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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 in person on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. Members of the public may view the meeting at the Offices of the Area Agency on Aging, 711 Marshall Street, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048.

WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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June 2, 2026

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on **Wednesday, June 24, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in-person at the **Leavenworth Council on Aging** located at 711 Marshall Street, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048.

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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JUNE 24, 2026

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SCHEDULED SPEAKER

Alonda Ford, Adult Protective Services

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Leavenworth County

Wyandotte County

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leavenworth County

Wyandotte County

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETINGS

July 22, 2026 (*Virtually*)

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 26, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Brown, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Thomas Gordon, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Mary Mack, Luisa Maxson, Susan McGinnis, Jessica Pontbriant, and Jamey Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Pam Blood.

ABSENT: Cindy Hopewell and Kim Weaver.

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Ramirez.

GUESTS PRESENT: Zee Bishop, UG Legal.

CALL TO ORDER: Jessica Pontbriant called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

MINUTES: The March minutes were approved as written.

CHAIRMAN

COMMENTS: Jessica opened the meeting and had no opening comments.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Leavenworth County:

➤ None.

Wyandotte County:

➤ Thomas Gordon mentioned that he would like to introduce a policy to reduce littering in Wyandotte County. He will send a document to the advisory council to explain.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

Jessica Pontbriant shared the Director's report for Leavenworth County in the absence of Connie Harmon.

➤ The COA Human Services team celebrated Older Americans Month by hosting a *Positive Aging Resource Fair* on Friday, May 8th. This year's theme was *Champion Your Health*, focusing on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging. The event featured 27 vendors from the aging network. Over 120 clients participated in the event this year.

- TRIO Community Meals has been awarded a three-year Nutrition Services & Catering contract with the option of two additional years. The COA is excited to begin working with TRIO beginning October 1st.
- The COA will receive 110 Farmers Market vouchers to distribute to qualifying older adults beginning June 1. This is an increase from 90 vouchers received last year.
- Beginning June 3, the COA will begin offering a new exercise class, *Bands, Balls & Balance*, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 9:45am. This exercise class combines resistance bands, stability balls and balance exercises. It is designed to enhance mobility, stability, core strength and improve balance. The class is suitable for all fitness levels.
- Registration is open for the COA's first annual *Dog & Jog*. This will be a 3K beginning and ending at the COA on Saturday, June 6th. Registration is \$35 and will begin at 9am with the event starting at 10am. All participants will receive a t-shirt, matching pet bandana and a swag bag. All ages are welcome.
- The next *Senior Impact Series* will be held on June 29th at 12pm. These presentations are intended to keep our 50+ population in the know about matters that impact their daily lives. Each session will feature guest speakers from local organizations to discuss updates about projects, programs, and resources. This session's presenters are from Right Place Advisors, the City of LV Rental Property Coordinator and a data center discussion with Cloverleaf.

Wyandotte:

Linda provided the Director's Report (or announcements) in the absence of Ruth Jones.

- The Sock Hop (our Older Americans Month Celebration) will be held tomorrow, May 27th. The event will be held at the George Meyn Center, from 11am – 2pm.

- A presentation for *Global Elder Abuse Awareness Day* will be held on June 15th at the Neighborhood Resource Center from 1pm – 3pm.
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Prevention Week is June 1 – 5. A presentation on *Fraud* will be held on June 4th from 1:30 – 2:30pm in the *Community Room*, adjacent to the Aging Office.
- A *Medicare Basics* presentation will be held on June 30th at the West Wyandotte Library from 3-4pm.
- *Dress for Success* is now open for intakes. Linda Ramirez will be accepting intakes until July 16th. To qualify for the program, the senior must be age 55 or older AND meet the following criteria:
 - Is the primary caregiver for the child because the parents are unable to unwilling to act as the primary caregiver
 - Have the child living in the grandparent's home
- *Senior Impact Series* for July 16th will be held in the Community Room (adjacent to the Aging Office). The theme, "Using Food as Medicine" will have two speakers from the K-State Extension Office, Lauren Woody and Dylan Parsley.
- In honor of National Senior Citizens Day, a *Lunch & Brush* event will be held on August 20th. The cost is \$25 and will include transportation, lunch and the 11x14 canvas of art you will take home. 25 spaces are available and reservations will begin July 1st.
- A limited number of 200 Farmer's Market Vouchers will be distributed in Wyandotte County beginning June 1st at 9am.
- Lastly, our Director Ruth Jones is retiring officially June 1st. The new director, Phyllis Wallace, will oversee Aging under the umbrella of *Human Services*. *Human Services* is a department under the UG that she currently oversees that serves the IDD population. We look forward to meeting and working with Phyllis.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jessica Pontbriant mentioned that she did confirm Alonda Ford from Adult Protective Services as the speaker for the June 24, 2026 advisory council meeting. This will be an in-person meeting held in Leavenworth.

Other ideas were mentioned as a continuum of educational speakers as it pertains to the senior population such as Housing Options, Power of Attorneys, etc.

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ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11: 06 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Linda Ramirez
Liaison/Recording Secretary