



**TRI-COUNTY AGING CONSORTIUM  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes**

*June 19, 2017 3:30pm*

**Members Present:** Kara Hope, Chair                      Ken Mitchell                      Bryan Crenshaw  
 Dwight Washington                      Howard Spence                      Kelly Arndt  
 Blake Mulder, Vice-Chair                      Chris Swope                      Jeanne Pearl-Wright

**Members Absent:** Kathie Dunbar  
 City of Lansing Vacancy                      Joan Jackson Johnson

**Staff:** Marion Owen                      Sara Aikman                      Carl Buonodono  
 Tammy Lemmer                      Joe Reeves                      Robin Webb  
 Andrea Radel                      Tom Smith                      Kate Long

**Guests:**                      None

1. **Call to Order:** K. Hope called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. **Introductions:** Board members welcomed.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** C. Swope moved to approve the agenda with one addition, 7B. Fundraising Update, K. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Minutes of May 15, 2017:** B. Crenshaw moved to approve the minutes. K. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment:** N/A
6. **Directors Report: I. Budget/Finance:** Although we are experiencing decreased expenditures due to suspending the addition of clients to the Project Choices Medicaid Waiver program, we continue to work with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to explore options to improve reimbursement. There are other AAA's experiencing the same financial reimbursement challenges and we are brainstorming with them as well. Also, we have a meeting scheduled with Nick Lyon, the Director of MDHHS this month regarding the inadequate capitation reimbursement.

**6. Directors Report: I. Budget/Finance (continued):** We received the Statement of Grant Award (SGA) reflecting the final federal funding as a result of the passage of the FY 2017 budget and have made adjustments as necessary. Joe Reeves will cover this in his report. The governor and legislature came to a compromise on the FY 2018 budget and aging services received essentially what the House recommended, which is lower than Governor's proposal, except for the Medicaid Waiver for Home and Community Based Services (Project choices at TCOA) which thankfully received over a \$25 million increase. Also of note is that there was some language under Section 1852 of the bill directing the MDHHS to implement a pilot programs in certain counties (not the tri-county area) to transition Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services to be under the control of HMO's or private health plans. This would have included transitioning participants in the MI Choice waiver operated by AAA's in those counties to private health plans. AAA's have been successfully operating the MI Choice/Project Choices program since the early 1990's and are the experts in delivering such services. AAA's quickly and successfully convinced the legislators on the conference committee to remove this section as it would be potentially harmful to older adults and was very premature. We sent information to Speaker Tom Leonard explaining what this section means to Project Choices. The Section was removed. We are successfully generating funds from the evidence-based programs including the Chronic Pain Path and Diabetes Self-Management. Christine Histed, Registered Dietician is the staff person involved and Tammy Lemmer is the Supervisor.

**II. Other:** We have submitted our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) to the Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) for FY 2018. Kate Long will provide an overview of the Plan. Tammy Lemmer will also provide an update on fundraising activities including the Annual Charitable Golf Outing and the Run/Walk for the Ages 5K Race.

## **7. Planning and Fundraising:**

**A. FY 2018 Draft AIP Resolution:** K. Long gave highlights on the FY 2018 Annual Implementation Plan(AIP). Not many changes due to being the second year of a three-year plan. Some focus is on expanding the evidence-based programs. Included in the board packet was a handout outlining the changes, as well as a copy of the entire draft of the FY 2018 AIP. B. Crenshaw moved to accept the FY 2018 Draft AIP Resolution. J. Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried

**B. Fundraising Updates:** T. Lemmer gave an update on the recent fundraisers: 5K Run and the Annual Golf Outing. Reported that revenues, sponsorships and donations increased from last year on both events. Also, grants have been received for the evidence-based Matter of Balance, Diabetes PATH and Chronic Pain PATH from Mason Area Community Foundation, Michigan State Medical Society and have received an approval from R E Olds Foundation today. Upcoming event is our Dinner and Auction on November 9, 2017.



**8. Finance:**

**A. April Financial Reports-** - J. Reeves presented the April Financial reports. K. Mitchell moved to accept the April Financial Reports. B. Crenshaw seconded. Motion carried.

**10. General Check Ledger Resolution:**

**A. May 2017:** B. Mulder moved to approve the May General Check Ledger. C. Swope seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:09pm