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NOTICE OF WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted virtually on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

We invite you to join the meeting via the link below:

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Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026** 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

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

JANUARY 28, 2026

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 MEETINGS

February 25, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 29, 2025

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, and Jamey Rodriguez.
EXCUSED: Jacqueline Browne and Barbara Ikerd.
ABSENT: Carlen Davis, Jason Hussey, and Kim Weaver.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Ramirez.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** No guests were present.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jammie Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:05am.
- MINUTES:** The September minutes were approved as written.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Jammie thanks all for welcoming her as Chair this past year, attending the meetings regularly and for sharing their input as it regards to the needs of the seniors in the community.
- 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, Director.
- Jessieca shared that Open Enrollment has begun. The open enrollment period began on October 15th and runs through December 7th. The Council on Aging (COA) has three full-time team members who are available as counselors and are accepting appointments.
 - The COA is currently looking for volunteers to assist with their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.
 - The COA hosted a *Fill the Trunk* at Dillons on Friday, October 17th to collect items to fill this year's Santa Sacks. They hope to deliver over 250 Santa Sacks, full of essential supplies and few fun items this year.

- Connie will continue to be out until October 31st to recover from surgery. Jessica Pontbriant will be the agency's point of contact during that time.

Wyandotte:

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

- Linda also shared that Open Enrollment is underway and those interested in Medicare Counseling should contact the State's Hotline at 1-800-860-5260. Or, customers may contact the Area Agency on Aging directly to be connected to Ellen Gillespie, SHICK Coordinator.
- Linda reported that she and Emma Fonseca attended the Governor's Conference on Aging on October 17th and brought back a lot of useful information from the Aging network. The event was sold out.
- The Silver Haired Legislature held its Annual Session October 7-9, 2025. There are five Resolutions that they are moving into 2026.
 - Access to Medical Cannabis
 - Property Tax Relief for Seniors
 - Preserving & Expanding Medicaid and Food Assistance
 - Protecting Voting Rights for Kansas Seniors
 - Supporting Collaborative Community-Based Senior Transportation

Linda distributed copies of the SHL press release and copies of Resolutions mentioned above.

- The Area Agency on Aging still has monies available for the KRAD (Kansas Respite for Alzheimer's & Dementia) Program. The Council was asked to share that information with their constituents.
- The Clerk's office is ramping up for the 2025 Senior and Utility Tax Rebate Program for Kansas City Kansas residents. Discussion was held at the *Standing Committee* meeting on October 27th about raising the income level. A final decision will be reached at the Wyandotte County/Kansas City Kansas Full Commission Meeting to be held in November.
- Ruth Jones, Director of the Area Agency on Aging encourages everyone to vote in the upcoming elections.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Linda shared some excerpts from her attendance at the Governors Conference about AI (Artificial Intelligence).
- Conversation was held as it regards Caregiving and its importance.
- The Advisory Council Members nominated Jessica Pontbriant (representing LvCo) as the new Chair for 2026. The council also nominated Jamey Rodriguez to serve as the Co-Chair (representing WyCo).
- The council members discussed their wishes to meet in-person more often. It was decided that they will meet 4 times (in-person) in 2026. The following dates have been decided: March 25 (in WyCo); June 24 (in LvCo); September 23 (in WyCo); and October 28 (LvCo). NOTE: The in-person meetings will have the option to attend virtually utilizing the same TEAMS link.
- The group photo was taken and will be used in the 2026 Area Agency on Aging calendar.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 10am. The advisory council will continue using the current TEAMS link for attendance.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Linda Ramirez,
Recording Secretary