



Shawnee, Jefferson & Douglas Counties

**Advisory Council Meeting
June 3, 2025; 9:00am
Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
2910 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka KS 66611**

Advisory Council Members Present: *Belinda Davis*

Advisory Council Members Present via zoom: *Matthew Pettit, Shelley Ramos, Beverly Hall, Janet Ikenberry, Karel Ramsey*

Staff Members Present: *Debra Oakes, Stefanie Goodwin, Susan Harris*

1. **Call to Order:** *Matthew Pettit called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.*
2. **Adoption of June Agenda:** *A motion was made to adopt the June Agenda. (Davis/Hall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
3. **Approval of April Minutes:** *A motion was made to approve April & May meeting minutes. (Hall/Davis). All in favor. Motion carried.*
4. **Public Comment:** *None*
5. **Standing Reports**
 - a. **Executive Director Report:** *The transition is not going very well. They have decided they will just have a small group of people at the monthly meetings and then hopefully it will go more smoothly. The information and Referral plus options counseling transferred to Liberty HealthCare June 1, 2025. The assessments will be July 1, 2025. We are currently helping Wichita complete assessments because Wichita lost a lot of assessors to Liberty health care. KDADS has allowed JAAA to do over the phone assessments to help out Wichita. There were 380 assessments done last month. Allocations have been approved, and letters have been sent to the providers letting them know the dollar amount. Contracts will be sent there are some for Nutrition that have to be reworked to show that they will only receive 1/12 of the monies each month. We will do a public hearing and that will kick off the public comment period. Susan to get with Matt to decide on a day that works well. OAA Programs Report.*

OAA Program Reports: *Senior Care budget has been submitted. Veterans Directive Care has 52 clients currently. It is going well and is doing good financially. This Program brought in about \$16,000 last month and looking to doing about the same this month.*

Next year is 50 years for Jayhawk and we are looking at some different ideas such as resources, fair, dance, the 5K and birthday party in September. Matt asked the question if anything was decided on transportation to use core funding. Susan has not yet been able to get back with Karla to Stormont Vail to

work on that anymore. There was a discussion on what could be done to recruit new members, Shelley offered to do a graphic for the agency and will send to Susan to approve. Susan to send Shelley the Agency Logo. There was also a discussion by Shelley about putting up By Laws on the website for Advisory Council and Board so that they knew exactly what is required and which one might work better for them. Susan also creates a job description for Board and Advisory to post on website as well.

Strategic Plan: No updates

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. Discuss possible new meal site:** *Jessica (Midland MOW Director) wants to open a new meal site at SENT which is housed at the Old Avondale East School. Susan explained to her that we would just need approval from the Advisory Council and Susan would have to do a revision to the Area Plan. Susan stated it is in the HiCrest area, which is a low-income area and has a lot of older adults as well.*
- b. Community Needs Assessment Survey Results:** *There is no deadline for the survey just trying to get back as many as we can. Shelley Ramos suggested having a booth at the State or County Fair. Susan said she was okay if they wanted to try to figure something out as Advisory Council to do that however as an agency, she said we don't need information for all of the counties that would be at the State Fair we would only need our tri county area. We also would not have enough staff to be able to man those booths.*

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjournment: *A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:50am. (Hall/ Ramsey). All in favor. Motion carried.*



**Karel Ramsey, Secretary
JAAA Advisory Council**