

## LAWRENCE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVOCACY COUNCIL ON AGING

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

Minutes of November 20, 2018

**Attending:** Mary Johnson, Marvel Williamson (Senior Resource Center), Tamara Cash, Tracy Harmon (Arbor Court), Katie Whitenight (CVL), Brenda Nunez, Susan Harris (JAAA), Michele Dillon (JAAA), Melissa Williams, Marlene Merrill, Shannon Hodges and Jenn Preston (Project Lively)

Mary welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced our speaker and topic for the day:  
Jenn Preston, Project Lively

- Project Lively has only 2 requirements, age 60 and older and live in Douglas County. It is a voluntary program. Phone number for the clinic is: 785-843-0721.
- Shannon Hodges is a new case worker, replacing Susan Ridenour who retired. Shannon volunteers at the Oak Hill Cemetery.
- Project Lively is a no-cost program funded by the city and county. It was started 30 years ago as KDAG with a 3-year grant. The program featured structured assessments for clients and worked with KU to get things started.
- Project Lively helps individuals with unbiased information sources, help with forms and applications for service. They get a lot of referrals from the medical community.
- When service stops at a hospice or care facility, it is due to Adult Protective Services who are the regulators, not Project Lively.
- Project Lively has no contract or long-term services. There are 2 care coordinators, but there is one more position open and available.
- Between 80-100 clients is the usual case load. They do receive regular referrals all year long.
- Other services at the Health Department – late hours on Monday and Wednesday for the clinic. They also have vaccines for older adults.

The group discussed the form of LDCAA. It is an advocacy organization. Tamara said that it should remain independent for clear thinking. Mary said that she would send out the mission statement and principles to the group.

Announcement the League of Women Voters will hold a Legislative Forum on Sat Jan 26. Watch the paper for details of place.

The next meeting will be January 15th at 11:30 for eat and greet so bring your lunch and visit.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Johnson, Secretary

**Breakout groups:**

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

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

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