

TRI-COUNTY AGING CONSORTIUM
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

October 18, 2021 3:30 pm

Members Present: Ken Mitchell, Chair Jeanne Pearl-Wright Blake Mulder
Dwight Washington Mark Mudry Randy Schafer
Bryan Crenshaw Jessy Gregg

Members Absent: Chris Swope Patricia Spitzley Adam Hussain- Vice Chair

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

Guests: Becky Payne-Field Rep, Aging and Adult Services Agency, MDHHS
Cheryl Mask-Advisory Council Member
Daniel Black-Public

Item #1. Call to Order:

K. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

Item #2. Introductions:

Item #3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by B. Crenshaw supported by D. Washington to accept and approve the Agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Minutes of September 20, 2021 Meeting:

Motion by B. Mulder, supported by M. Mudry to accept the minutes for September 2021. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment:

Becky Payne gave an update on the merge of Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) and Medical Services Administration (MSA), now the Health and Aging Services Administration (HASA).

Item #6. Directors Report:

I. COVID-19 Update

- We are continuing to follow guidelines and screenings for the office, wearing masks in public areas and practicing safe distancing.
- 87% of staff are vaccinated.

- We continue to work with MDHHS and local health departments to assist AFC (Adult Foster Care) residents with obtaining the vaccine boosters. Only applies to the Pfizer booster. Most vaccines provided to the AFC were Moderna. Moderna booster may be approved in the next few days. Local health departments will assist in getting the vaccines to people who are homebound. Tom Smith has been in contact with the AFC's that we have contracts with.

II. Aging and Adult Services Reorganization:

- Executive Order signed by Governor Whitmer has merged the Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) with Medical Services Administration (MSA) to improve services for older Michigianians. The order established the Health and Aging Services Administration (HASA) to improve coordination between the many programs serving older adults which have been administered through different administrative entities. HASA will include all the programs funded through the federal Older Americans Act, the Older Michigianians Act, MI Choice Waiver for Home and Community-Based Services.
- The Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan has issued a press release generally supporting the reorganization. More information will be forthcoming.

III. State Budget:

- The FY 2022 budget was passed and has been signed by Governor Whitmer. The budget contains increases for aging programs including the nutrition program, community services (including in-home services) and permanent increase for the direct care workers of \$2.35/hour.
- The source of the funding includes American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 generally providing funding through 2025, regular state general funds, state supplemental funds and federal Older Americans Act funds.
- AASA will be issuing state grant awards soon to each AAA based on the funding formula. We will share the final amounts with the Board.

IV. Other:

- We are currently working with AARP tax assistance program to offer tax assistance for this year. To minimize any risks, we will require masks and social distancing. TCOA has hosted and supported this program for the past 30 years.

Item #7. Planning, Advocacy, & Development:

A. Dinner and Auction Update:

C. Cooper gave an update on the Dinner & Auction, inviting the Board members. The Dinner & Auction will take place at the Kellogg Center on November 18, 2021.

B. FFI FY 2022 Allocation Proposal Resolution:

C. Cooper presented the FFI Allocation Proposed Resolution. A motion by B. Mulder, with support by J. Pearl-Wright to accept the FFI FY 2022 Allocation Resolution.

Motion carried by roll call.

Item #8. Advisory and Consortium Membership

M. Owen gave an update on the openings for the Advisory and Consortium Membership. There are 1 renewal and 1 vacancy for Clinton County, 1 vacancy for Eaton County, 1 renewal and 1 vacancy for Ingham County, as well as 2 vacancies and 1 renewal for City of Lansing.

Item #9. Finance:

A. August Financial Reports:

J. Reeves presented the August Financial reports. Motion by R. Schafer, supported by B. Crenshaw to accept August Financial reports **Motion carried.**

Item #10. General Check Ledger Resolution:

A. September

Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by R. Schafer to accept the September check ledger resolutions. **Motion carried by roll call.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 pm

Next Meeting November 15, 2021