



Age-Friendly Kansas

Advisory Committee

Meeting #5: Age-Friendly Working Groups for 2025

Dec. 19, 2024

1:00 pm -2:15 pm

MEETING NOTES

Action Items

- **Check your email for workgroup(s) meeting invitations.** These will arrive in January.
- If you are a workgroup lead and/or facilitator, KHI will reach out to you to schedule a planning meeting in late January or early February.

Meeting Materials:

- Agenda
- Slide Deck
- Draft Domains and Strategies
- Final Working Group Structure for 2025

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Agenda:

1:00 PM – Welcome and Introductions
1:05 PM – **Presentation:** Updates
1:20 PM – **Presentation:** Working Group Structure
1:30 PM – Working Group Breakouts
2:15 PM – Adjourn

Meeting Attendees

Below are the advisory and steering committee members that attended the meeting. Title and organization were gathered from survey responses where registered members self-identified. If this information is not correct, please email euridge@khi.org for correction.

Age-Friendly Kansas Advisory and Steering Committee Members:

- Adrienne Byrne, Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Dept
- Chanda Gross, Research Analyst, KDHE
- Dan Duling, Pittsburg State University
- Derik Flerlage, Bureau Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment



- Erin Martinez, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Kansas State University
- Jackie Halbin, Director of Community Life & Wellness, Lakeview Village
- James Stowe, President and CEO, Center for Practical Bioethics
- Jamie Gideon, Kansas Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association
- Jan Kimbrell, Senior Representative / Resident Advocate, KSHL / LTCO-V, Long Term Care Ombud-Volunteer, KSHL PSA-8, Morris Co Senior Citizens
- Jessie Piper, Assistant Professor, Washburn University
- Julie Sergeant, Deputy Bureau Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Karen Wilson, Executive Director, Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging
- Kelly G. Loeb, Community Engagement Coordinator, KU Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
- Kerri "Chrisy" Khatib, APS Deputy Director, Dept. for Children and Family Services
- Leslie Kraich, Rural Community Health Worker Project Specialist, Morton County Community Coalition
- Linda Johnson, Board Member, Leavenworth
- Mary Calhoun, Silver-Haired Legislator, Kansas Silver-Haired Legislators
- Michelle Coats, Director of Mobility Management, North Central Kansas Coordinated Transit District
- Stephanie Sherode, Financial Navigation Program Manager, Masonic Cancer Alliance
- Sue Schuster, LMSW, Retired - prior KDADS/LTC Ombudsman Program
- Tim Wholf, Director, Johnson County Department of Aging and Human Services
- Travis Rickford, Executive Director, LiveWell Northwest Kansas
- Paul Schuster, Individual
- Andi Hamzallari, Director of Data Modernization, KDHE
- Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Vibrant Health
- Jean Wilms, Individual

KHI Staff: Emma Uridge, Kari Bruffett, Cynthia Snyder, Lyndsey Burkhart

PRESENTATION SUMMARY: EMMA URIDGE, UPDATES

Mississippi Alignment

Kansas Health Institute shared insights from a recent webinar on Mississippi's age-friendly public health system initiative, which also utilized a life-course perspective and multi-sector collaboration with their department of human services.

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Selected for Multi-Sector Plan on Aging Learning Collaborative

Kansas was selected to join a multi-sector plan for aging learning collaborative alongside seven other states. This initiative, led by KDADS, aims to strengthen local and statewide efforts related to infrastructure, transportation, housing, and community services for older adults. The end goal is to develop a comprehensive master plan for aging through executive order or legislation, leveraging existing partnerships and stakeholder input from Age-Friendly Kansas. Participants were



encouraged to stay engaged as the initiative progressed, with opportunities for cross-sector collaboration and involvement in future strategy development.

2025 WORKING GROUP MEETING STRUCTURE, LEADS AND FACILITATORS

Participants were assigned to breakout rooms to identify workgroup leads, facilitation preferences, and preferred meeting schedules. The final structure is below:

Month	Domain Workgroup/All-Member Meeting	Meeting Date	Time
January Planning Break			
First Meeting: Prioritize and Begin Discussing Strategies			
February	Public Health Initiatives Lead: Jamie Gideon Facilitator: Andi Hamzallari	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM
February	Transportation Lead(s): Michelle Coats and Rene Hart Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Tuesday, February 25, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
March	Healthcare Access and Services Lead: Stephanie Sherode Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Thursday, March 06, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
March	Housing and Community Development Lead: Sue Schuster Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Thursday, March 13, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
April	Workforce Development and Education Training Lead: Jessie Piper Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Wednesday, April 09, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
April	Health and Wellness Lead: Erin Martinez Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Thursday, April 10, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
April	(Cross-Cutting) Systems and Collaboration Lead(s): James Stowe and Travis Rickford Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Thursday, April 17, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
April	Quarterly All-Member Meeting	Friday, April 24, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Second Meeting: Draft and Finalize Strategies			
May	Public Health Initiatives Lead: Jamie Gideon Facilitator: Andi Hamzallari	Thursday, May 15, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM
May	Transportation Lead(s): Michelle Coats and Rene Hart Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Tuesday, May 20, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM



