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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, July 22, 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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July 7, 2026

Dear Advisory Council Member:

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

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

JULY 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

August 26, 2026 (*Virtually*)

ADJOURNMENT

WYANDOTTE/LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AREAWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 24, 2026

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Sherry Brown, Sharon Davis, Denise Dias, Thomas Gordon, Mary Mack, Jessica Pontbriant and Jamey Rodriguez.
- EXCUSED: Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Anita Krondak, Luisa Maxson, Susan McGinnis and Kim Weaver.
- ABSENT: Carlen Davis, Barbara Ikerd and Jammie Johnson.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Phyllis Wallace, Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Alonda Ford, Adult Protective Services (APS) and Kelsey Saunders from the UG Legal Team.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Jessica Pontbriant called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
- MINUTES:** The May minutes were not approved as there was not a quorum present. This task will be moved to the July meeting.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Jessica opened the meeting and shared that the Wyandotte County Mayor's Office has reached out to her for updates regarding the advisory council meetings. No meeting has been scheduled with the Mayor's Office yet.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:
- None.
- Wyandotte County:
- Thomas Gordon shared a copy of the proposed plan to combat littering in Wyandotte County. Mr. Gordon asked for support from his fellow council members. He asked that each speak to their prospective commissioner to discuss the problem.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Leavenworth:
- Connie Harmon announced that all supervisors at the Council on Aging (COA) will participate in an all-day Mental Health First Aid class on Friday, June 26th.

- The VA will again offer a suicide prevention training for all COA staff. Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 9am and on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 3pm.
- The Leavenworth Council on Aging staff began distributing Farmer's Market vouchers on Monday, June 1. Potential clients were waiting in line beginning at 6:15am to ensure they received these vouchers. This year, the COA received 110 vouchers for qualifying candidates. To date, 105 of the 110 have been distributed.
- The next *Senior Impact Series* (in LvCo) will be held on June 29th, 12pm. This session's presenters are from Right Place Advisors, the City of LV Rental Property Coordinator and a Data Center discussion with Cloverleaf.
- Camp Outreach will be at the COA June 28-July 3 to complete home projects for seniors at no cost. Nine homeowners have been identified to receive assistance.
- Physical Therapy students from the University of Saint Mary will host a Senior Health Assessment clinic at the COA on July 13th from 1-4pm.
- Senior Day at the Fair will be held under the Big Top in Tonganoxie on July 31st from 10am-12pm to celebrate 100 years of the Leavenworth County Fair. There will be raffles as well as entertainment provided by Daysia Reneau, bingo and a free pulled pork lunch provided by First State Bank & Trust branches in Basehor and Tonganoxie.

Wyandotte:

Linda provided announcements for the Wyandotte County Director.

- Linda introduced the new "Aging" director, Phyllis Wallace to the group. Phyllis is currently the Director of Human Services in Wyandotte County. The two Unified Government departments are now merging after the retirement of Ruth Jones, former director, after 33 years of service. Phyllis stated that she is excited to meet everyone and looks forward to working with the council on their initiatives.
- Linda shared that the final count for the Sock Hop attendees was 298. Follow-up questionnaires were sent to the vendors and dance contest judges and the feedback received was very encouraging. For 1st time attendees, the event

exceeded their expectations and repeat attendees said that a larger venue should be considered.

- The *Dress for Success* (a Back to School Project for grandparents) is underway and open for referrals until July 16th. To qualify for the program, the senior must be 55 years of age or older; the primary caregiver for the child because the parents are unable or unwilling to act as the primary caregiver; AND have the grandchild living in their home.
- The Senior Impact Series (in WyCo) will be held July 16th and the theme is, "Using Food as Medicine." Speakers Lauren Woody and Dylan Parsley from the K-State Extension Office will be presenting. .
- The Wyandotte County office is celebrating National Senior Citizens Day with a "*Lunch & Brush*" on August 20th. The cost is \$25 and will include transportation, lunch and your 11x14 canvas of your art to take with you. 25 spaces are available and reservations will be made beginning July 1st.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alonda Ford provided a presentation about Adult Protective Services (APS). She explained their history, who they serve, how to make a report and their process. Ms. Ford fielded several questions after her presentation and provided copies of her PowerPoint presentation which included contact information for APS.

Linda Ramirez provided an updated listing for the advisory council members and a copy of Ms. Ford's power point presentation slides.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held **virtually on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 10 am.**

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11: 30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Ramirez
Liaison/Recording Secretary