share that Moms Meals (the current vendor) provides delicious meals.

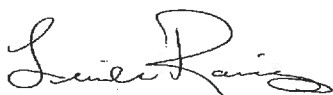
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ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:23am.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary