

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

Minutes

April 19, 2021 3:30 pm

Note: Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Members Present: Ken Mitchell, Chair Jeanne Pearl-Wright Adam Hussain- Vice Chair
Dwight Washington Bryan Crenshaw Blake Mulder
Mark Mudry Patricia Spitzley Chris Swope

Members Absent: Jessy Gregg Randy Schafer

Staff: Marion Owen Kirsten Laing Joe Reeves
Tammy Lemmer Tom Smith Carl Buonodono
Marilyn Wiley Robin Webb Andrea Radel
Kate Long Casey Cooper

Guests: Becky Payne-Field Rep, Aging and Adult Services Agency, MDHHS
Dr. Zeenat Kotval Karamchandani- Advisory Council Member

Item #1. Call to Order:

K. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm

Item #2. Introductions:

Item #3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by A. Hussain supported by B. Crenshaw to accept and approve the Agenda.
Motion carried.

Item #4. Minutes of March 15, 2021 Meeting:

Motion by J. Pearl-Wright, supported by A. Hussain to accept the minutes for March 2021. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment:

Becky Payne announced that Older Michiganian's Week is May 10-May 15, with May 12th being Older Michiganian Day. They are taking applications for Senior Citizen of the Year. Approximately 70% of individuals over 65 have received at least one COVID-19 vaccinations. There is a significant need for more Direct Care Workers, so AASA is developing a registry in hopes that it will make it easier to fill open positions.

Item #6. Compliance Activities FY20:

K. Laing gave an update on the MI Choice Compliance Activity. TCOA received a Pass for all Compliance Review performances for FY20 from the Office of Inspector General. TCOA is committed to the detection, prevention, investigation, and correction of potential health care fraud, waste and abuse. Details about compliance and program integrity can be found in the Annual Managed Care Integrity Plan and the Compliance Plan. Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by A. Hussain, to place the Compliance Activity on file. **Motion carried.**

Item #7. AASA Programmatic Assessment Update:

T. Smith gave an update on the Programmatic Assessments of the Annual Subcontractors. All contractors are in compliance. Motion by Jeanne Pearl-Wright, supported by A. Hussain to accept the Programmatic Assessment Report. **Motion carried.**

Item #8. Directors Report:

I. COVID-19 Update:

- Because of the increase in COVID-19 positive cases, staff continue to work remotely and are not conducting face-to-face contacts with clients.
- Staff and volunteers continue to assist older adults with obtaining their vaccines and arranging transportation.
- We continue to work with local health departments to secure vaccines for homebound clients.
- We are encouraging staff to get their vaccines and will have Marcus Cheatham, the Health Officer of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, present at the next TCOA All-Staff meeting and will address any concerns and answer questions.
- We are distributing totes with personal care items to older adults. The bags contain personal items, masks, sanitizer, cleaning products as well as fun type items including coloring and activity books to help deal with isolation. Funds are from AASA (Aging and Adult Services Agency).

II. Other:

- The Area Aging Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (4AM) is exploring the expansion of an interoperability I.T. system. This will enhance communications with several health-related entities. More information to come.
- We have not received the final allocation on the Covid Relief Act. Most funds will impact community support services such as in-home services, home delivered meals and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program. Individual AAA's will be funded based on the intrastate funding formula.
- The Governor's FY22 proposed budget has been released and contains funding increases for AASA programs as well as the Medicaid Mi Choice program (referred to as Project Choices at TCOA).
- We are in the process of establishing an increase in the rates for in-home services for direct care workers. This will be in addition to the \$2.25/hour

increase the state has recently initiated. It has been a couple of years since we have raised the rates and we are very concerned that we will not have enough direct care workers to meet the needs of our clients. Most parts of the state have been experiencing shortages and we are beginning to as well.

- The tax assistance program has been extended and will continue until the May 17 filing date.

Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by D. Washington to place the Directors Report on file. **Motion carried.**

Item #9. Planning, Advocacy & Development:

A. National Volunteer Appreciation Month Video:

C. Cooper presented the Volunteer Appreciation Video. TCOA currently has 1900 volunteers.

B. Meals on Wheels Golf Outing:

C. Cooper reminded everyone of the Annual Golf Outing on June 9th at the Forest Akers Golf West.

C. TCOA Annual Plan FY22 Timeline:

K. Long presented the Annual Implementation Plan Timeline.

Item #11. Finance:

A. February 2021 Financial Report:

J. Reeves presented the February 2021 Financial Reports. Motion by B. Crenshaw supported by A. Hussain to accept the February 2021 Financial Reports. (see exhibit 10.A.1-10.A.17). **Motion carried.**

Item #12. General Check Ledger Resolution:

A. March:

Motion by J. Pearl-Wright, supported by D. Washington to accept March check ledger resolutions. **Motion carried by a roll call.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: May 17th, 2021 3:30 pm