
COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2019

→ Room 1070/1075 ←

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

PROGRAM - Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Lawrence Bigus, Executive Director; Doris Kisse, Department Chair, Nursing Homes

MINUTES

- Karen Weber, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the July minutes. There being none, the Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes.
Pam Shernuk made the motion to approve minutes as written. Eugene Lipscomb seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON - Commissioner Hanzlick

- Reported the BOCC has finished the 2020 budget with no mill levy increase.
 - Anyone can come and speak at the Board of County Commissioners meetings during the Public Comment Session. Meetings are every Thursday at 9:30 am at the Administration Building, downtown Olathe.
 - Gave an update on the on-going tax appeals by “Big Box Stores”. They are appealing the County’s appraisals in favor of using “Dark Stores” method appraisals, which is a controversial method. The County is prepared one way or the other to deal with the outcome. It will have major impact on schools and will take years to work out.
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DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES – Debbie Collins

- Absent
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DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING – Dan Goodman

- The Agency was presented with one of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) 2019 Aging Achievement Awards. This award is for our new in-home mental health counseling program for persons 60 years of age or older. We employ the counselor and provide this service directly which has reduced our cost in delivering this service by \$116 per session. This has allowed the Area Agency on Aging to serve four times as many people with this service. The In-Home Mental Health program does not service all the needs in Johnson County as it is limited by available funding.
- Have been preparing for the 2019 Johnson County Aging Services Community Forum which will be held October 21st, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The COA is inviting up to 200 people from the community and selected State representatives. The COA focus group will be held immediately after the current COA meeting.

Top three issues resulting from focus groups so far:

1. Older adult transportation
2. In-Home Supports – Access to Case Management and more CHORE services.
3. Visibility and Awareness of AAA (Area Agency on Aging)
4. Nutrition was brought up as an issue however as a distant 4th Although this is a service that needs to be addressed in the very near future regarding the Kitchen and volunteer capacity.

The kick off video has been filmed although not finalized. There will be tables of ten with a facilitator. There will also be a PowerPoint scrolling during the Aging Forum.

The rough agenda will start with the introduction and kick off video by Chuck Gragg. Then Chuck Nigro will set the expectation of tables utilizing the five questions to focus group questions. After lunch, the comprehensive list, from smaller focus groups, will be shared to be compared and discussed with current group's list. The forum will end with a next steps discussion of the top items and a discussion exercise considering possible services to address the needs that were identified.

- We are working with Aims to get a more current number for our target audience within the 60+ population. There are several needs: some are financial, some are functional, but most are in the financial and functional. Some programs are 65+ some are 60 & up with no requirements. Some programs have financial requirements some don't. Older American Act (OAA) and nutrition programs are entitlements with no financial restrictions. We are looking 175%-180% of poverty level, which is cutoff for Senior Care Act (SCA).
- Concerning transportation, we could use Dallas County AAA as a model as they have had a concierge program in place for about a year.
- Two of three contracts have been completed:
 - ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center): I have signed the current contract to take us through December 2019. At this time, KDADS (Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services) is not going to implement the new MFEI (Medicaid Functional Evaluation Instrument) assessment. We will not sign a 5-year agreement without an increase due to the complexity of this new assessment.
 - CARE (Client Assessment Referral and Evaluation) I have signed the contract but we are waiting for the fully-signed contract.
 - Administration of Case Management (ACM). We have a verbal agreement, but still have not received a signed contract yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging Award: Katy Hoffman, Chair. Committee members: Dale Warman, Kim Mann, Gina Ortiz. Reviewed three candidates:
 - Patti Rule, former COA member and aging advocate.
 - Kermit Dyer, creates and gives watercolors paintings of WWII military aircraft and ships to veterans that served on them. He supports Heartland Honor Flight, Tuskegee Airmen Youth Fund and other veteran's originations by donating his paintings for auctions.
 - Kathy Delia, volunteer driver with Jet express, who connected her 93-year-old Holocaust Survivor client with opportunities to share her story.
- Legislative Committee: Pam Shernuk, Chair. There will be a committee meeting after the September 11th COA meeting.
 - We need to work on the 2020 Legislative Platform. Suggest taking off Medicaid Expansion and aligning more with the County platform.
 - Will be setting up a tour at Evergreen if anyone is interested.
- Live Well Age Well Committee: John P. Smith, Chair. Needs several more volunteers for 1 hour or more from 9:30 to 3:00, Friday, October 18 at the Marriott Overland Park Hotel.
- 2019 Nomination Committee: Stephanie Clayton, Paula Hurt and Chuck Nigro. Reported that Karen and Pam have consented to continue as Chair and Vice Chair as no one felt ready to step into the posts. Election will be in September.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - Karen Weber

- Asked if anyone on the COA Board would be interested in being a facilitator at the Aging Services Community Forum. Presently Stephanie Clayton, Paula Hurt, Kim Mann and Pam Shernuk will be facilitators. There will be a facilitator's training class October 15 in meeting room 1045.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time.

OPEN FORUM

- What is the impact of losing Aetna? Other than client choices, Aetna was only MCO (Managed Care Organizations) willing to work with the AAA.
- Dan Goodman reported that he toured the central kitchen in Wichita. Cost to build 2.5 M.
- Rob Givens will now monitor the Census Bureau Committee meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED

- COA Meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, Room 1055

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