

LAWRENCE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVOCACY COUNCIL ON AGING

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

Minutes of March 20, 2018

Attending: Mary Johnson, Ellen Paulsen, Jennifer Divine (Great Lakes Caring), Tina Lai, Marvel Williamson (Senior Resource Center), Mary Trisch (AARP – Kansas)

Mary welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced our speaker Mary Trisch, Communications Director for AARP-Kansas.

Following is a summary of the CARE Act highlights.

Main focus of the meeting was the CARE Act which was passed last year.

- The CARE Act implementation begins July, 2018. In the next few months, AARP will begin educating the public on just what the CARE Act is and what it means for those receiving medical care in a hospital as well as their care givers.
- There will be a media push in the next few months and an article will be published in the AARP bulletin.
- We at LDCACA can help with local information meetings, newsletter inserts, emails, links and Facebook notices.

Other legislation that AARP is following that affects seniors:

- Medicaid expansion
- Dental therapists
- Utilities regulations
- Veterans' crisis line
- Fraud Watch network and how to get email alerts - Phone Apps to alert on scams: HIYA
True Caller
- AARP also has a Fraud presentation available to groups for their member and community programs.
- National alert – a bill on the donut hole and closing it.

Marvel Williamson – Senior Summit information

March 22 from 1 to 3 – subject Housing – meet at Pioneer Ridge community room.

- Survey by BBC on housing
- New housing in Baldwin City and Eudora
- Housing database is now up to date
- Shannon Oury will talk about the Housing Authority initiative

Announcement – Kristen Channel of the Sherriff's Dept is offering tours of the jail on Saturdays form 9-1. This will provide good information in preparation for the upcoming mail-in ballot question.

The next meeting will be April 17th at 11:30 for eat and greet so bring your lunch and visit.

- April speaker will be a surprise. So, get ready for lots of interaction and brainstorming.
- 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