

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**AREA AGENCY ON AGING, REGION X**  
**June 12, 2025 | 4:00 P.M. | LOCATION: Area Agency on Aging, Region X**  
**Central Office – 531 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Joplin, MO**

Council Members Present:    Edith Triplett                      Charlie Davis  
   Hillary Bokker                      Sherry Lawrence  
   Duane Dreiling

Council Members on Zoom:    (none)

Staff Present:                      Charlotte Foust                      Jeff Glines  
   Jennifer Shotwell                      Bill Chase

**Roll Call @ 4:06 p.m.,**

**Agenda Items:**

**I.     Area Plan:**

- Jennifer announced that FY2026 contracts were extended by the AAAX Board of Directors.
- Jennifer informed of the plan to reorganize the Administration for Children and Families and rename it to Administration for Children, Families, and Community. The new ACFC will oversee the OAA in its entirety.
- Budget discussion for FY2026. Jennifer informed that the Governor recalled the legislators for an extraordinary budget session. No increases to OAA programs expected. Increase of \$.93/meal for Medicaid Meals expected to be approved.
- Jennifer reported 12 people are on a wait list for HDM and that all will be removed at the start of FY26 on July 1, 2025.

**II.    Events:**

- **Slices for Seniors** was held on June 3, 2025, at the Gusano's Pizza. Charlotte reported total funds raised of \$1,271. Many thanks to all who helped make the day a success as well as the community for supporting this event.
- **Flannel Fling/Grapes and Grog** no updates
- **Popsicles in the Park** June 28, 2025 at Joe Becker Stadium.

**III.   New Business**

- Jennifer shared that she and Shaulene spoke about Shaulene's promotion and reported to the Council that Shaulene is stepping down from her role as President of the Advisory Council effective July 1, 2025 due to her increased work demands.

- Jennifer read the statutory requirements and the DHSS Policy and Procedure document regarding the role of the Advisory Council. Discussion followed about increasing the membership with Duane suggesting soliciting members from Freeman and/or Mercy to have healthcare at the table. Discussion about how to form a better working board for the requirements set forth by DHSS. A working board and a fundraising committee was suggested or the same board and a governance committee created. Charlie and Sherry suggested that the members consider these proposals. Jennifer stated that she would send all A.C. members the statute and related policy and procedure language. All would seek additional members.
- Council agreed to adjourn with no meeting date set. Jennifer would set the next date based on email feedback due to July summer vacations.

IV. **Meeting Adjourned** at 5:05 p.m.

  
SHAULENE CAPPs, Chairwoman

  
SHERRY LAWRENCE, Secretary