

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, October 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually, and 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.

Sincerely,



Linda Ramirez
Advisory Council Liaison

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AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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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

NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Unless voted to reschedule or postpone

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Thomas Gordon, Anita Krondak, Susan McGinnis, Deloris Pinkard, and Marc Potter.

EXCUSED: Camalla Leonhard, Mary Mack, Tina Medina and Charles Williams.

ABSENT: Dolores Elliott and Susan White.

Linda Ramirez announced that Natalie Barge, WyCo has resigned from the Advisory Council.

STAFF PRESENT: Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Thomas Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

MINUTES: Correction: The July minutes should have reflected the following correction. Susan White was not present at the July meeting.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:**

Mr. Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed that he hopes the council will have a healthy and informational fall season.

Mr. Gordon also mentioned that local elections are coming soon, and the council may see some changes in appointments as the elected officials may change. He announced that he will still be in support of the members and the council should he be replaced in the future.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:
No concerns.

Wyandotte County:

- Thomas Gordon suggests that the council initiate conversation within the community to learn of senior concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon announced that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) kicked off their fall prevention campaign in honor of Fall Prevention Week. The campaign can be viewed on multiple web platforms including Facebook, through emails and on the Leavenworth County website.
- Connie shared that the LCOA held its first public hearing under her realm. The hearing provided feedback, information and allowed its participants to ask questions regarding services in Leavenworth County.
- Connie mentioned that the LCOA will be hosting its 15th Annual Meals on Wheels Benefit on October 1st. The event will be held at the Church of the Open Door in Leavenworth County.
- Connie shared that LCOA has three SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counselors for Kansans) Counselors. They are currently taking appointments for those counseling sessions. Medicare Open Enrollment is from October 15 to Dec 7th.
- The LCOA will be hosting a Flu and Pneumonia shot clinic on November 14th.

Wyandotte:

The director's report was presented by Linda Ramirez in Ruth Jones' absence.

- Linda recalled from the August meeting; the announcement was made that PSA-01 received an increase in Senior Care Act (SCA) funding. Linda announced that according to the IM 2021-06, our SCA allocation was reduced by approximately 18K.
- Linda shared that the *Tele Access for Seniors* position is still open. The AAA has one applicant so far and would like to see more. Linda Ramirez will send the link for applicant details to the council members.

- Linda announced that funding is still available for the Battling Isolation Program. Battling Isolation is a program that keeps seniors connected. It can assist with reconnecting disconnected phones and/or internet services for those 60 years of age and older, living in Wyandotte County.
- Linda announced that all congregate meal sites will open in Wyandotte County on October 1st, except for Strangers Rest Baptist Church. That location has chosen to remain closed due to the pandemic. The openings will include the new congregate meal site at Victory Hills Baptist Church which will also include free group exercise three days a week through the Enhanced Fitness Program.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Thomas Gordon suggests that the directors of each county send the "bullet points" of the meeting announcements electronically. Mr. Gordon says that it would be easier to refer to those notes while out in the community. Linda Ramirez said that while that information is being shared with the council, some of the information shouldn't be in a format where it can be "forwarded" to others in the community. Dr. Pinkard understood the concern and thought the council may be able to determine another way in which the information can be shared.

Discussion regarding emergency information in a senior's home brought conversation regarding the "Red Folder" program. Mr. Gordon suggested the program be brought back. Ms. Blood stated that the Shephard Center has a "vial" program that sounds like it is the same. Ms. Blood will send Linda Ramirez information.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually at 10am on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted:


Linda Ramirez
Recording Secretary