
Commission On Aging

MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2019

→ Room 1070/1075 ←
Sunset Drive Office Building
11811 South Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS

INTRODUCTIONS

- Madison Lewis, RN, is completing her BSN (Bachelor of Science Nursing) program through Pittsburg State University. As part of her curriculum, she must attend a board meeting and write up a paper on it.

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- Karen Weber, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the minutes. John P. Smith suggested a literary change: "In the Commissioner report, last sentence, replace new shingles "shot" with new shingles "immunization"."
- Karen Weber, Chair, called for a motion to approve the March 13th minutes.
Chris Morrow made the motion to approve minutes as written. Rob Givens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON - COMMISSIONER HANZLICK

- Thanked the COA for having a table at the State of the County address.
 - Chairman Eilert highlighted needs of seniors in his address.
- Aging Services is highlighted in the BOCC 2019 State Legislative Priorities.
- Had discussions with Debbie Collins, Director, Human Services Department (HSD) and Dan Goodman, Director, Area Agency on Aging (AAA) on developing a report on Elderly Needs. She referenced a report done 20 years ago.
 - Possibly hold a community forum to gather and share information.
- Attended a fund raising event hosted by Chris Osbourn, CEO, Evergreen Living Innovations.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Housing: Requested additional \$143k for Housing. This is similar to the request for Meals on Wheels funding last year. These funds are needed to maintain the status quo.
- Johnson County is working with MARC to become the first County to become a Community for all Ages.
 - Olathe and Mission are the only cities in Johnson County working on the designation.
- Will be attending the American Society on Aging conference April 14th.

- In contact with a developer interested in building affordable housing for seniors. Will keep you posted.
- Will be attending a meeting May 7th with AARP to discuss a partnership.
- Will review 1999 Elder-Net Study as basis for Strategic Plan. Carol Sader, COA member, worked on the 1999 study. The 2020 Human Services strategic plan was handed out. The Area Agency on Aging is part of the 2020 strategic plan.

DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING – DAN GOODMAN

- Older Kansans Day was held March 27th in Topeka. The Legislature was on the floor so there weren't many available for visits.
 - Deputy Secretary Janis DeBoer and Representative Clayton spoke at the lunch.
- Attended the April Silver Haired Legislature meeting and talked about aging population in Johnson County and the financial struggles of living in Johnson County. By 2034, the 60+ population of Johnson County alone would be larger than the total population of all but three of the Counties in Kansas.
- The ACM (Administrative Case Management) contract is targeted to begin on July 1st. The Legislature approved \$10mil. However the State RFP was much narrower in scope. The version of the service in the RFP is not what we advocated for but it is a start.
- The ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) contract has been extended until June 2019. The new contract is also targeted to begin July 1st.
 - A new comprehensive assessment form has been created, MFEI (Medicaid Functional Evaluation Instrument), which also applies to the CARE Assessment (PASSAR Screening). It will take longer to complete than the current assessment. This assessment is to be completed on-line; this requires the agency to purchase 14 new laptops. The CM's (Case Managers) are in the process of testing this form.
- House substitute of SB 25. The Legislature found funding for lowering the co-pay for Medicaid clients. This will increase the amount of protected income for clients going from \$747 to \$1,177.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach: Rusty Ryan, Chair reported he was approached by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home to participate in their pilot program and to give the keynote address. Stacie Tripodi, AAA Information Specialist, will also present. COA member are invited to attend.
 - Kim Mann has given a presentation to 14 associates.
 - Chuck Nigro recently presented to 17 people at Ridgeview Apartments.
- Legislative Committee: Pam Shernuk, Chair, announced that the Legislators will be back in session in May 1st. Website address: www.kslegislature.org
 - There are Older Kansans Day pictures on Facebook @jocoaging

- Guardian Assistance Program (GAP) Committee: Chuck Nigro, Chair, and Karen Weber met with five DCF staff – Rebekah Gaston, Policy Director and Director Economic and Employment Services, the new Legislative Liaison, the Deputy Director Budget Management, Sandy Timmons, Policy Economic and Employment Service and Kathy Armstrong, she testified at the original hearing. In the end they said that they would check with their counterparts in Oklahoma and Missouri. Missouri has a GAP program.

There was further discussion on GAP. It may have helped that the Budget Manager was reminded that at the last meeting he estimated \$250k savings.

- Census Committee: Carol Sader reported. The committee is still meeting.
- Peg Deaton Leadership & Aging Award: Katy Hoffman reported that nomination information on the award is now online at <https://www.jocogov.org/dept/human-services/home>. Nomination deadline is August 2nd.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - KAREN WEBER

- Thanks to Pam for arranging the table for the State of the County luncheon.
- The COA recently had our brochure translated into Spanish. Gina Ortiz has read the brochure and said that it is a good translation. The best distribution sites would be the churches, Center of Grace, El Centro and Indian Creek.
- Marcia Manter, LWV, passed on information that the Director of United Community Services (UCS) of Johnson County is seeking to interview senior citizens about their challenge in finding affordable housing in Johnson County. Ed Schulte, AAA, will publish a request for information in *The Best Times*. Maybe there are AAA clients who would be interested?

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

OPEN FORUM

- Katy Hoffman reported that Jay Rowh, President of the KSHL (Kansas Silver Haired Legislature) has been appointed to the KanCare Oversight Committee. It is the first time any Silver Haired Legislator has been appointed to a legislative committee.

ADJOURNMENT

- COA Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Next Meeting

COA Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Debbie Sullivan Room

Health Services Building, 11875 South Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66061 (119th Street & Sunset entrance)

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