

Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA)

2019 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) Summary

The area plan for Fiscal Year 2019 is similar to the approved plan that took effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2017 (October 1, 2016).

Reminder: the information that formed the 2017-2019 area plan was gathered through a comprehensive Needs Assessment process that included 150 survey responses, 16 community forums and 2 public hearings for additional commentary and discussion.

Highlights relating to the 2019 area plan:

Program Development Goals, Objectives and Activities

- No new Program Development Goals, Objectives or Activities for Fiscal Year 2019.**
- Goals, Objectives and Activities from the 2017-2019 area plan will continue. *Include but not limited to:*
 - o *Access to information and supports*
 - o *Improve access to and expand Evidence-Based Programs*
 - o *Raising awareness of elder abuse and exploitation*
 - o *Increased supports for persons with Dementia, as well as their families and caregivers.*

PREVNT Grant Funding

- TCOA received funding from AASA in October 2017 for the Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) Initiative**
- TCOA refocused the Abuse in Later Life (ALL) project** to enhance and strengthen the awareness, prevention and response to elder abuse with greater emphasis on minority communities and the LGBT community
- Key partners include EVE Inc. (the local domestic violence program for Ingham County), RSVP-Lansing and their Senior Companion volunteers, and Legal Services of South Central Michigan

Community Health Worker/Resource Navigator

- TCOA is discussing a partnership that could offer funding for a portion of a Community Health Worker/Resource Navigator position.** State dollars would be used for remaining portion.
 - o *Local neuro-gerontologist Dr. Andrea Bozoki and the MSU Department of Neurology*
- Focus of the position would be on information sharing, referral and community outreach

Evidence-Based Mental Health Program

- TCOA plans to explore an evidence-based mental health program serving older adults**
 - o *Senior Reach has proven clinical results for older adults in urban, suburban, and rural areas and promotes inter-agency cooperation and collaboration*

Opioid Crisis – TCOA involvement in Substance Abuse Coalitions

- TCOA participates in coalitions across the service area:** Clinton County Substance Abuse Coalition, Eaton County Substance Awareness Advisory Group and Ingham County Substance Abuse Coalition
- TCOA Evidence Based Programs Manager primarily attends to connect and partner with different organizations who have a vested interest in alternative pain management to connect them to the Chronic Pain PATH workshop

NCQA Accreditation for the MI Choice Waiver

- TCOA is seeking national accreditation through the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)**
 - o *NCQA uses the most up to date evidence based-practices to determine quality indicators*
 - o *Potential entities that may want to partner with TCOA will recognize the agency's dedication to quality and know that specific minimum standards have already been met*
- Currently, TCOA is only choosing to pursue accreditation in relation to the MI Choice Waiver
 - o *Opportunities remain for the agency to bring multiple programs forward in the future*

Complete draft of proposed AIP will soon be available at: www.tcoa.org/documents/