

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

Minutes

April 18, 2022, 3:30 pm

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

Members Absent: Chris Swope Randy Schafer Brian Daniels
Patricia Spitzley Mayor Ron Bacon

Staff: Kirsten Laing Andrea Radel Tammy Lemmer
Marilyn Wiley Robin Webb Tom Smith
Carl Buonodono

Guests: Becky Payne- Field Rep, Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports
Cheryl Mask – Advisory Council Member

Item #1. Call to Order:

K. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

Item #2. Introductions:

Item #3. Approval of the Agenda:

B. Mulder, supported by J. Pearl-Wright to accept and approve the Agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Minutes of February 28th and the March 21st Meetings:

J. Pearl-Wright, supported by M. Mudry to accept the minutes for February 28 and March 21 meetings. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment:

B. Payne reported the Multi-Year Plan (MYP) had been approved by the Commission. She corrected her statement that actually the Commission has approved the process and instructions for the AAA's to use in developing their Multi-Year Plan (MYP). The American Relief Program (ARP) trainings are being reviewed and ongoing.

Item #6. Committee Appointments- Grievance Committee:

Irene Cahill volunteered to serve on the Grievance Committee.

Item #7. Conflict of Interest Forms:

M. Wiley gave an update on Conflict-of-Interest forms needed.

Item #8. Directors Report:**I. COVID-19 Update**

- The agency has reopened to the public. Masks are optional but visitors are encouraged to wear a mask for their protection as well as others. We continue to take precautions.
- TCOA employees and visitors are no longer required to fill out attestation forms, just review the questions and take their temperature.
- Employees who are not full-time telecommuters returned to in-person working.
- In-home visits to clients are gradually resuming with shorter visits and gradually returning to traditional visits. Meals on Wheels are also gradually returning to delivering hot meals to all participants.
- Outbreak at one of the Senior Dine sites, has closed the sit-down meals for two weeks, however frozen meals are being delivered to the participants individually.

II. State Budget Update:

- The FY 2023 State Budget Executive Recommendations have been released and budget hearing have started. Emphasis on expanding MI Choice (Project Choices at TCOA) and increase in direct care worker wages as well as increases in nutrition, community and in-home services. The AAA Association is advocating for a 10% increase in MI Choice, increase in direct care worker wages and funds for training. The Silver Key Coalition is advocating for increase funding for non-Medicaid home and community-based services funded through ACLS (Aging and Community Living Services) consisting of \$6.3 million for in-home services and \$1 million for home delivered meals. The Silver Key Coalition includes various senior organizations from around the state. (Attached)
- The FY 2023 Federal Executive Recommendations have been released and includes significant increases for the Older Americans Act programs. Community Services and the Nutrition Program (both home delivered and congregate meals) have the largest increases. USAging formerly N4A, the National Association for Aging Agencies on Aging, has submitted their recommendations.
- ACLS (Aging and Community Living Services) continues to provide parameters under the ARA (American Rescue Act) providing guidelines of what, where and how we allocate funds.

III. Other:

- Older Michigianians Day is taking place during the week of May 9-13 and is referred to as "Senior Action Week" with Older Michigianians Day on May 11. The week will consist of virtual livestream events and May 11 will be in-person

and livestreamed at the Capitol with legislators presenting. The Platform will address issues such as the direct care worker crisis, rebalancing home and community-based services, increasing digital and broadband access. Limited attendees at the Capitol and TCOA will be providing box lunches.

- The TCOA annual Golf Outing will be on June 16 at the MSU Forest Akers golf course. Please let Casey Cooper know if you are interested in participating.

Item #9. 2022 ACLS Bureau Programmatic Assessment Updates:

T. Smith gave an update of the subcontractor programmatic assessments through a chart that was included in the Board Packet.

Item #10. Planning, Advocacy & Development:

A. FFI Bylaws Change Resolution:

This item was table to review old bylaws before approving the change.

B. MYP Public Hearing Information:

T. Lemmer gave an update on the needs assessment being compiled and will be available by April 24, 2022.

C. Request for Proposal Timeline Update:

T. Smith presented a timeline for the FY 2023 Subcontractors Request for Proposals.

Item #10. Finance:

A. Approval of the FY 2021 Financial Audit:

B. Mulder, with support from B. Crenshaw moved to approve and accepted the FY2021 Financial Audit to file. **Motion carried.**

B. Financial Reports January:

C. Financial Reports February:

M. Wiley with permission to forgo the January Financial reports, presented the February Financial reports. B. Crenshaw, supported by D. Washington moved to accept the February Financial report and place on file. **Motion carried.**

Item #11. General Check Ledger Resolution:

A. February

B. Mulder, supported by J. Pearl-Wright moved to approve the February Check Ledger. **Motion carried.**

B. March

B. Crenshaw, supported by D. Washington moved to accept the March Check Ledger. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 pm

Next Meeting Held on May 16, 2022 at 3:30 pm