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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, August 26, 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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WYANDOTTE / LEAVENWORTH AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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August 3, 2026

Dear Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Areawide Advisory Council will be held on **Wednesday, August 26, 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

AUGUST 26, 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

September 23, 2026 (*in person, WyCo*)

ADJOURNMENT

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

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Blood, Sherry Brown, Sharon Davis, Thomas Gordon, Cindy Hopewell, Jason Hussey, Barbara Ikerd, Jammie Johnson, Anita Krondak, Luisa Maxson, Susan McGinnis, and Jamey Rodriguez.
- EXCUSED: Denise Dias and Jessica Pointbriant.
- ABSENT: Carlen Davis, Mary Mack, and Kim Weaver.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Phyllis Wallace, Connie Harmon and Linda Ramirez.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** None.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Co-Chair, Jamey Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:04am in the absence of Jessica Pontbriant (Chair).
- MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for both May and June were approved.
- CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** Jamey stated that she is amazed by the attendance shown by the council at today's meeting.
- COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Leavenworth County:
- Luixa Maxon expressed that the exercise class in Leavenworth County has been growing and feels the class needs a bigger space. She suggested using the 2nd floor of the COA as an alternative. Connie stated that the 2nd floor is currently inhabitable but that she notes the need for a larger space.
 - Sherry Brown stated that she had concerns with Transportation in Leavenworth County. For example, the barrier for those living on the north end of Leavenworth needing transportation to Lansing for medical appointments. Connie stated that there is currently discussions regarding the transportation issue(s).
- Wyandotte County:
- Jamie Johnson shared her concerns regarding the senior residence, Harmony Heights and its continuation of building issues, such as broken elevators, bed bug infestations and especially no air conditioning. Other council members suggested reaching out to the Housing Authority regarding its continued issues.

- Thomas Gordon mentioned that he would like to see all council members engage with the commissioner that appointed them to the board. He suggests that council members remind their commissioner of meeting dates and share the outcome of meetings with them. Mr. Gordon feels that the council can bring change to the community by banning together on specific topics/issues.
- Thomas Gordon also shared his goal of combatting littering in Wyandotte County. He asked the other council members to work with him to ensure the best outcome for our community. Mr. Hussey asked if he thought that this issue was a good fit for the AAA's council. Linda Ramirez also shared that there are other Boards that may provide a better fit for this issue and may have a better outcome by working with them.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Leavenworth:

- Connie Harmon shared that all staff are participating in SAVE, a suicide prevention training through the Veterans Administration (VA). This is an annual training course for the Leavenworth Council on Aging (COA) staff, it ensures that they are best prepared to respond to an older adult in crisis.
- The COA is kick starting Chiefs football season with a 90-minute guided tour of Arrowhead Stadium to include the field, press areas, Hall of Honor, locker room, broadcast area, Club level and the Founder's Club. Lunch will follow at the Mason Jar.
- On August 18th, Dr. Michael Albrecht of BrightMed Clinic will offer a course – *GLP1 Weight Loss Therapy for Medicare Beneficiaries*. A plain language look at GLP-1 medications- the medicines behind names like Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro and Zepbound and what they mean for Medicare beneficiaries.
- The 2026 Meals on Wheels benefit, *A Night of Glitz & Giving*, celebrating 50 years of MOWs in Leavenworth County, will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at the Riverfront Community Center.

Wyandotte:

Phyllis Wallace, Director provided her report.

- Phyllis shared that both the IDD (Intellectual Developmental Disabilities) and the Area Agency on Aging (formally ADRC) Assessments are being audited by the State. She's been busy working with staff to insure that all documents are uploaded to the KAMIS system as required. A document provided by the UG Legal Department detailing the retention time for documents will be shared with the council for reference *informational purposes only*.
- Phyllis shared that the *Dress for Success Program* for grandparent support is awaiting approval from the State.
- Phyllis shared that the *Senior Impact Series* meetings continue to be a hit; the last meeting was at capacity.
- Phyllis shared that Linda informed her of plans to take the Areawide Advisory Council group photo at the September in-person meeting.
- Phyllis shared that the Unified Government holds their Senior Managers meetings on Wednesday mornings but plans to attend advisory council meetings as the schedule allows.
- 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. Contact Linda Ramirez, if interested.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Linda will provide the retention timeline for files in her mailing of the advisory council minutes as reported in Phyllis's director's report.

NEXT MEETING:

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ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:13 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Ramirez
Liaison/Recording Secretary