

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, August 27, 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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AUGUST 27, 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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 23, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, Jason Hussey, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, and Jessica Pontbriant.

EXCUSED: Denise Dias and Jamey Rodriguez.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Browne, Cindy Hopewell, Barbara Ikerd, and Kim Weaver.

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: J. Scott O'Mara, Eligibility Operations Field Specialist, Kansas Department of Health & Environment (Leavenworth County) and SueZanne Bishop, Senior Counsel, Unified Government.

CALL TO ORDER: Jammie Johnson called the meeting to order at 10am.

MINUTES: The June minutes were approved with one correction. The "next meeting" date should have read July 23, 2025, instead of August 27, 2025.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Jammie Johnson welcomed all to the meeting and announced that there will be a guest speaker, J. Scott O'Mara from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ None.

Wyandotte County:

➤ None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

Jessica Pontbriant provided the Director's Report in the absence of Connie Harmon.

➤ Jessica reported that Connie is attending a work session with the Leavenworth County Board of Commissioners to address the growing demand and waitlist for Meals on Wheels in Leavenworth County.

- The Council on Aging will host their annual *Senior Day at the Fair* on Friday, August 1st from 10am – 12pm at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Entertainment will be provided by a local band, *The Kitchen Table Trio*. Participants will receive a free lunch sponsored by First Bank and Trust of Basehor and Cereal Ingredient, Inc. Participants will also play bingo and will be entered to win raffle prizes.
- The Council on Aging will be hosting its Annual Meals on Wheels fundraiser on Saturday, August 16 from 5p-9pm. This year's theme will be *Dancing Through the Decades* and will feature music and dancing from the 50's to today. Attendees are encouraged to dress in the decade of their choice. There will be a live auction, wine and bourbon pull, an Adopt-a-Heart booth and Sweet Shoppe to raise money to support the county's Meals on Wheels Program.

Wyandotte:

Linda Ramirez provided the Director's report in the absence of Ruth Jones.

- Linda reported that the Farmers Market Voucher distribution began in Wyandotte County on July 14th. All 220 vouchers were distributed in 3 ½ hours. The number of vouchers this year is down from the 600 vouchers that were given by the State in 2024.
- The Request for Proposals (RFP) to select vendor contracts date has been set. The RFP will take place in the Community Room adjacent to the Aging office on July 31st. The voting committee has been confirmed and selected.
- The Area Agency on Aging currently has 2 staff members in Chicago attending the National USAging Conference. One staff member will be attending the Meals on Wheels conference in August. These conferences and training are paid for with CORE funding. As a reminder, CORE funding is for Administration costs and cannot be used to provide service for our customers.
- The Area Agency on Aging plans to distribute Shelf Stable meal boxes for all Nutrition participants in preparation for impending inclement weather, UG Holiday Closures, etc. The AAA is currently working on getting the contracts in place with the vendors.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Guest Speaker, J. Scott O'Mara, KDHE Eligibility Specialist spoke to the group about *Reviews* for Kansas Medicaid (KanCare). Mr. O'Mara discussed the importance of responding to communications coming from KDHE and that customers should submit their reviews timely. KDHE is no longer simply re-instating the benefit. Should KDHE receive a customer's review after the expiration date, the customer's application will be treated as a new application and the process will begin all over again.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Ramirez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary