
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2018

Room 1055

Sunset Drive Office Building, 11811 S. Sunset Dr., Olathe, KS

MEETING MINUTES

- Chuck Nigro, Chair called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - Chair called for a motion to approve the November 2017 minutes:
Patti Rule made a motion to approve minutes as written. Dale Warman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON - COMMISSIONER ALLEN

- Commissioner Allen participated in MOW (Meals on Wheels) delivery of the Lee Jeans Christmas Stockings in December and having delivered meals throughout the years, I realize just how valuable that daily contact is to our seniors.
 - There have been changes to County Manager's office. Penny Post oak Ferguson is Interim County Manager. She has been with the County Manager's office since 2010, first as Assistant, then Deputy County Manager in 2012.
 - Sheriff's Department will be fully staffed. Other projects are moving forward as planned.
 - The County uses its reserves for updates as needed.
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DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEBBIE COLLINS

- It is time to work on the 2019 budget. This year we will be asking for additional funds for Meals on Wheels. We finally hit the tipping point in that need out paces funding. (FYI, Meals on Wheels is an eponym, or generic trademark. Our program name is actually "Home Delivered" meals.)
 - Human Services will be working with Mental Health on needs of the homeless. There is approximately 105 homeless adults in Johnson County and an estimate of 150 students. There will be another count on January 24th.
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING – DAN GOODMAN, DIRECTOR

- Due to the redesign of Mental Health last year, they chose to move away from providing in-home counseling for seniors. We took the opportunity and submitted a Direct Service Waiver (DSW) in the 2018 Area Plan on Aging for a Mental Health Therapist but have yet to receive approval.

Our association, k4ad (Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging & Disabilities) have also been redesigning in order to work better within the "KanCare 2.0" system.

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The MCOs (Managed Care Organizations) have come to the conclusion that care coordination could be enhanced with the involvement of the AAA network. K4ad is designing a new option for its network in order to provide direct service for interested MCOs while remaining conflict free.

- “Older Kansas Day”, using the old name, will be held in mid to late February. K4ad will lead those events and again invited the Kansas Home Health Association to share in the day’s events.

COMMITTEE END OF YEAR REPORTS

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Guardian Program – Karen Weber
 - Representative Stephanie Clayton, also a COA member, is willing to sponsor the bill for Guardian Assistance Program (GAP). Senator Barbara Bollier is also in support of the program.
 - This bill will not cost the state.
- Outreach – Paula Hurt, Chair
 - Completed an outline for a 15-20 minute presentation packet for COA members. It includes talking points on the Kansas Health Ranking sheet. There is also a survey, to collect information that is most important to audience.
 - Rusty Ryan said he used the outline packet for his presentation and it worked very well.
 - Expectations are that each COA member hold one presentation a year.
- Social Media – Pam Shernuk, Chair
 - The COA will have its own page in the County website. There is information in the Area Agency section of the Human Services, but isn’t easily accessed.
 - The Facebook page, Johnson County Commission on Aging, is also up and running. Please log in and “Like” the page.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – CHUCK NIGRO

- New legislative session has begun.
- COA members should be attending as many “Town Hall” meetings as possible. Sign up for legislators newsletters to get schedules.
- The COA still has two vacancies to be filled by Commissioner Osterhaus and Chairman Eilert.
- Nutrition will be receiving more Smile Kits for Home Delivered Meals clients

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Legislative Platform is pushing “unfunded” items or “no additional funding” items.
- Paula Hurt encouraged everyone to track what is happening in congress in the reduction of tax deductions for high medical cost including being unable to deduct private pay nursing home cost. Discussed how individuals need to be aware of change. Executive committee will discuss at next meeting.
- Dan Goodman discussed the new COA Facebook site. Requested assistance from county Public Information Office (PIO) for help getting people to new site. PIO office stated that they will be supportive in helping develop a strategy to decide what events to promote to increase traffic to site.

OPEN FORUM

- None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

- COA Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Next Meeting

COA Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 9:00 am

Conference Room 1070/1075

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