
COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

→ Room 1055 ←

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

Moment of silence to remember.

MINUTES

- Karen Weber, Chair, postponed the approval of the August minutes until October meeting.
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- Received a phone call about a home in disrepair, learned the County's process involving unpaid property taxes. It takes 5 years before a property can be seized for non-payment of taxes. The taxes can be paid at any time within the first 4 years to stop the process.
 - Chris Osborn, CEO, Evergreen Living Innovations, was asked to share the future plans for Evergreen Nursing Home.
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DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Absent
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DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING – DAN GOODMAN

- No real updates have been involved in setting up different activities.
 - Community Forum
 - Administration of Case Management (ACM) – preparing the positions we will need classified by the County when we start searching for the new hires. We are hoping for implementation November 1st instead of October 1st. We still need the signed agreement.
 - AAA Director and financial staff met yesterday to attend statewide financial and budgeting training.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 2019 Nomination Committee: Paula Hurt, Chair, Stephanie Clayton, and Chuck Nigro.
 - Reported that we have two offices to fill, Chair and Vice Chair. Current candidates are Karen Weber for Chair and Pam Shernuk for Vice Chair.
Paula asked for nominations from the floor, there being none, called for a unanimous vote to elect Karen Weber as Chair and Pam Shernuk as Vice Chair.
Vote was unanimous with 12 members present.
- Aging Services Community Forum: Pam Shernuk, Chair, addressed the board. The COA unanimously voted to sponsor the AAA Aging Services Community Forum. We need more COA members to be facilitators at this event. This involves keeping the table discussion on point and writing down any suggestions. Training is scheduled for October 15th at 10 am in room 1045. Jason's Deli will cater.

- Legislative Committee: Pam Shernuk, Chair. There will be a committee meeting in this room after the COA meeting.
 - We need to work on the 2020 Legislative Platform to align with the County platform. Suggest taking off older items such as Sales tax on food.
 - The Legislative Breakfast will be held at the October 9th meeting. Four Representatives and One Senator have RSVP'd.
- Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging Award: Katy Hoffman, Chair. Committee members: Dale Warman, Kim Mann, Gina Ortiz. Reviewed five candidates:
 - Patti Rule, former COA member, active aging advocate and volunteers her time talking about aging services that are available in the community.
 - 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.
 - Courtney Goin, 11-year volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association. Led the most active support groups for 5 years. Covers any and all support groups as needed.
 - Pat VanBuskirk, volunteer with Catholic Charities Friendly Visitor Program. Connected with 90-year-old client from India and was instrumental in helping this man become an American Citizen before he passed away.

The Committee looked at each entry for the one that impacted the most people. They have chosen Patti Rule, a nurse and caring person who has been talking with aging adults, their children, and the news media about community resources and health care available to the elderly for years.

Katy Hoffman made a motion to approve Patti Rule as the 2019 COA Leadership in Aging honoree. Pam Shernuk seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

- Live Well Age Well Committee: John P. Smith, Chair. Passed around the sign-in one more time asking for additional volunteers to cover from 9:30 to 3:00, Friday, October 18 at the Marriott Overland Park Hotel.
- Outreach Committee: Rusty Ryan, Chair. Reminded everyone about the committee and introduced Kim Mann as top performer.
 - Kim reported that she is now doing webinars to share information with about 25 associates.
- Guardian Assistance Program (GAP) Committee: Chuck Nigro, Chair shared the latest communication he had with DCF (Department of Children and Families). They have decided not to pursue GAP. They need to focus on the issues that require their immediate action. While not exactly what we wanted, DCF has made significant changes to benefit Grandparents:
 - The daily allowance for an unlicensed caregiver used to be \$2.00, it has now been raised to \$10.00.
 - As of October 1st, foster care allowance per child goes up to \$720.00.

All documentation will be available for future use if needed.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - KAREN WEBER

- "Trading Places – Caring for Aging Parents" – October 22 at Meadowbrook Park from 5:30 – 8:30.
- Welcome Andrea Leavitt, new COA member.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time.

OPEN FORUM

- John P. Smith inquired about the Elder Abuse Committee. Angela Pelger, Aging Program Services Manager, regularly attends that meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

- COA Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, Room 1055

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST/PEG DEATON LEADERSHIP IN AGING AWARD

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