
COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2017

Conference Room 1070/1075
Sunset Drive Office Building, 11811 S. Sunset Dr., Olathe, KS

MEETING MINUTES

- Before Chuck Nigro, Chair, called for approval of February minutes, he said an item needed to be a correction in Commissioner Allen's report. "Sales Tax has gone up 4%", should have read, "Overall County revenue has gone up 4%". The Chair asked if there were any other changes. Paula Hurt responded that yes, the COA Forum is scheduled April 25th, not the April 1st.

**Kim Mann made a motion to approve the January minutes as amended.
Gene Lipscomb seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON - COMMISSIONER ALLEN

- Reported that the County is financially in good shape, in spite of current challenges.
 - Working on 3 large construction projects: Courthouse and Coroner's facility; Tomahawk Creek Wastewater facility; and the Arts & Heritage Center opening in June.
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DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES - DEBBIE COLLINS

- No report
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING - DAN GOODMAN, DIRECTOR

- Dan gave an update on important advocacy items:
 - HB2294 concerning HCBS Targeted Case Management received Senate committee support but Senator Denning did not allow the bill to hit the floor for a vote. The next opportunity for this needed service will not likely come up again until KanCare proposals go out again, in 4-5 years.
 - Medicaid Expansion is almost dead, the legislature failed to override Governor's veto.
 - The House Social Services Budget Committee recommended restoration of \$250k to the Senior Care Act (SCA) and requested that Secretary on Aging

also find \$250k totaling a potential restoration of \$500,000 of the \$2.1 reduction.

- The AAA has had to severely cut the amount of services it can offer. Services have been reduced to 2 hours homemaker services per week and 1 hour of attendant care weekly.
- The deadline for the RFP has been extended to the end of May. The k4ad is responding as it did with the first RFP, as one entity (Southwest Kansas AAA), with four sub-regional bids as RFP. There are other bidders that will be bidding.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach – Paula Hurt and Kim Mann have been working on a Vintage Park sponsored COA Forum, scheduled April 25th.
- CBSOK Day (Community Based Services Older Kansans Day) Providers have been invited to attend this year since the focus is on HCBS. OK Day is an annual event. COA members from most AAA in Kansas go to Topeka to meet with legislatures and advocate senior issues.

Patricia Burton made a motion to cancel the March 8th COA meeting as Older Kansans Day is March 9th. COA Meetings will resume April 12th as usual. Katy Hoffman seconded the motion to cancel March meeting. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – CHUCK NIGRO

- Heritage quarterly newsletter will include Aging and COA information. Readers can email questions to HSA-AAAWeb@jocogov.org.
- We only have 3 red T-shirts left, time to take up a collection!
- The Policy Position on Proposed Medicare Changes document is complete. Before making a motion, there was a discussion about the complimentary close.

Patti Rule made a motion to approve the Policy Position with the 2 lines of the complimentary close removed. Eugene Lipscomb 2nd the motion. The motion passed with the removal of the complimentary close.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Kansas Silver Haired Legislator election has ended with three (3) new members: Jeanie Adkins-Peine, Scott Gregory, Will Haworth, Sr. The three (3) incumbents are: Jerry Ireland, Chair, Katy Hoffman, Vice Chair, Gary Scott.



NEW BUSINESS

- Older Americans Month – *AGE OUT LOUD* – BOCC proclamation May 4th at 9:30am County Administration Building, 111 S Cherry Street, 3rd floor.

OPEN FORUM

- AARP has been working on HB 2058, to allow doctors/hospitals to give better instructions to caregivers so they can take better care of the person in their care.
- MARC is working on a behavioral program, A.M.P. (Adult Mastery Program) to help adults transition into older adults.
- George Kinnard held an open meeting with residents about TCM (Targeted Case Management). Most don't know who their Case Manager is. They also had extreme reactions to learning of the Senior Care Act reduction.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 10:20am.

Next Meeting: COA Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

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