

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2021

→ via ZOOM video conferencing←

WELCOME

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES

- Pam Shernuk, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the April 2021 minutes. There were two corrections.

John P. Smith made a motion to approve the April 14, 2021 minutes as corrected, Rob Givens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CRIS MOZINGO, OMBUDSMAN REGION 3 LONG-TERM CARE

Certified Ombudsmen are independent citizen advocates who listen to and address the concerns the concerns of residents living in long term care facilities. They investigate concerns and complaints, work with those involved to resolve problems and help to ensure residents, their privacy, and confidentiality is paramount. Residents determine the ombudsman's level of involvement.

Camille Russell is State Ombudsman, there are 6 Regional and 1 Special Projects Ombudsman. Johnson County regions is the largest with the smallest number of Counties.

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Questions:

Did you find an increase of calls since Covid? *Right now, I have 10 issues, out of 100.*

Do other AAA providers? *Some but not all.*

Would a County Ombudsman be helpful? This is a question from a former BOCC member, the COA is just learning about it.) *At this time, as much help as we can get would be helpful. I'm one person trying to cover 150 facilities.*

District 6 does not have enough proper gowns or gloves.

COMMISSIONER ALLENBRAND

- In middle of Budget Hearings.
- Would like to invite Mark Parkinson, American Health Care to speak at a meeting.
- Got larger signs at intersection of Four Corners Rd. and 175th, Gardner, KS.
- Need more Medicaid reimbursements; Evergreen has 75% – 80% out of 105 beds

AGING & HUMAN SERVICES (AHS) – DEBBIE COLLINS, DIRECTOR

- The second half of the \$250,000 for the new aging program is included in the Country budget. Positive reception from the BOCC.
- Good news about the Kitchen, it has been put on the CIP (Critical Infrastructure Protection) list.

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

- The external testing for the Aging Service Website will be sent out very soon, we are awaiting County approval for a soft launch of the page. There will be a checklist provided to assist reviewers in making comments and providing feedback. Per Pam, if any one doesn't feel comfortable, they don't need to participate however for those that do your input is welcomed.
- *The Big Grocery Drop* - 617 clients will receive grocery payed by Older Americans Act (OAA) funds for exiting clients. Unlike the 1st drop, this will be delivered door to door and involve only existing Older Americans Act clients. Carol Colnar, Finance; Angela Pelger, Aging Services, and Stephany Ikpe, Nutrition have made this happen.
- State Legislators added \$3 million dollars in funding to support the Senior Care Act program statewide. Typically, around 11% of all SCA funding flows to Johnson County so we are anticipating an increase of \$330,000 on July 1st to assist with providing in-home long-term care for Johnson County's 60+ population.
- The Johnson County AAA is currently working on the FFY 2022 Older American's Act Area Plan. We plan to bring it before the COA for approval at the July meeting.
- Additionally, the Johnson County Board of County Commission is considering the second half of the \$500,000 the COA advocated for the Aging Care Management (ACM) program last year. This would allow us to service another 104 people with community-based services in 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Legislative Committee, John P. Smith, Chair.** Looking forward to fall legislative platform.
 - ◆ Thanked everyone for all your work.
 - ◆ Since we have updated the By-Laws, I think we should work on updating the COA manual. Dan said that can be done.
- **KS Legislative Liaison, Stephanie Clayton thanked the COA for all their advocacy work this session! Both of these bills passed.**
 - HB 2126:** This passed the Senate and was approved by Governor on April 5th. The original immunity bill did not cover nursing homes.
 - HB 2114:** Senior Care Task Force passed the Senate April 12th. Stephany thinks having a task force is a good thing.
 - ◆ Dan mentioned that he has heard other groups talking about the success we have had with Senior Care Act. There has been talk about how others could get a share of our money for their special projects. Dan shared his concern that because of the strength SCA, other advocacy groups will try and take it over. We would help and assist them, but not share with other populations.
 - ◆ Pam asked Stephanie if she would give brief presentation in August about how the Legislature works and how a bill becomes law.

- **By-Laws Committee, Paula Hurt, Chair.** A draft of the 2021 By-Laws was sent out to COA Board for review. This document was originally created in 1979, having been reviewed and updated throughout the years.

Pam Shernuk, COA Chair called for a motion to approve the Commission on Aging 2021 By-Laws as submitted. Edits and questions were discussed by the full board.

Rob Givens moved that the Commission on Aging 2021 By-Laws be approved as written.

Kim Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed with a simple majority of 12 members and 1 absent. The absent member returned, and the final majority was changed to 13.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – PAM SHERNUK

- What is the status of getting vaccinations for home-bound?
 - ◆ Dan shared that the home-delivered vaccinations for AAA homebound clients has begun. 399 AAA homebound clients were contacted regarding this opportunity, 291 clients had already been vaccinated, 42 of the clients were not interested in the vaccine and 66 clients have agreed to be vaccinated.
- Pam requested that the COA Executive committee stay on briefly at the end of the meeting of the whole to briefly discuss its meeting later this month.
- Pam also acknowledged Karen Weber’s birthday today May 12th.

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned 10:39

AAA Public Hearing

COA Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

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(under the stairs)

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