

TRI-COUNTY AGING CONSORTIUM
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

January 27, 2020 1:30pm

Members Present: Ken Mitchell, Chair Bryan Crenshaw Dwight Washington
Blake Mulder Jeanne Pearl-Wright Patricia Spitzley
Matt Bowen

Members Absent: Joan Jackson Johnson Jody Washington Robin Naeyaert
Aaron Stephens Chris Swope

Staff: Marion Owen Sara Aikman Andrea Radel
Kirsten Laing Joe Reeves Tammy Lemmer
Tom Smith Casey Cooper Robin Webb

Guests: Becky Payne-Field Rep, Aging and Adult Services Agency, MDHHS
Robin Ford, Advisory Council Member

Item #1. Call to Order:

B. Mulder called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Item #2. Introductions:

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

Item #3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by K. Mitchell, supported by B. Crenshaw to accept the Approval of the Agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Minutes of October 2019 Meeting:

Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by M. Bowen to accept the minutes for November 2019 Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment: N/A

Item #6. Election of Officers:

Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by P. Spitzley to nominate K. Mitchell as Chair of the Board. **Motion carried.**

Board Elected K. Mitchell as Board Chair.

Item #7. Conflict of Interest forms:

Conflict forms were included in Board packet. S. Aikman asked Board members to update Conflict of Interest forms.

Item #8. Director Report: Marion Owen

I. State and Federal Updates: The federal budget passed in December with modest increases in the Older Americans Act programs including community services and congregate and home delivered meals. AASA state (Aging and Adult Services Agency) has included the funding in their last Statement of Grant award/SGA. The renewal of the federal Older Americans Act has passed the House and is in the Senate waiting for approval. There has been bipartisan support. There are several positive changes in the renewal with increased flexibility a longer reauthorization period of seven years instead of five and a 7% increase for the first year with 6% increases in the following years through FY 2026.

Although the state budget was finalized, there are still pending supplemental budgets being considered. A supplemental budget reflecting the legislative allocation to the MI Choice program is necessary in order to appropriate the increase funding. The legislature approved a 5% increase in the capitated rate for the program and \$40 million to cover the increase which is desperately needed to cover the increased costs for client services and reduce the waiting list. The governor approved the funding, but additional dollars were not dedicated to cover the increase. MI Choice, known as Project Choices in this region, serves lower income persons to support them in living independently in their homes. Clients must be functionally nursing home eligible and the program is a highly desired alternative to institutional living.

TCOA and another Area Agencies on Aging will be partnering with AASA who has received a grant to provide services to older adults with HIV. There is a large increase in the number of older adults with HIV and they have unique needs including nutritional and problems such as isolation which can contribute to health problems.

The Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging will hold their meeting at TCOA on February 21, 2020 at 9am.

II. Other: The staff committee has reviewed the various options to replace our very old cubicles and have made their choice. Work should begin next month.

As reported previously, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution authorizing a millage for senior services to be placed on the August 4th ballot. TCOA had suggested the ballot language, the services and general cost of such services. Critical programs such as in-home services, home delivered meals, home repair, wellness programs, crisis services, legal services and information and referral will be included.

Tammy Lemmer and Casey Cooper will provide some information on the results of the holiday fundraising letter.

The AAA Association is holding regular meetings regarding the establishment of the management services organization. This new entity will serve as the hub for contracting with regional and statewide organizations to provide services to older adults including hospitals, health plans and physician groups. The consultants and attorney have developed the legal documents necessary to form such as entity. This new entity is considered essential to the future of aging services in Michigan.

Item #9. Planning, Advocacy & Development:

- A. FFI Allocation Resolution:** C. Cooper presented the FFI Allocation Resolution for FY2020. Motion by B. Mulder, supported by Jeanne Pearl-Wright to adopt the FFI allocation resolution. Motion carried. C. Cooper gave an update on the upcoming Golf Outing on June 9th.
- B. 2020 Census Education:** T. Lemmer gave an update on the grant from Capital Area United Way to conduct educational meeting to inform people of the new census process and answer any questions concerning the new electronic form of reporting census information. Donna Hobart former employee of TCOA is working under contract on this project.

Item #10. Finance:

- A. FY 2019 Budget Revision Resolutions:** J. Reeves presented the FY 2019 budget revisions resolutions. Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by B. Mulder to accept the FY 2019 budget revision resolutions. (see exhibit 10.A.1-15) **Motion carried.**
- B. Financial Report September 2019 Final:** J. Reeves reported on the new cubicles that will be installed starting next month. J. Reeves discussed with the Board the September 2019 Final reports (see exhibit 10.B1-15).
- C. Financial Report- October 2019** (see exhibit 10.C.1-16)
- D. Financial Report- November 2019-**J. Reeves with permission from the Board to skip the overview of the October reports due to cumulative information presented the November financial reports. Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by B. Mulder to accept the September final, October and November financial reports. (see exhibit 10.D.1-16) **Motion carried.**

Item #11. General Check Ledger Resolution:

- A. November:** (see exhibit 11.A)
- B. December:** Motion by B. Mulder, supported by P. Spitzley to accept the November and December Check Ledger Resolutions (exhibit 11.B). **Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm

NEXT MEETING: February 24th at 3:30