

TRI-COUNTY AGING CONSORTIUM
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

February 24, 2020 3:30pm

Members Present: Ken Mitchell, Chair Dwight Washington Chris Swope
Blake Mulder Matt Bowen Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Members Absent: Joan Jackson Johnson Jody Washington Robin Naeyaert
Aaron Stephens Bryan Crenshaw

Staff: Marion Owen Sara Aikman Kate Long
Kirsten Laing Joe Reeves Tammy Lemmer
Tom Smith Carl Buonodono Robin Webb

Guests: Sherri King-Field Rep, Aging and Adult Services Agency, MDHHS
Joel Zachrich, Advisory Council Member

Item #1. Call to Order:

K. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Item #2. Introductions:

Introductions were made by Board members TCOA Staff, and Guests.

Item #3. Approval of the Agenda:

Agenda item added 11.C. Vanguard Resolution. Motion by B. Mulder, supported by D. Washington to accept the Addition and Approval of the Agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Minutes of January 2020 Meeting:

Motion by B. Mulder, supported by J. Pearl-Wright to accept the minutes for January 2020 Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment: N/A

Item #6. Election of Officers:

Postponed until next meeting.

Item #7. Committee Appointments:

Postponed until next meeting.

Item #8. Conflict of Interest forms:

S. Aikman reminded the Board that forms are due.

Item #9. Director Report: Marion Owen

State Budget: The governor has released a Supplemental Budget for FY 2020, the current year. Unfortunately, the \$40 million increase for the MI Choice program was eliminated. A handout on this is in the Board packet. We (our Association) are trying to turn this around. There were other services reduced as well including Home Help and nursing facilities. The TCOA budget for Project choices (MI Choice Home and Community-Based Services Program) does not include this increase although it was included in the budget passed and approved by the Governor. The increased funds were held up and to be cautious, the increase was not included in the TCOA Project Choice budget.

The Governor's released her FY 2021 Budget. There are modest increases for AASA (Aging and Adult Services Agency) programs including home delivered meals and the Medicaid MI Choice program. The proposed budgets will now go to the committees. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) committees will be reviewing the funds which impact TCOA and all the Area Agencies on Aging around the state.

Other: The MDHHS Medicaid Division has a plan to establish a statewide long-term care services and supports (LTSS) options counseling program as part of the FY 2021 budget. TCOA and our aging network of AAA's have been providing options counseling along with intake for MI Choice, assistance Medicaid eligibility for participants and completing the Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC) since the beginning of the MI Choice program in 1992. MDHHS wants to set up a separate entity to provide these services, separate from AAA's under the assumption that this would reduce any conflict of interest. We totally disagree and are concerned that setting up another layer and more hoops for people to jump through will only confuse people and cost a great deal of money (\$20 million the first year alone). As part of our advocacy, we are maintaining that any additional funds need to expand the program and eliminate wait lists and increase the wages and training to direct care workers. There will be more on this in the coming months.

The Annual Audit was conducted by Manor Costerisan and is almost complete. Joe Reeves will provide information.

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation event on April 23 from 4:00-6:00. This event shows our appreciation for all the volunteers including those who deliver meals (over 1400 persons) as well as those volunteering in the central kitchen, Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program volunteers and others.

T. Lemmer remarked on the upcoming events on March 2nd, the Spaghetti Dinner at A & W in Mason and the Annual Golf Outing on June 9th. Discussion on a new Board member tour of the kitchen.

Item #10. Planning, Advocacy & Development:

A. 1st Quarter Services Report: K. Long gave an overview of the 1st Quarter Services Report, highlighting data on page 2. The joining of the Adult Respite Services and In-Home services because they are under the same RSVP organization. On page 2-3 there were additional columns added for Units and Unduplicated Clients. On page 4 MMAP

(Medicaid-Medicare Assistance Program) specifically Clinton County clients were up 250%, due to additional volunteers. On page 6, the Housing Services number has more than tripled. On page 11, under Nutrition we have added new rows under dining sites and MOWs for new clients by quarter, YTD clients by county by dining site and YTD clients by county for MOW. There is no waiting list, but had 14 underserved clients.

Item #11. Finance:

- A. Financial Report-December 2019-** J. Reeves presented the December financial reports. Motion by B. Mulder, supported by J. Pearl-Wright to accept the December reports. (see exhibit 11.A1-A16).
- B. Accounting Supervisor Update:** J. Reeves gave an update Accounting Supervisor position.
- C. Resolution for Vanguard Funds:** J. Reeves proposed a resolution to allow M. Owen and J. Reeves to be authorized signer as a beneficiary for TCOA.

Item #11. General Check Ledger Resolution:

- A. January:** Motion by B. Mulder, supported by C. Swope to accept the January Check Ledger Resolutions (see exhibit 12.A). **Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm

NEXT MEETING: March 16th at 3:30