

COMMISSION ON AGING

MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2022

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OPENING AND WELCOME

- Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM.

INTRODUCTIONS, COA CHAIR – PAM SHERNUK

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, COA CHAIR – PAM SHERNUK

- John P. Smith moved to approve the August 2022 minutes. Dale Warman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CODE OF ETHICS PRESENTATION – NATALIE YOZA, JOCO LEGAL

- Natalie Yoza, Attorney with Johnson County Legal presented on Johnson County's Code of Ethics. All COA board members are required to sign the Oath of Office which is State law & acknowledgement of the Code of Ethics. The purpose of these documents is to maintain high ethical stands, along with support and guidance in the workplace. Any board members that were not present will need to make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER LIASON – SHIRLEY ALLENBRAND

- Shirley Allenbrand updated the board on District 6 and the road studies being done to find solutions to large truck traffic.
The BOCC will be voting on the continued printing of Johnson County magazines on aging (i.e., Best of Times). Commissioner Allenbrand stated a mill rollback was approved by the BOCC for the 2023 budget. She also recommended having Beau Boisvert from the Johnson County appraiser's office to give a presentation on tax bills to alleviate confusion in this area.
Commissioner Allenbrand recently visited the mental health crisis building in Douglas County. The BOCC staff is researching to partner with local businesses and the community in an effort to provide support to this service in Johnson County.

AGING & HUMAN SERVICES REPORT, TIM WHOLF, AHS DIRECTOR & TEAM

- Tim Wholf, AHS Director, announced the retirement of Deputy Director, Jay Leak on October 1. Jay has been with the Area Agency on Aging for 20 years. On behalf of the Aging & Human Service department and COA, Tim and Pam thanked Jay for his service during that time. Tim also expressed the department is currently in the process of hiring for this position.

The 2023 Area Plan was submitted August 31.

"All About Me" books were distributed to board members who were present during the meeting. These complimentary books have also been distributed to AHS clients. The workbook can be accessed online on our website or by picking one up from the department. The approximate total amount spent on the books was \$27,000.

Director Wholf, along with Carol Colnar, BOCC Janee' Hanzlick and city council member Logan Heley recently visited Sante Fe Towers. Tim expressed that many residents were not aware of being able to qualify for our services. In addition, he and Commissioner Hanzlick also met with residents of the deaf community listening

to their concerns. Tim's hope is to better reach these older adults and others within our community, educating them on our services that can assist them.

Lastly, Tim informed board members, staff is working on conducting a COA orientation to all newly appointed board members in an ongoing effort to help educate them on the AHS department, staff and the mission of the COA.

- Angela Pelger, AAA Program Manager, introduced the new Eligibility & Options Specialist, Heather Pinedo who recently joined our team.
- Carol Colnar, Operations Manager stated a watercolor art class will soon be underway for 50 of our homebound clients. The coordination of this class is part of the effort to combat social isolation. A Johnson County Park & Rec instructor will lead this virtual event. If interested, clients art pieces will be collected and published in the 2023 AHS department calendar.

Carol also reminded everyone that additional CARE packages will be distributed late September to 980 clients. Some items will consist of food that can be used for the next virtual cooking class.

The federal fiscal year 2020 will close September 30. CARES funds will expire on that date as well.

- Megan Laha, Director of Administration, reported that the annual Live Well-Age Well event was taking place September 14 from 10am to 2pm at the Arts & Heritage building. AHS staff members will be at this event and the board was encouraged to attend if possible.

Megan provided updates to the CHAMPSS program and the addition of the 3 IHOP restaurants. The department has received positive feedback from CHAMPSS clients. Contracts will be ending September 30 for this fiscal year so the administrators are issuing action through an "exception to competition" process in which multiple contracts can be in place. This would help in adding other CHAMPSS locations throughout the year if necessary. The proposal will go to the BOCC for review September 15. Megan reminded COA members that the CHAMPSS program is donation based and no one is turned away on the inability to pay. Tim Wholf also provided information on the number of meals being served since adding IHOP. From the period July 13 – July 31, approximately 3,100 meals were served to CHAMPSS clients. Of those July meals, 1,300 were served at IHOP. Of the 5,200 meals served in August, 3,000 were served at IHOP.

In regards to home delivered meals (HDM), we are currently serving over 700 a day. Volunteers are still needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative Committee Chairman, John P. Smith provided the 2023 Legislative Platform update that will be presented at the legislative breakfast in October. Issue items still included in the platform are as follows;

Maintain or increase funding for the Senior Care Act (SCA) for those ages 60 & over, Medicaid expansion, evaluations of HCBS waiver programs, immediate elimination of sales tax on food, pharmaceuticals, grooming & hygiene products, access to broadband and legalization support of medical cannabis.

John P. Smith moved to approve the 2023 Legislative Platform as written. Andrea Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Pam Shernuk, reminded the board the legislative breakfast will be held in rooms 1070/1075 on October 12 at 8:15 am. Invitations will be sent to current legislative members, current candidates as well as the BOCC. Items on the agenda include a presentation on the legislative platform and an overview from the 2022 Johnson County survey.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time.
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OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None at this time.
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ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 10:06
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Next COA meeting will be

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 10AM following the Legislative Breakfast
11811 S. Sunset Drive, RM 1070/1075**

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ATTENDANCE

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COA BOARD MEMBERS

Pam Shernuk, Chair	Carol Feaker	Dale Warman
Cindy Green, Vice Chair	Jarrood Ousley	
Paula Hurt	Andrea Leavitt	
John P. Smith	Mary Estrada	

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

Shirley Allenbrand, BOCC Liaison

AGING & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Tim Wholf, Aging & Human Services Director
Jay Leak, Deputy Director
Megan Laha, Director, Outreach & Administration
Angela Pelger, Program Services Manager
Heather Pineda, Eligibility & Options Specialist
Carol Colnar, Operations Manager
Jill Zink, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Natalie Yoza, Johnson County Legal
Katy Hoffman, Silver Haired Legislature, (SHL)
Greg Scott, Silver Haired Legislature
Gerald Ireland, Silver Haired Legislature
Susan Maier, County Managers Office
Chris Osborn, Evergreen

ABSENT

Chris Talarico
Rob Givens
Stephany Ikpe, Nutrition Manager
Jennifer Butterfield, AAA Finance Coordinator
Joe Conner, Johnson County, Assistant County Manager