

# COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2020

→ via ZOOM videoconferencing ←

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## MINUTES

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- Pam Shernuk, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the September minutes. – there were none:

**The Chair made a motion to approve the September 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. Jay Holbert seconded the motion. Motion passed as written.**

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## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON COMMISSIONER HANZLICK

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- Budget has been passed.

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## DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES (HSD) – DEBBIE COLLINS

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- Absent

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

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- We are preparing for the County's version of the State SCA (Senior Care Act) program. The title of this new program is called **Johnson County Aging Care Services**. A Field Service Manual is nearly completed for Aging Care Services. We will be able to provide services to more people with the new County investment. This will begin January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Update on the three Charter teams:

1. *AAA Webpage*: Progressing well. Making it more intuitive and user-friendly. Having information sorted into "cards", will make the process easier to navigate when looking for assistance.
2. *Explore your Options (EYO)*, information resource guide: At the last meeting someone suggested it would be wonderful if everyone 60+ in Johnson County could get this guide through the mail. The AAA has identified funding to pay for the printing of the EYO's for such a mailing however the greater cost of the mailing has yet to be identified. We plan to survey the public using The Best Times magazine, to get consumer's opinion and information regarding usage.
3. *Enhance Intake process*: We are developing an on-line application for services. The on-line application will be available for use after-hours by customers. Once the public user locates our webpage they should easily find the application to apply for services. It should be more helpful to the public and save time for Information Specialists to gather needed information.

Question: Has there been an increase for assistance due to COVID?

Not in overall service. However, there has been a strong preference in receiving community-based services rather than choosing to go into an institutional setting. This noted change in client behavior parallels the onset of the pandemic and the increase in desire for community-based services is up about 10% each month since March. Other AAAs have reported similar experiences but perhaps not as dramatic of a change.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- Legislative Committee: John Smith, Chair. would like to meet after the November 18<sup>th</sup> COA meeting to review the platform. The COA approved the Platform in September. Per Commissioner Hanzlick, this year, due to the elections, the BOCC platform may not be finished until January to give the two new Commissioners time to review it.
  
- Kim Mann, Chair, Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging Award, reported that Eugene was thrilled when he found out he had been selected for the award. The ceremony was outside, under the Pavilion. Kim shared pictures. Although it was a small event, it turned out very nicely.
  - Kim submitted an article for the “Best of Times.”

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## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – PAM SHERNUK

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- Pam thanked everyone for their response in choosing a committee.
- As far as the Legislative Committee reports, there will be no trip to Topeka or a Legislative Breakfast.
- Inquired about the kitchen study. Assistant County Manager, Joe Conner reported the study has begun and the process is moving forward. Will be in the 2022 budget.
- The November meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran’s Day and the County offices are closed.
- Commissioner Klika, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, would like to address the COA one final time at the beginning of the November meeting. He is not seeking reelection to the BOCC.
- There is no December COA meeting schedule; if the need arises one maybe called.
- It was decided by the COA Board to have the monthly meeting packet emailed instead of mailed. This to be on or before the Friday before the meeting.
- 2021 COA meeting schedule will be finalized each quarter. For the fist quarter, meetings will continue via ZOOM.

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## NEW BUSINESS

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- None at this time

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## OLD BUSINESS

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- None at this time

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## OPEN FORUM

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- Discussion on how the CARES money is being spent. The COA requested Dan to provide them with a summary if it could be located.
- Karen Weber, past COA Chair, would like to thank the CMO (County Managers Office) for inviting COA members to the funding discussion.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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- Meeting Adjourned 09:45 AM

<p><u>Next Meeting via ZOOM</u> <b>Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 9:00 AM</b></p>
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