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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, May 27, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. Members of the public may view the meeting at the Offices of the Area Agency on Aging, 849 N. 47th Street, Suite C, Kansas City, Kansas 66102.

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

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May 4, 2026

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on **Wednesday, May 27, 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

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

MAY 27, 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

June 24, 2026 (*Virtually*)

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 22, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Brown, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, and Jessica Pontbriant.

EXCUSED: Pam Blood, Susan McGinnis and Kim Weaver.

ABSENT: Carlen Davis, Thomas Gordon, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, and Jamey Rodriguez.

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Jones, Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Jessica Pontbriant called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

MINUTES: The March minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN
COMMENTS:** Jessica opened the meeting reminding everyone that discussion was previously held to have speakers come to future council meetings.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ None.

Wyandotte County:

➤ None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

Connie Harmon provided her Director's Report.

➤ The Leavenworth Council on Aging (COA) are currently on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Nutrition Services. They serve 600 hot meals daily. The RFP will close on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 10am.

➤ The Meals on Wheels *Volunteer Appreciation* was held on April 10th recognizing the 60 volunteers in attendance. The COA recognized their Volunteer of the Year, Chez Schafer

and Shirley Brown was recognized for her 27 years of service delivering meals.

- The Human Services team will celebrate Older Americans Month by hosting a *Positive Aging* Resource Fair on Friday, May 8th from 10am – 2pm. This year's theme, *Champion Your Health*, focuses on prevention, wellness and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging. The event will feature various vendors from the aging network, bingo, raffles and lunch at the all-day event.
- As a result of the COA Public Hearing, *Conversations with Kat* will launch on Wednesday, May 13th. This will be a supportive, judgement-free space where caregivers and partners can come together to talk openly about caregiving, anticipatory grief, end-of-life planning and navigating life after loss.

Wyandotte:

Ruth Jones provided her Director's Report.

- The Wyandotte office of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) held its Public Hearing yesterday, April 21, 2026. It was well attended and yielded many questions from the participants.
- Ruth shared that the Area Plan is available for viewing at the aging office. The 115-page document should be viewed by the advisory council, and each can make an appointment to visit.
- As mandated by the Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services, the AAA must provide a 30-day window for public comments. Comments can be made by email, a written letter or clicking the Open Forms link that will be provided.
- The March for Meals event was held on March 26th to benefit our Meals on Wheels Program. Donations of \$1705 were collected.
- The *Senior Impact Series* will be held on April 30th. Guests include Wyandotte Economic Development Council, and Commissioners Melissa Bynum and Andrew Davis.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding inviting speakers to future meetings. Council members agreed to have someone come in and provided the following suggestions:

- ✓ Elder Abuse
- ✓ Adult Protective Services
- ✓ Differences in Housing Options

Jessica Pontbriant will reach out to the contact at Adult Protective Services and the Information & Assistance Department in Wyandotte County to schedule for future meetings.

Linda Ramirez mentioned that she completed a total of 159 applications for the Utility and Sales Tax Rebates for a total of \$58,496.53 in return for the seniors of Kansas City, Kansas.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 10am.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Linda Ramirez
Liaison/Recording Secretary