

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, September 24, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person at the K-State Extension Office located at 1216 N 79th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66112. A reminder 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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SEPTEMBER 24, 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

OCTOBER 22, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
August 27, 2025

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Jacqueline Browne, Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, and Jamey Rodriguez.
EXCUSED: Cindy Hopewell.
ABSENT: Kim Weaver.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Ruth Jones, Connie Harmon.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Kilini Lankachardoa and SueZanne Bishop, Senior Counsel, Unified Government.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jammie Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
- MINUTES:** The July minutes were approved as written.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Jammie Johnson opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence in honor of the recent fallen officer of the KCKPD, Hunter Simoncic.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:
- None.
- Wyandotte County:
- None.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Leavenworth:
Connie Harmon provided the following Director's Report.
- This year's ***Senior Day at the Fair*** event was held on August 1st at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds and featured *The Kitchen Table Trio* as musical entertainment. First State Bank & Trust in Basehor and Cereal Ingredient, Inc sponsored the lunch again this year. Participants played bingo for prizes.
 - This year's ***Meals on Wheels Dancing Through the Decades Benefit*** was held on Saturday, August 16th at the Riverfront Community Center. The Council on Aging (COA) raised approximately \$53K to support meals for those who are unable to pay the requested \$3 donation per meal.

- The COA's *Friendly Visitor Program* will launch on September 1st.
 - The program pairs volunteers with homebound seniors to provide social connection. Through regular home visits and/or phone calls, volunteers help reduce loneliness and social isolation felt by many seniors in the community.
 - Participants must reside in Leavenworth County and be age 60+ or disabled. Volunteers can make home visits or phone calls. When only phone visits are preferred, a homebound senior can be an ideal volunteer. All *Friendly Visitor Program* volunteers must be able to pass a criminal background check.
 - More information on becoming a volunteer or participant can be obtained by contacting Amybeth Richarson, Friendly Visitor Program Coordinator.
- The COA will again host a vaccination clinic with Walgreens at the COA on September 19th from 10am – 1pm. Flu, pneumonia, COVID and shingles vaccinations will be available.

Wyandotte:

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

- Linda announced a new program in Wyandotte County. *Senior Impact Series* was created by our Information & Referral Department to bring in speakers with subject matter that impacts seniors' lives. Events will be held once a month in the Community Room adjacent to our office. Linda mentioned the next events scheduled for September 25th with speakers, Alexandria Ortega of Oak Street Health, Jeff Miles of Public Works, and Nik Moreno of BPU (Board of Public Utilities). The October 23rd event will feature Sheriff Daniel Soptic, District Attorney Mark Dupree and Major William Wallace of KCKPD.
- Linda shared that the RFP for Nutrition services is now complete. *Trio, Inc.* was selected as the provider for the Meals on Wheels Program. It was shared that Trio Inc has a kitchen in Johnson County and includes delivery in their meal rate.
- The Area Agency on Aging is finalizing the Area Plan for 2026. The goal is to submit the Area Plan by the end of the week.

- Ruth Jones, Director, attended a meeting regarding the changes to our Field Service Manual.
- Unified Government Legal department is currently working on the contract with the Leavenworth Council on Aging to provide services to Leavenworth County seniors.
- The Silver Haired Legislature met on July 30th in Salina, Kansas. They have elected a new Chair for the Wyandotte/Leavenworth delegation. Sherri Grogan has been selected and is also serving as the 1st Vice President. Their Annual Session is scheduled for October 7th, 8th, & 9th.
- The Wyandotte County office will continue its *Medicare Basics Presentations*. Currently there are 3 sessions scheduled. Two at the Bonner Springs Senior Center and one at the Bonner Springs Library.
- Linda shared that the Unified Government Employee Appreciation will be held during the week of September 15-19. Activities include a visit from the County Administrator, daily quizzes for prizes, and normally ends with an employee picnic downtown on Friday with lunch, music and fun.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jamey Rodriguez shared that a founding partner (at Stockton & Kandt, LLC has offered to provide regular information planning sessions to seniors.
- Jammie Johnson again encouraged all members to reach out to their commissioner regarding senior services and concerns.

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ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Ramirez,
Recording Secretary