

LAWRENCE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVOCACY COUNCIL ON AGING

Arbor Court, 1510 St Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66047

Minutes of March 19, 2019

Attending: Mary Johnson, Tracy Harmon (Arbor Court), Michele Dillon (JAAA), Katie Whitenight (CVL), Shannon Hodges (Project Lively), Ellen Paulsen, John White (PACE), Tamara Cash, Karen Heintzen, Marlene Merrill, Megan Poindexter (SRC). Katie Whitenight (CVL),
Guest speaker: Sgt. Kristen M. Channel, Douglas County Sheriff's Office

Mary welcomed all attendees to the meeting. She then introduced Kristen Channel, the speaker for the day:

Project Lively – a program to help someone who has a disorder, or who wanders. Program was started in 1999 in Virginia. In 2010 Douglas County adopted the program. The Pilot Club backed the effort and helps with fundraising.

- There are currently 7 clients ranging in age from 12-81. The Program is for the entire county of Douglas.
- The client can live in a single residence or a CLO house. They may have autism or a traumatic brain injury.
- If we have to search for someone, it could take hours or days. With Project Lifesaver, we can find them very quickly – usually 30 minutes or less. The program is designed for people who walk – not have access to a car.

Equipment – transmitter – like a watch to be worn on wrist or ankle. It is waterproof.

- Once a month, the batteries are changed in the transmitter.
- Each transmitter is programmed to a different radio frequency with range of 7-10 miles.
- Search specialists are trained and certified. Currently a team is certified.

Enrollment – Call Kristen who will meet with the family of the client who has tendency to wander.

- A bio of the person is completed including habits, previous addresses, favorite places to go (ex. Dairy Queen or McDonalds).
- Charge for a transmitter is \$300 for 1 year, then \$10/month. Includes bands and batteries.
- The receivers cost \$1500 and there must be 3 of them available to triangulate the signal.
- The Alzheimer's Assn has scholarship money available.
- The client's caregiver checks the battery daily.

When person goes missing – call immediately – don't wait. This program is designed to give the caregivers respite.

www.dgso.org Project Lifesaver tab Bio form Sgt Kristen Channel 785-832-5204 KChannel@dgso.org

Smart911.com a program for everybody-profile pops up for the dispatcher

- Create a safety profile for you and your household can include photos
- Register all phone numbers in the household. Code for the door (location hidden key)
- Include: house floor plans, utility shutoff, pet information, children and schools
- Every 6 months a reminder email is sent to have information confirmed.

Drug take back program – April 27th 10-2 at HyVee on 6th and 11th and Mass.

No needles or sharps, only epi pens. Keep pills in containers.

The next meeting will be April 16th at 11:30 for eat and greet so bring your lunch and visit.

NOTE: we will be meeting at **ARBOR COURT located at 15th and Kasold Drive.**

Respectfully submitted, Mary Johnson, Secretary