

TRI-COUNTY AGING CONSORTIUM
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

January 24, 2022, 3:30 pm

Members Present: Ken Mitchell, Chair Jeanne Pearl-Wright Irene Cahill
Dwight Washington Mark Mudry Bryan Crenshaw

Members Absent: Chris Swope Patricia Spitzley Adam Hussain- Vice Chair
Jessy Gregg Blake Mulder Randy Schafer

Staff: Marion Owen Kirsten Laing Joe Reeves
Tammy Lemmer Marilyn Wiley Kate Long
Robin Webb Casey Cooper

Guests: Becky Payne-Field Rep, Aging and Adult Services Agency, MDHHS

Item #1. Call to Order:

K. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm

Item #2. Introductions:

Item #3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by B. Crenshaw supported by M. Mudry to accept and approve the Agenda.
Motion carried.

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

Motion by J. Pearl-Wright, supported by B. Crenshaw to accept the minutes for November 2021. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment:

Becky Payne gave an update that American Relief Plan Act funds will be distributed soon as the state budget office releases the funds. Finalizing Closeout for FY 2021 with carryover being announced soon. The state is working on the 3-year Multi-Year Plan (MYP).

Item #6. Conflict of Interest Forms:

J. Reeves requested all Board members fill out their Conflict-of-Interest forms and return to him.

Item #7. Directors Report:

I. COVID-19 Update

- TCOA is continuing to require wearing masks and pre-screening staff and visitors before entering the office, following the Ingham County and CDC

guidelines. No plans at this time to require staff who are not vaccinated to be tested weekly.

- There has been an increase in the number of staff and their family members who have been exposed and a few have contracted Covid-19. Fortunately, no one has been hospitalized or experienced severe reactions, as most of the staff are vaccinated. There has been a slight increase in number of clients in Project Choices who have contracted Covid-19 but no recent deaths.
- Several rapid tests were ordered in case they were needed. The Supreme Court ruled against the OSHA mandate rule. Mid-Michigan District Health Department has also asked us to partner to distribute tests to the public. We have asked for 2,500 to distribute to clients and direct care workers providing care to clients as well as other providers in the area.
- We continue to assist older adults with obtaining their vaccines and boosters. With some funds we receive from the state Aging and Community Living Services or ACLS (formerly Aging and Adult Services), we are also planning on sending out post cards to older adults to offer assistance.
- We also received KN-95 masks to distribute to older adults, caregivers, and staff. These were provided by the state Aging and Community Living Services (ACLS).

II. State Budget Update:

- We have received verbal confirmation that we will be receiving the federal American Rescue Plan funds through ACLS, we have not received the official notice. The amount is over \$1 million over three years and is targeted to nutrition, in-home and community services.
- The federal budget is still operating through a continuing resolution and the funds to AAA's from ACLS are based on last year's allocation.
- We are in the process of renewing the Ingham County Elder Millage contract, with the same scope of service, with slight increases –Home delivered and Congregate Meals, In-Home Services, Home Repair/Chore Services, Crisis, and Gap-Filling, Non-Covered Medical, Information and Assistance/ Options Counseling/Community Resource Navigators, Legal Services and Nursing Home Ombudsman Program and Wellness Activities. This program has been extremely valuable to the Ingham County older adults.

III. Other:

- AARP will be assisting older adults with taxes again this year at the Foster Community Center in Lansing. TCOA is setting up appointments. There will also be a smaller site at the Dewitt Township Hall. Due to Covid, TCOA will not host the program, but will provide other supports.
- Eileen Heideman will be joining the Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC) representing TCOA and the Tri-County area. She has a history of commitment to TCOA, along with Mary Alan, who was Executive Director of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan for over 35 years, with a wealth of knowledge

and experience and Kirk Lewis, another Advisory Council member representing Home Care Alternatives, an in-home services provider since the beginning of Project Choices and strong supporter of TCOA. MSAC meets monthly to study senior issues and legislative bills impacting older adults and meet with local legislative representatives.

- The Annual Dinner and Auction was held on November 18 at the Kellogg Center. C. Cooper gave an update on the success of the Dinner and Auction, with \$81,000 in revenue after expenses. Also, the Golf outing is June 16, 2022, at Forest Acres Golf Course, and the Dinner and Auction will be held at the Kellogg Center once again, on November 16, 2022.

Item #8. Planning, Advocacy, & Development:

A. Advisory Council Agency Resolution

T. Lemmer presented the new Advisory Council members, Michigan State University School of Planning, Design and Construction and Hospice of Lansing. Announce the need of an Eaton County and Ingham County appointee. Motion by B. Crenshaw, supported by J. Pearl-Wright to approve the new members. **Motion carried**

B. 4th Quarter Services Report

K. Long gives an overview of the 4th Quarter Service Report, pointing out the TCOA has reached over 42,000 people in FY 2021. This number was right where we were at the beginning of 2019 and 46% higher than 5 years ago. On page 4 is where the Evidence Based Program start. Discussion on these programs.

C. Annual Report Request for Pictures

K. Long requests pictures of Board Members for the Annual Report.

Item #8. Finance:

A. Financial Reports October:

B. Financial Reports November:

J. Reeves with permission from the board to bypass the October reports because they are cumulative, presented the November Financial reports. Motion by I. Cahill, supported by D. Washington to accept both October and November Financial reports. **Motion carried by roll call.**

Item #9. General Check Ledger Resolution:

A. November

Motion by I. Cahill, supported by J. Pearl-Wright to accept the November check ledger resolutions. **Motion carried by roll call.**

B. December

Motion by J. Pearl-Wright, supported by I. Cahill to accept the December check ledger resolutions. **Motion carried by roll call.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:38 pm

Next Meeting Held on February 28, 2022, due to Presidents Day holiday