

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2020

→ via ZOOM videoconferencing ←

MINUTES

- Karen Weber, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the minutes. – there were none:
The Chair called for a motion to approve the August 12th minutes. Dan Warman made the motion to approve minutes as submitted. Kim Mann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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- Thanked HSD (Human Services Department) and AAA (Area Agency on Aging) staff for what they do.
- Reported that the 2020 Census count is going well. However, there are some areas that are low even though the deadline has already been extended.
 - What is the deadline? September 30th.
 - How are retirement homes counted? Chris Osborn, CEO, Evergreen Living Innovations, reported that they count en masse, however, there is no standard, each NF (Nursing Facility) can do it differently.
- Mid-America Regional Coalition's (MARC) 5th Age Positive 2020 Revision Conference has been postponed until 2021.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES (HSD) – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Explained changes to HSD (Human Services Department):
 - Name to change to Department of Aging and Human Services to enhance visibility of Aging.
 - Housing Services and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Administration to move to the Planning Development and Codes Department. The department is to be renamed to include housing.
 - Transition will be complete by next year.
 - Will there be an organization chart on both departments?

DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) – DAN GOODMAN

- We are grateful for additional funding we received (\$250k) to fund a County version of the State SCA (Senior Care Act) program. The title change will bring awareness to the Area Agency on Aging services to the community. This could not have happened without the work and support of the COA.
- As it happens, the AAA is working on 3 no-cost Development teams:
 1. Since KDADS (Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services) is no longer publishing the *Explore your Options (EYO)*, an information resource guide, Ed Schulte, I&RA (Information & Referral Assistance) Specialist, has been researching and editing the guide for Johnson County residents only. It is available in the office for pickup or can be mailed out on request.
 - At last meeting someone suggested it would be wonderful if everyone 60+ in Johnson County could get this guide through the mail. We are looking into using COVID-19 funding to pay for mailing to all Johnson County older adults. We also have a lot of professionals that request the EYO.

2. The second initiative is making the AAA webpage more user friendly by using discussion cards. Hopefully this will cut down on the times a person needs to tell their “story” as they go through different department. Using electronic intake & data systems. How we tract process.
3. The third initiative is to review and enhance our intake process in order to create greater efficiency and customer satisfaction.
4. Introduced Stephany Ikpe, new Nutrition Program Manager

Thank you, Karen Weber for your two years as COA Chair, it’s been a pleasure to work with you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Election Committee, Paula Hurt, Chair, reported on the election results. This year the election was held electronically. The ballot was sent via email and returned to Jay Leak, Deputy Director of the AAA.
 - Jay reported 2 members abstained, there are 3 vacancies, and 10 votes were cast.
Results: Chair – Pam Shernuk Vice Chair – Paula Hurt
- Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging Award, Kim Mann, Chair, reported that she has been in contact with Eugene, he was very happy to hear from her. He could meet September 18th. While we can’t have the entire COA attend, we would like several members to attend. Gene will invite several friends.
 - There was discussion about the proper venue as Gene said he could travel. Location to be determined – there are several options open.
 - Kim will write up an article for the “Best of Times.”

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - KAREN WEBER

- Karen is thrilled about all the COA accomplished. Thanked members for their participation. Congratulated both Pam and Paula on their new roles in the COA.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of meeting packet preference – email or hard copy? Group decided on email.
- November meeting originally on the 11th Veteran’s Day date changed to November 18th rather than the 4th.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned 10:33 AM

Next Meeting via ZOOM
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 @ 9:00 Am