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Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA) Region 6

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUMMARY

Fiscal Year 2024

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Tri-County Office on Aging's (TCOA) mission is to promote and preserve the independence and dignity of the aging population. This mission is at the core of all programs and services the agency provides in its service area and the foundation of the agency's 2024 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), a continuation of the approved 2023-2025 Multi-Year Plan (MYP).

The Tri-County Office on Aging Administrative Board (Tri-County Aging Consortium) is made up of representatives from five local units of government: Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties, and the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing. TCOA Advisory Council older adult members are appointed by their respective local units of government. Both the Advisory Council and Board review and recommend approval of or changes to the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP).

Between the 2016 and the 2020 American Community Surveys, the three counties that make up TCOA's service area have seen an estimated 12% increase in the 60 and older population. As of 2020, older adults represented 22% of the total tri-county population.

Existing efforts continue with no significant new priorities, plans or objectives for the use of OAA and state funding during the AIP, though TCOA will continue to reprioritize efforts throughout the year around current events and the needs of the community being served.

TCOA will continue to advocate with the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan and community partners to urge policymakers to do what is necessary to meet the needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers. Advocacy topics include supporting and strengthening the direct care workforce, supporting and strengthening the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, expanding access to MI Choice, increasing access to Home and Community-Based Services, and supporting formal and informal caregivers. TCOA has two representatives on the Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC) and one representative on the Senior Advisory Council (SAC). TCOA also advocates with the Silver Key Coalition, IMPART Alliance and other organizations. The TCOA Executive Director, Community Engagement and Fundraising Director, and Quality Assurance Director will attend the USAging Aging Policy Briefing in Washington, DC in April 2023 to prepare for the discontinuation of COVID-19 relief funding which prompts the need for advocacy for sustained funding levels. With the knowledge gained, momentum will build into fiscal year 2024 to advocate for older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in the tri-county region.

Approved Goals

Existing Multi-Year Plan (MYP) goals will continue into fiscal year 2024. The MYP can be found at www.tcoa.org/documents. All goals, objectives and activities are geared toward promoting independence and dignity, stating TCOA's intentions for programs and services that utilize Older Americans Act funding.

GOAL 1	Improve the accessibility of services to Michigan's communities and people of color, immigrants and LGBTQ+ individuals.
GOAL 2	Ensure older adults have access to information, options counseling, and services to improve their ability to make informed decisions and support their independence.
GOAL 3	Expand access to health, wellness, and nutrition supports.
GOAL 4	Protect older adults from abuse and exploitation.
GOAL 5	Support formal and informal caregivers in the community, including direct care workforce.
GOAL 6	Work to prepare for and effectively respond to local, state, national, and global natural disasters, personal safety, and health emergencies.

TCOA is dedicated to expanding access to programs and services that support people to live independently, eliminating waitlists, improving communication with social and healthcare networks, advocating for older adults, supporting caregivers, focusing on quality improvement, and initiating transportation service improvements.

Proposed Services (by category):

Access Services

- Case Coordination
- Care Management
- Crisis Services for the Elderly
- Disaster Advocacy and Outreach
- Information and Assistance
- Options Counseling
- Outreach
- Transportation

In-Home Services

- Home Delivered Meals
- Friendly Reassurance

Community Based Supports

- Caregiver Supports
- Congregate Meals
- Disease Prevention/Health Promotion
- Kinship Support Services
- Programs for Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Submit a Public Comment or Attend a Public Hearing:

TCOA will hold public hearings regarding the Annual Implementation Plan on May 2 and 3, 2023. Persons need not be present at the hearings to provide public comment, which must be accepted for at least a 30-day period beginning when this summary is made available.

May 2 at 12:00pm

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Contact Kate Long for meeting information prior to May 2.

May 3 at 4:00pm

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For a complete draft of the plan or for more information, visit www.tcoa.org/documents.

To submit a comment or for other requests about the Annual Implementation Plan:

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