
COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

Room 1070/1075

Sunset Drive Office Building, Olathe, KS 66061

COA BOARD MEMBERS

Chuck Nigro, Chair

Carol Sader

Charlotte Esau

Karen Weber

Katy Hoffman

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Paula Hurt

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HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie Collins, Director

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Dan Goodman, Director

Jay Leak, Deputy Director

Angela Pelger, Aging Program Services Manager

Nancy Tanquary, Nutrition Program Manager

Wendy Holmberg, Administrative Assistant

Becky Buntgen, Information & Reception

GUESTS

Chris Schneweis, CMO

Jerry Ireland, SHL

Gary Scott, SHL

Marcia Manter, Oral Health

John Andrade

Sharon Rodriquez

Rob Givens

Mark Gingrich

Loren Griffith

Maria Koch, League of Women Voters

Cathy Nix, League of Women Voters

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MEETING MINUTES

- Chuck Nigro, Chair, called for approval of January minutes.
Katie Hoffman made a motion to approve the January minutes as written. Patti Rule seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON - COMMISSIONER ALLEN

- Reported BOCC has started early on the 2018 budget.
 - Unexpected changes to the tax lid.
 - **Overall County revenue** has gone up 4%.
 - Education cuts.
 - No cuts to HSD (Human Services Department) yet.
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DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Single point of entry is up and running - **OneAssist** 913-715-8989. This one number connects the public with all County social services departments such as Public Health, Mental Health, Developmental Support, Housing, etc.
 - The 38% cuts to Senior Care Act (SCA) can be handled this year, but in 2018 it will be dire. We are working on an RAR (Request for Additional Resources) to present to the BOCC.
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING - DAN GOODMAN, DIRECTOR

- Dan reported on two important advocacy items:

February 7th the AAA gave testimony to the Social Services Committee on the impact of Senior Care Act (SCA) cuts.

HB2294 is a bill in committee concerning HCBS Targeted Case Management. This bill specifically states MCOs must contract those services out.
- Home Meds – training has started. An expense line has been built into the Area Plan (budget).

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 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-AAWeb@jocogov.org.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

OPEN FORUM

- Charlotte Esau reported that the Committee on Health and Human Services is sponsoring HB 2299...an Act establishing an independent home and community-based services ombudsman.
- Jerry Ireland, JoCo SHL delegate, encouraged everyone to contact their Legislators about proposed changes in Medicare. Social Security and Medicare are not "entitlements" we pay for them
- Patty Rule reported that Heritage Center asked to put article in newsletter – two small paragraphs about JoCo Legislature Platform.
- Marsha Manters, League of Women Voters (LWV), reported that their Speaker's Bureau has a program on "How to Advocate".

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 10:20am.

Next Meeting:

COA Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Rooms 1070/1075

11811 South Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66061

Sunset Drive & 119th entrance

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