

COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020

→ Room 1070/1075 ←

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

NOTES

- Normally we begin our meeting by approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Today we are waiting for our new COA member, Jay Hobert, he is on his way. In the meantime, we will start with a briefing on the upcoming Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Study Session
- Jay Holbert was introduced prior to the approval of the minutes.

STUDY SESSION BRIEFING - JOE CONNER, COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- Joe Conner, Assistant County Manager, gave a briefing on the BOCC study session for the *Master Aging Services Plan (MASP)*. The session will be held Thursday, February 20th regular meeting starts at 9:30. Study session will start around 11:00 am in the JoCo Administration Building, room TBD. The session is one hour, and the presentation is about 20 minutes, so there will be plenty of time for questions and answers.
- AAA Kitchen update:
 - The key driver for the Kitchen, is what going to happen to Evergreen Living. The County will continue to assist them during and after their move. They are in their study phase, so there are no plans as yet.
 - County has been looking to partner with a commercial food provider to house the Nutrition kitchen. There have been no providers that are interested in partnering with us. The County will keep looking for other options.
 - The current provider, Trio Food Service (FKA Valley Services), supplies both congregate and home-delivered meals, they are looking to lease. We can become an investor with Trio and get some stability.
 - Another option is buying land and building a kitchen.
 - The teardown of the HSB (Health Services Building) is planned for 2023 or 2024.
 - Comm Hanzlick would like to revisit with K-State Olathe. That kitchen appears to be a good fit - it is large and has back docks.
 - Debbie Collins, HSD Director, reported that we have a CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). The first phase is for a study. The first year is used to look at all the options. Maybe hire a consultant.
 - Karen Weber, COA Chair, stated that the COA members have concerns that the County might be interested in a frozen meal program. Joe Conner reassured the COA and AAA, that the County isn't considering that option.
 - Commission Hanzlick is concerned that Evergreen will lower their standards after they move from HSB (Health Services Building), As mentioned, the county will continue to support them for about an additional 7 years.

MINUTES

- Karen Weber, Chair, asked if everyone had read the January 8th minutes. We have a quorum, if there is no corrections or additions, would someone call for a motion to approve.

John P. Smith made the motion to approve minutes as written. Kim Mann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON – COMMISSIONER HANZLICK

- Reported on the 2020 Census, there are 10 questions to answer. All information is protected.
- This will be first time they will be on-line.
 - Notices will be received in the mail by April 1st. Disregard anything received before then.
 - This will not affect the BOCC districts.
 - Census flyers will be distributed to Meals on Wheels clients and at meal sites.
 - *Who is the final arbiter?* The Commerce Department.
 - *Citizenship is not part of the census questions per the Supreme Court. Why is the question about Hispanic descent listed?* It is noted in a lot of other government questionnaires as well. I will get back with you.
 - It is important to report where you live or did live on April 1st.
 - Census takers will not ask for money or your political party and nothing will be mailed before March.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES (HSD) – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Reported that it is budget season...again. This year we are requesting additional funding for several of AAA programs that were identified at the Aging Services Community Forum in October 2019
- Requested 3 additional resources for the new AAA Administrative Case Manager (ACM) program.
 - Per COA's (Commission on Aging) recommendation we are asking for additional funding to create a County equivalent of the State's Senior Care Act (SCA).
 - Additional funding is being requested for the JoCo AAA's nationally recognized In-home Mental Health program.
 - Requesting funds for a pilot program for a transportation "concierge". To make appointments for older adults who may not be comfortable using public ride services such as Uber & Lyft. This would enable access all over Johnson County. This will address the anxiety of giving out personal information and getting into a car of a stranger.
- 400 apartments will roll off of the Housing voucher program, there by collecting rents at market rates. Our new Landlord Recruiter, Pam Harris, has signed up a few of complexes. The vouchers guarantee that landlord will get monthly payments on time and Housing will repair any damage caused by voucher holders.
- These vouchers are accepted outside of Johnson County and Kansas and yes, there are people leaving Johnson County.

DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) – DAN GOODMAN

- Mental Health Counseling Service has been increased to six sessions.
- Administrative Case Management (ACM)
- The ADRC was finally approved for 3 years with the possibility of two one-year extensions. This contract is much better than the previous agreement.
- Some year-end figures:
 - 1200 Assessments
 - 11,000 underserved people
 - 250,000 meals
- Attended the House appropriations meeting yesterday. The House did not support the Executive Order to merge DCF (Department of Children and Families) and the KDADS (Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach Committee: Kim Mann, Chair. reported that she wants to broaden the reach of the program and begin contacting those people who attended or showed interest in the Community Forum.
 - Is planning to create a PowerPoint presentation, as an additional piece, to highlight the different events that COA members attend: *Older Kansans Day at the Capital*, *COA Legislative Breakfast*, *Town Hall meetings*, *Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging honoree*, *BOCC (Board of County Commissioners)* and *Older Kansas Month proclamation*, etc.
 - Kim would like to meet with the committee members soon – Dale Warman, Chuck Nigro and Patti Rule, former COA member.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - KAREN WEBER

- Karen reported that Eugene Lipscomb notified her that he won't be at the meeting. He is under the doctor's care. Paula Hurt passed around a Get-Well card for Gene.
- After this meeting there will be a brief meeting to talk about the upcoming BOCC study session.
Karen also reported that there will be 12 people from the forum attending February 20th session.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

OPEN FORUM

- Commissioner Hanzlick found a copy of the Census form. There are two detailed multiple-choice questions concerning ancestry/origin and race. #5 concerning Hispanic origin. (Hispanic origin is not a race). #6 asks what race, (under race the last choice is “Some other race” with a blank line to complete.)
- Kim Mann reported that she has been certified as a hands-on CPR trainer, if board is interested.

MEETING ADJOURNED

- COA Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

HSB Debby Sullivan Room

Health Services Building, 11875 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe

119th Street & Sunset Drive entrance

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