Advisory Council Minutes
Area Agency on Aging, Region X
September 29, 2025 I Location: Area Agency on Aging, Region X
Central Office – 531 E. 15th St., Joplin, MO

Council Members Present:	Nicole Carlton Wagner	Kathy Sandridge
	Jeff Snider	Alicia Edens
	Edith Triplett	
Council Members on Teams:	Barb Ittner	
	Charlie Davis	
AAAX Staff Present:	Kim Schlegel	Bill Chase
	Charlotte Foust	Jennifer Shotwell

Roll Call @ 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Items:

I. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
Jeff Snider motion, Nicole Carlton-Wagner 2nd

Area Plan Discussion:

- Jennifer related that Carthage Senior Center will no longer be cooking on site. Hot, fresh food being brought from the Barton County Senior Center. This is due to budget constraints with the increase in labor costs. 2 kitchen staff have been laid off in Carthage. No Area Plan waiver is needed for this change as no services are changing. Lunch will still be available every day, it will just be prepared in Barton County.
- Barb Ittner commented on the quality of our catered food, made in Neosho and served in various McDonald County locations. She said she saw no issues with the quality of food.
- Jennifer also expressed concern about looming government shutdowns and said that there will be no access to funding should this occur. Her and Bill Chase, Fiscal Director, are making contingency plans for this potential issue.
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II. **Events:**

a. Flannel Fling – We have silent auction item commitments. The menu is set and there will be a cash bar. We will be including a dessert/bread auction. Discussed beer and wine options donated. The diamond earrings were passed around and Kim is pushing that drawing pretty hard. Please be mindful of new table sponsors be sure to meet and greet.

b. Discussed setup and teardown plan for event. Set up Thursday 10/2/2025 at 9:00 am.

c. Volunteers arrive at event between 4:00 and 5:00 pm day of event.

III. **Other Business:**

a. Growing the Advisory Council membership was discussed.
   i. New Member Patty Brown will attend next meeting.

b. Council agreed to adjourn with the next meeting date will send out poll for October 23rd meeting date suggestion.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

For vacant President Position

Sherry Lawrence, Secretary