



## Shawnee County Advocacy Council on Aging

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### **March 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging

#### **Members Present:**

John Tarlton, Chairman

Tony Augusto, Secretary

Esmond Alleyne, Joann Mzhickteno, Jim Snyder, Allison Alejos, Robert Harvey, Don Moses, Nancy Kirk. New Members present were, Sally Henry, Georgia Sandlin, Nina Skidmore, Nancy Irwin, and Shirley Dinkel.

**Members Absent:** Billy Ott, Betty Ott, John Homlish, and Marg Archer.

**Others Present:** Jocelyn Lyons, Sylvia Hopper, and County Commissioner Shelly Buhler

#### **Roll Call**

John Tarlton called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The February 3, 2010 minutes were motioned for approval, 1<sup>st</sup> by Joann Mzhickteno; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Snyder; all were in favor and Minutes were approved.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee Acting Chair, Joann Mzhickteno reported that there were two applicants for membership into the Council. These were:

Nina Skidmore - Acting Chair, Joann Mzhickteno moved to accept Nina Skidmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Kirk, all were in favor, nomination approved.

Shirley Dinkel – Acting Chair, Joann Mzhickteno moved to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Harvey, all were in favor, nomination approved.



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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

### **Community Studies Committee:**

Chair Esmond Alleyne gave report that the committee had met. He is currently trying to set up a date to review Shawnee County Demographics to allow the committee to have a better understanding of what the needs really are, and how many of the elderly are impacted by the services offered. Knowing the demographics will allow the committee to study, design and recommend specific programs for Transportation for the Elderly. He stated that he has been in contact with KDOT, and will review the program KDOT utilizes. He hopes to bring the program to SCACA to review. He reported that the committee will be developing a course of action for SCACA. A discussion followed as to what may be done to sell the program to the County and how SCACA may communicate the information to the service agencies. Chair Alleyne will contact committee members as to when a review of the KDOT program is to take place.

Commissioner Buhler gave the Council a few words of encouragement and thanked everyone for the great job being done. She was encouraged to hear that the Council is working with KDOT. Council members expressed their concerns to the Commissioner. She indicated that she is well aware of the needs and will follow through on the concerns.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Tarlton presented the list of Liaison assignments. He passed the list around to allow the new members and Council members to sign up if they had not done so. John gave a short summary of what the Liaison responsibilities are. The Chairman also requested an up-to-date roster of Council members.

Show and Tell- The Chairman advised the Council that Show and Tell will be on April 7, 2010. He explained that Show and Tell is to allow the agencies to come in and highlight the programs that they are requesting funds from the County.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JAAA Director Jocelyn Lyons gave a report on the Older Kansans Day at the Capital. The Governor spoke, gave a good presentation of the funding problems facing the state. Director Lyons also urged the Council members contact their legislators on aging issues. She indicated how significant this is due to the economic problems the state is having. Hard times are predicted for the elderly in Kansas. Senior services are going to be greatly impacted. A discussion followed as to what the impact may be.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting motioned for adjournment, 1<sup>st</sup> by Don Moses, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allison Alejos; all were in favor and meeting was adjourned.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 7th, 2010, 9:00am-3:00pm (Show and Tell)  
Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging  
2910 SW Topeka Blvd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Augusto  
SCACA Secretary