June	Healthcare Access and Services Lead: Stephanie Sherode Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Thursday, June 05, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
June	Housing and Community Development Lead: Sue Schuster Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Thursday, June 12, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
June	Workforce Development and Education Training Lead: Jessie Piper Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Wednesday, June 18, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
June	Health and Wellness Lead: Erin Martinez Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Tuesday, June 24, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
June	(Cross-Cutting) Systems and Collaboration Lead(s): James Stowe and Travis Rickford Facilitator: Emma Uridge	Thursday, June 26, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
July	Quarterly All-Member Meeting	Friday, July 11, 2025	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Action Plan Drafting			
August Report Drafting – Steering Committee Review – Work Group Leads Draft Sections – Finish Drafting Strategies			
September Report Drafting – Steering Committee Review – Work Group Leads Draft Sections – Finish Drafting Strategies			
October	Draft Review	Thursday, October 30, 2025	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
November	Draft Review - Incorporate Feedback	Thursday, November 06, 2025	2:30 PM - 4:00 p.m.
December	Finalize Draft	Thursday, December 11, 2025	2:30 PM - 4:30 p.m.
January	All-Member Meeting (If Needed)	Thursday, January 15, 2026	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.
February	All-Member Meeting (If Needed)	Thursday, February 19, 2026	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
March	All-Member Meeting - Action Plan Due	Thursday, March 19, 2026	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM



WORKING GROUPS AND LEADS

This list includes all those that signed up for working groups.

1. Transportation – Michelle Coats and Rene Hart

1. **Chanda Gross** – Research Analyst, KDHE
2. **Dan Duling** – Pittsburg State University
3. **Leslie Kraich** – Rural Community Health Worker Project Specialist, Morton County Community Coalition
4. **Lona Kelly** – Director, Harvey County Dept. on Aging
5. **Mary Calhoun** – Legislator, Kansas Silver-Haired Legislators
6. **Michelle Coats** – Director of Mobility Management, North Central Kansas Coordinated Transit District
7. **Rene Hart** – Public Transit Manager, Kansas Department of Transportation
8. **Stephanie Sherode** – Financial Navigation Program Manager, Masonic Cancer Alliance
9. **Sue Schuster** – LMSW, Retired - prior KDADS/LTC Ombudsman Program
10. **Tina Robinson** – MDT Coordinator, Office of Attorney General Kris W. Kobach
11. **Yvonne Case** – Director of Operations: Medicaid, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

2. Public Health Initiatives – Jamie Gideon

1. **Adrienne Byrne** – Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Dept
2. **Alice Stoker** – Business Office Manager, Pioneer Ridge Health and Rehab
3. **Andi Hamzallari** – Director of Data Modernization, KDHE
4. **Chanda Gross** – Research Analyst, KDHE
5. **Erin Martinez** – Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Kansas State University
6. **Jamie Gideon** – Kansas Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer’s Association
7. **Jean Wilms** – Principal & CEO, Strategic Initiatives & Results
8. **Jessie Piper** – Assistant Professor, Washburn University
9. **Julie Miller** – Clinical Adjunct Instructor, Semi-Retired
10. **Julie Sergeant** – Deputy Bureau Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
11. **Karen Wilson** – Executive Director, Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging
12. **Lainey Faulkner** – Director, Bureau of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
13. **Linda Johnson** – Board Member, Leavenworth
14. **Linda Redford** – Professor Emerita, KU Medical Center
15. **Lona Kelly** – Director, Harvey County Dept. on Aging
16. **Lorna Jarrett** – Owner, Pneuma Pilates and Wellness
17. **Tamara Neff** – DPT, Pilates Performance and Rehab
18. **Travis Rickford** – Executive Director, LiveWell Northwest Kansas



19. **Tyra Quintin** – ADRD Program Manager, KDHE

3. Healthcare Access and Services – Stephanie Sherode

1. **Alice Stoker** – Business Office Manager, Pioneer Ridge Health and Rehab
 2. **Chanda Gross** – Research Analyst, KDHE
 3. **Erin Steele** – Owner/Nursing Supervisor, The Heritage Home
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4. Housing and Community Development – Sue Schuster

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5. (Cross-Cutting Working Group) Systems and Collaboration – James Stowe and Travis Rickford

Role: Ensures interconnectedness and collective action across domain topics in accordance with the 6Cs framework, establishing successful metrics and key performance indicators for a collaborative system.

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15. **Tyra Quintin** – ADRD Program Manager, KDHE

6. Workforce Development and Education Training – Jessie Piper

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