

# LAWRENCE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVOCACY COUNCIL ON AGING

Independence Inc., 2001 Haskell Avenue, Lawrence, KS 6044

Minutes of April 17, 2018

**Attending:** Mary Johnson, Ellen Paulsen, Marvel Williamson (Senior Resource Center), Susan Harris (JAAA)  
Tamara Cash, Judy Bellome,

Judy welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced our topic for the day: implementing the CARE Act

Planning for an informational meeting

- Judy provided new information on the CARE Act. Once a date and place are set, AARP will provide a speaker and handouts.
- We may want to have additional program content for that meeting to attract a larger audience. John Bahr, retired, heads up the AARP Fraud Watch.
- Derrick Smith, Public Affairs Officer of the Lawrence Police Dept, has an excellent program on the various SCAMS that are ongoing in our area.

General discussion on sidewalks brought up several ideas for speakers for our group. We can get a speaker from the city to address the issue: Tom Markus and Charles Soules were suggested.

Upcoming community programs:

- May 17<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm – Forum on Affordable Housing at the Bert Nash center. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters. 2 of the speakers on the panel are Shannon Oury – Housing Authority, and Mathew Faulk – Bert Nash. The LofW will add a developer and banker to the panel.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> 3 – 4:30 pm – Forum on the Jail and Mental Health initiative – City Hall.

Transportation -

Transit services in Lawrence are becoming overwhelmed. Marvel briefed the group on the Senior Center plans to add vehicles in Baldwin City and Eudora but will need volunteers to operate the vehicles. This will begin in July.

Urban Corridor Consortium – highways between Manhattan and Topeka are of interest. No information on upcoming meetings.

A final topic of discussion was the problem of multiple agency vehicles in the same area. There is no way currently to coordinate services.

Judy will ask Bob Nugent, Lawrence Transit, to speak at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 for eat and greet so bring your lunch and visit.

- May speaker will be Bob Nugent. So, get your questions ready.
- We do have some planning for the CARE Act presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnson, Secretary

**Breakout groups:**

**Transportation** – Brenda, MaryJ, Ellen, Dawn

**Caregiving** – Michele D, Tamara, Judy

**Accessibility** – Saunny, \_\_\_\_\_?

**Affordable Housing** – Tamara, Brenda, Dawn