

## LAWRENCE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVOCACY COUNCIL ON AGING

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

Minutes of March 21, 2017

**Attending:** Judy Bellome, Mary Johnson, Ellen Paulsen, Saunny, Brenda Nunez, Michele Dillon,  
Tamara Cash, Dr. Marvel Williamson,  
Guest speaker: Shannon Oury, LDC Housing Authority  
Guest: Brian Jiminez – City Code Enforcement

Judy opened the meeting by introducing our speaker Shannon Oury from the Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority. Following is a summary of Shannon's presentation. Attached is the handout for the LDCHA Housing Programs. If you follow the sections of the handout, the remarks below will be easy to follow.

Section 8 Housing – participants need 3 years of a good rental history.

Douglas County Housing – is a moving to work program. There is a work requirement of 15hr/wk unless in an education program. Disabled and seniors are exempt from the work requirement.

Transitional housing lasts for 24 months, then the client moves to regular Section 8 housing. The moving to work clients can do activities with HUDE approval.

The waiting lists are 400 clients long for public housing and section 8. Requirements are income based. 30% of area median income. 80% are 50% and below in income.

Wyndam Place and Prairie Commons have vouchers attached to the unit not the tenant.

In 2016 funds from city \$100K and county \$50K came to LDCHA to assist families out of the housing program to their own.

Question from the group: The biggest housing need – mental illness – needing supportive housing and a crisis center. The center needs an exit strategy to move people to more independent housing.

Guest Brian Jiminez from the Code Enforcement department of the City. He also works with the planning development services. Regarding rental inspections, all rentals are licensed and require a local agent. Usually a 10% random sampling of an apartment complex is inspected.

There is a tenant complain department and Brian supplied his direct phone number: 785-832-3111.

Brian deals with many different codes: general property maintenance codes, building codes that change, international codes. Accidents can cause major stress to his department and the community.

The next meeting will be April 18 at 11:30 for eat and greet so bring your lunch and visit.

– Guest Speaker Ernest Kutzley, AARP Director of Advocacy. With the latest news on the CARE ACT and other important senior issues.

The Senior Resource Center Senior Summit will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 pm at the Lawrence Arts Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnson

### **Breakout groups:**

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

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

**Accessibility** – Saunny, Nate

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