

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 24, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Blood, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, and Jamey Rodriguez

EXCUSED: Barbara Ikerd and Mary Mack.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Browne, Carlen Davis, Jason Hussey, and Kim Weaver.

STAFF PRESENT: Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: Glenn Stockton, Managing Attorney and Carrie Stracy, Director of Community Outreach of Stockton & Kandt, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER: Jammie Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

MINUTES: The August minutes were approved as written.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Jammie thanked everyone for coming and thanked our guest speakers of Stockton & Kandt, LLC for coming to provide information.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

- None.

Wyandotte County:

- None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

Connie Harmon provided the following Director's Report.

- Connie shared that the Leavenworth Council on Aging (LCOA) began its *Friendly Visitors Program* on September 1. The program pairs volunteers with homebound seniors to provide social connection. They are excited by the number of volunteers, as well as Meals on Wheels participants who are interested in participating in the program.
- The LCOA hosted a vaccination clinic with Walgreens on Friday, September 19th. Seventy-six participants received flu, pneumonia, COVID and/or shingles vaccinations.

- Connie reported that based on participant requests, the LCOA will begin offering karaoke during the regular game time on the 5th Wednesday in October.
- The LCOA has begun planning and preparing for this year's Christmas project.
 - Leavenworth County veterans' organizations will again sponsor seniors for Christmas. They will also sponsor veterans and their spouses who are on the Meals on Wheels program and are below 133% of the poverty level.
 - Based on donations, the COA Christmas project plans to sponsor all seniors up to 150% of the poverty level and who participate in Meals on Wheels, Transportation, PALs and/or Telephone & Visiting Programs.
 - Team Members will be at Dillon's on Friday, October 17th collecting donations to fill Christmas stockings.

Wyandotte:

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

- Linda shared that Ruth Jones, Executive Director, is in Wichita, Kansas for the K4AD Director's Retreat.
- Three AAA staff members attended the UG sponsored Grant Training. The training was mandatory for all UG Department receiving grants.
- *Trio Foods* was selected as the provider for the Meals on Wheels program. *Trio Foods* will also be the supplier for shelf stable meals which are designed to sit in the participant's cabinet in the event of inclement weather or other issues that will not allow for meal delivery. Guadalupe Centers will continue as the provider for the congregate meal sites. *Mom's Meals* will only be used for customers with special dietary needs, such as pureed foods.
- Linda shared a folder with several pieces of information that included the following:
 - Aging Stats
 - Silver Haired Legislative Annual Session (Oct 6,7,8)
 - Governor's Conference

- Senior Impact Series
- Medicare Basics
- Meals on Wheels fundraising
- The new AAA brochures
- Who Do You Call flyer
- Updated Senior Housing list

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Stockton & Kandt, LLC provided information as it regards to trusts, living wills, etc. The information was well received and very informative.
- A motion to move the October meeting one week later to October 29th was voted/passed. This will be another In-Person Meeting to allow for a group photo to be taken by Linda Ramirez and used in the 2026 AAA calendar.
- A motion to cancel both the November & December meetings was voted/passed. The board will resume meeting (virtually) on January 28, 2026.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held in-person on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 10am. The meeting will be held at the K-State Extension Office located at 1216 N 79th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66112.

A group photo will be taken for the AAAs 2026 Calendar.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Ramirez".

Linda Ramirez,
Recording Secretary