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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, April 22, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

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

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April 1, 2026

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually at the link previously provided.

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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APRIL 22, 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

May 27, 2026 (*Virtually*)

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 25, 2026

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Sherry Brown, Jacqueline Browne, Denise Dias, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, Jamey Rodriguez, and Kim Weaver.
- EXCUSED: Cindy Hopewell.
- ABSENT: Carlen Davis, Sharon Davis, and Jason Hussey.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Thomas Gordon.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jessica Pontbriant called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
- MINUTES:** The February minutes were approved as written.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Jessica opened the meeting and had no comments.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:
- Jessica Pontbriant mentioned that they have noticed that many older adults have applied for LIEAP but have not received any response. She asked if anyone else has heard or experienced the same. Jamey Rodriguez stated that she too has heard the same in Wyandotte County.
- Wyandotte County:
- Pam Blood asked if the Area Agency on Aging will be receiving the Farmers Market Vouchers in 2026. Linda Ramirez stated that at this time, the Area Agency on Aging has not been informed by the State that they will be available.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Leavenworth:
- Connie announced that the Council on Aging (COA) hosted its annual Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 18th and 1:30pm. All department and program leads shared information about their programs and services, and the

attendees were very engaged and open in sharing thoughts and questions about future programming.

- The COA staff have confirmed with K-State Extension the following dates for a diabetes series this April. The classes will be held on Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16 and 23.
- The *Let's Be Handy* social group will be christening the newly constructed min-golf course on April 7th at 1pm.
- April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and the COA will honor its VITA Volunteers with a luncheon on Wednesday, April 1st. The Meals on Wheels Volunteers will be recognized at a luncheon on Friday, April 10th. Connie shared that they would not be able to provide those services without their volunteers.
- *Pedicures for Paws with Bad to the Bone Boarding and Grooming* will be held on Saturday, April 18th.
- The COA will be celebrating Older Americans Month with their annual *Positive Aging Resource Fair*. The event will be held on May 8th from 10am – 2pm.
- St. John's Hospital physical therapist will offer a workshop, *Defying Gravity: Don't Let a Fall Get You Down* on Monday, April 27th at 11am. The workshop will provide a 1-hour presentation followed by 1 hour of hands-on lab for better understanding if you are a fall risk and trial getting up off the floor with therapist cueing. No cost, lunch provided.

Wyandotte:

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

- Linda shared that the Area Agency on Aging Director, Ruth Jones met with the new mayor and staff. Ruth reported that the mayor is most concerned about the challenge of adequate transportation and affordable housing for seniors.
- Linda mentioned that Ruth will be attending the UG Directors Retreat this Saturday, March 28th. The Directors and Commissioners are the only attendees allowed.

- The March for Meals event will be held Thursday, March 26th beginning at 10am at the KCKCC Track. Refreshments will be served after in the Jewell Center. The event is designed to bring awareness to the community about the importance of the meal program and to raise funds to assist with the current waitlist. The current waitlist for MOWs in Wyandotte County is 65.
- The Senior Impact Series has 2 events scheduled for April:
 - April 17th – Spanish Edition w/El Centro at the Bethel Neighborhood Center, 9:30am
 - April 30th – Wyandotte Economic Development Council along with Commissioners Davis and Bynum. This event begins at 12pm in the Community Room located at the Area Agency on Aging.
- The Wyandotte County Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at the NRC building located at 4953 State Avenue, 10am – 12pm.
- The Older Americans' Month Celebration (Sock Hop) will be held on Thursday, May 28th at the George Meyn Community Center, 11am – 2pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jamie Rodriguez shared a *CARE Plan Presentation* hosted by the Economic Development & Finance Meeting will be held on Monday, March 30th at 5pm at City Hall in the 5th Floor Conference Room.

NEXT MEETING:

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ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:29 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Ramirez
Liaison/Recording Secretary