

## LAWRENCE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVOCACY COUNCIL ON AGING

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

Minutes of June 18, 2019

**Attending:** Mary Johnson, Katie Whitenight (CVL, Susan Harris (JAAA), Ellen Paulsen, Michele Dillon (JAAA), Jennifer Devine (Great Lakes),

Guest speakers: Sarah Carnahan and John White (Midland/PACE)

Mary welcomed all attendees to the meeting. She then introduced Sarah and John , speakers.

Midland Care, PACE Services – Sarah began

PACE provides an all-inclusive care for the elderly. The program was started on the 60-70's in San Francisco. The Midland/PACE program serves Douglas, Jackson and Shawnee counties. It is for those who are 55+. There are several parts to the program:

- Health Care. Components include a primary care doctor, nurse, occupational therapy, physical therapy, home support, social worker, transportation and life enrichment.
- Day Center – In addition to socialization, the center offers breakfast and lunch.
- Works like an HMO with money to fund coming from many sources. If the client has Medicare and Medicaid, PACE pays all claims.

John White – has been with Midland for past 7 months. There are 52 clients in Lawrence with 300 clients throughout the service area. Nine different people will work with each client.

He said that the only reason to turn someone away if they are unsafe in the community. The program may not be for everyone.

### Questions and Answers:

- What if a person is not eligible for Medicaid. They pay a flat fee to buy in and pay the Medicaid portion (about 3-4,000 per month). This is definitely less expensive than a 24 hour nursing home. PACE currently does not offer day care to those outside of the PACE program. When people need Long Term Care, the fee is covered. Clients can dis-enroll if they can't afford the fees. They can go on Long Term Care.
- If a person is on Medicare and Medicaid, any income above \$1,177 is designated the client obligation. PACE is called a Qualified Medical Beneficiary and acts as a supplemental policy.
- People can always talk to a SHICK counselor (at the Senior Resource Center) for help in getting through the information on the many medical plans.
- Assessment questions used by PACE are one used by HCBS and KANCARE and nursing facilities. Client has to score 26 to qualify for PACE.
- The client can keep their current primary care doctor and sees them a couple time a year.
- The main physician for the Midland/PACE program is Dr. David Wensel.
- Across the country, 50,000 people are enrolled in PACE. The program is audited every two years by CMS.
- There are 2 other PACE programs in Kansas. Via Christie in Wichita and Blue Stem in western Kansas.
- PACE has contracts with providers for services that the basic program does not provide. If the PACE team determines that the client can benefit and KANCARE says it is medically necessary, hearing aids and dentures are provided.

Announcements:

- Senior Resource Center is looking to move mid September. The new elevator will be delivered in July. Check out the progress at website: [www.yourSRC.org](http://www.yourSRC.org).
- JAAA has a new caregivers support group which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 3pm at the Lawrence Library. This is usually for Alzheimer and Parkinson caregivers.
- October is designated as Caregivers Activity month.
- Nutrition program – starting October 1, JAAA will set up 4-5 congregate meal sites in Baldwin, Eudora, Lawrence (Babcock Place, SRC, PACE Center).

Remember these dates:

- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – KABC Caregiver training will be held in Lawrence.
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Stand by Me benefit event for KABC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 11am at KABC office – Dementia meeting on creating a dementia friendly community.
- Retirement Speed Dating –Find a Volunteer opportunity, Sept 15 2-4pm Lawrence Library.
- SRC Homecoming Event – the big move back to Vermont Street. Sept 14, 17,19

The next meeting will be August 20th at 11:30 for eat and greet so bring your lunch and visit. Guest Speaker will be Megan Poindexter, Executive Director, Senior Resource Center with all the latest details on the remodeled site and 8<sup>th</sup> and Vermont.

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

Respectfully submitted, Mary Johnson, Secretary