

COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

→ Room 1070/1075 ←

Sunset Drive Office Building, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, 66061

MINUTES

- Karen Weber, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the October minutes. Paula stated that the *election date* on page 5 should read the *5th* not the *6th* of November. Katy said that *Webber* was misspelled on page 3, should be *Weber*.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes with two corrections.

John P. Smith made the motion to approve minutes as corrected. Rob Givens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON - COMMISSIONER HANZLICK

- Absent

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Introduced Pam Harris, Landlord Recruiter, Housing. She is here today as part of the “Emerging Leaders” program through the University of Kansas. She will be “shadowing” Debbie for the day.
- Reported on the “Communities for all Ages”: Johnson County is in the preliminary stage, designated as Bronze Level; it is the promotion level. The presentation date to the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) has been moved to December 12th. Rob Givens, member of COA and MARC, along with Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Project Manager, KC Communities for all Ages, will present. The program was designed to use an ‘aging lens’ when designing public places and writing public policy. These proposed changes actually benefit all ages in the community.

Debbie Collins asked if the COA would support this initiative. Karen Weber, COA Chair, said that the COA needs time to finish up the *Aging Services Community Forum* and would like

to have more information before adding it to the COA agenda. The County's jurisdiction is the unincorporated parts of the county. Johnson County will work with Parks & Rec and the libraries to make sure they are compliant with the program. The second level is silver, the assessment level. Looking at building, parks, etc. and noting issues that need to be addressed. The Gold level is the implementation stage to correct things that do not follow the program. The Community for all Ages committee keeps the focus on the completion of the project so that it doesn't get put aside and never finished.

DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING – DAN GOODMAN

- Older Americans Act (Area Plan) has been approved for another year.
 - There has been a proposed 7% increase in the House; however, it is allocated by a national formula and we may not see an increase.
- Senior Care Act (SCA) program was approved until July 2020.
- CARE contract has finally been signed. Now we are waiting for payment for work completed prior to signing.
- ACM (Administration of Case Management) – Contract has not been signed, there is discussion about the implementation date. KDADS wants January 1st. AAA's feel that is not enough time to hire and train employees. It might begin sometime in January or more likely February.
- ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Next week will again start negotiations on this service - starting January 2020 for 3 years with the possibility of two 1 year extensions. We are still negotiating reimbursements for the new assessment tools as it takes much longer to complete than the old ones. Takes between 45 mins up to 1-1/2 hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative Committee: Pam Shernuk, Chair, appreciated the COA Board's email approval of the 2020 Legislative Platform. Next year we need to take a good look at it and removed items that are no longer current, to align with the county platform.
- Speaker's Bureau: Rusty Ryan, Chair, requested taking time off from the committee. Kim Mann offered to take over for him.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - KAREN WEBER

- Passed around a Thank You card from Patty Rule.
- There will not be a December COA Board meeting.
- Thanked Paula Hurt and John Smith for their feedback from the Aging Forum. These two items stood out and should be reflected in the minutes.
 - We worked hard to make sure we had diverse participates at the forum, faith-based organizations and churches. Paula suggested that next time, the food options need to be more diverse as well, for example, no meat and dairy combination.
 - John suggested that COA board members need more information about the services the AAA (Area Agency on Aging) provides. Karen asked Dan Goodman, Director, AAA, to give a presentation in January. (It was decided that Commissioner Hanzlick' offer for a presentation on Census Bureau could move to February and still be timely.)

Two other items John mentioned: (1) He was surprised that we didn't do a report out at the end of the forum of some of the information received. (It was intended but unfortunately forgotten. The information will be sent to those attendees who indicated they were interested in further information.) (2) Where does the Area Agency on Aging stand in the County's organizational chart?

OLD BUSINESS

- Dan gave a synopsis of the information gathered at the Community Forum. The four topics discussed were Nutrition Capacity, Transportation, In-home Supports, and Public Awareness (of the AAA).

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

OPEN FORUM

- There was a discussion on Senior Care Act (SCA) and the possibility of getting increased funding.

There was a lengthy discussion on Medicaid Expansion and what the reasons are that people do not what it.

Representative Clayton, a COA member, was asked a few questions on the issue and she provided some general information.

- Paula thanked Pam for all her hard work in pulling the Community Forum together.
- Rob Givens mentioned Dan's article in "The Best Times".

MEETING ADJOURNED

- COA Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

SDOB Room 1055

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