

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

Minutes

September 18, 2023, 3:30 pm

Members Present:

Irene Cahill, Vice Chair
Blake Mulder
Monica Schafer
Dwight Washington

John Andrews
Jeanne Pearl-Wright
Luciana Solis

Mark Mudry
Bob Pena
Chris Swope

Members Absent:

Patricia Spitzley, Chair

Noel Garcia

Ryan Kost

Staff:

Carl Buonodono
Andrea Radel

Kirsten Laing
Joe Reeves

Kate Long
Kendra Voelz

Guest:

Annette Gamez – Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS Bureau), Field Representative
Ruth Pearson – Advisory Council

Item #1. Call to Order:

I. Cahill called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Item #2. Introductions:

Item #3. Approval of the Agenda:

B. Pena, supported by J. Pearl-Wright to accept and approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Item #4. Minutes of August 21, 2023 Meeting:

C. Swope, supported by B. Mulder to accept the minutes for the August 21, 2023, meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment: No comment.

Item #6. Directors Report:

A. Radel shared that as reported last month, the FY 2024 State of Michigan budget included funding for the Caregiver Resource Center. ACLS is moving ahead with plans to allocate the recent \$5 million appropriation for caregiver support according to the Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF). The funding will be presented to the Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) for approval at its October 20, 2023 meeting.

Caregiver Retreat – Saturday, October 7th from 10a-2p (flyer in board packet) – hosted by Lansing Parks and Recreation and KCS Angels. Please share with any caregivers in the community. Pre-Registration is required.

IMPART Alliance is offering FREE Direct Care Worker (DCW) training that is geared towards new DCWs or those who may be new to the field. There are three virtual training opportunities this fall. These classes are part of a coordinated, statewide effort to stabilize this workforce by increasing affordable training and career options. We have shared this information with our Provider network as they directly employ DCWs. We are happy to share information if you know DCWs that could benefit from this free training.

TCOA recently became aware that Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) will be doing electricity shut offs during the winter months for those that are delinquent in making payments. To prevent a shut-off, people over the age of 65 need to self-identify that they are over the age of 65. This means they need to call BWL customer service and ensure their account is noted as being over 65. BWL will be launching a campaign to educate the community about this. Further information will be shared when it becomes available.

TCOA has received calls from seniors in the community seeking assistance with cleanup from the recent tornado. We are directing calls to Michigan 2-1-1 (or <https://mi211.org/>). If you know of anyone that falls within vulnerable demographics in your district (including the elderly, those with specific access and functional needs, or those facing economic hardships), please direct them to Michigan 2-1-1. to initiate a debris removal process for debris located on private properties.

Item #7. Community Engagement and Planning Report:

K. Long gave the Community Engagement and Planning Report in C. Cooper's stead. TCOA's 38th Annual Dinner and Auction will be held on Thursday, November 16th. Registration will open at 5:30 PM and the event will begin at 6:00 PM. Normal ticket price is \$75, but Administrative Board Members get up to two complimentary tickets. An online form to purchase tickets is open. Sponsorship opportunities are available. The evening consists of a plated meal

and dessert, cash bar, entertainment, games, and a silent and live auction. Raffle tickets are available by contacting K. Voelz. You can also contact K. Voelz if you are interested in volunteering. Administrative Board Members are asked to let C. Cooper know if they would like to attend the event, if they have donations, or sponsorship for the event.

A. FY23 FFI Allocation Resolution

K. Long presented the FY23 FFI Allocation Resolution.

B. Mulder, supported by M. Mudry, moved to approve the resolution. **Motion carried.**

K. Long shared that the 2024 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) was approved by the CSA on August 18, 2023, with no special conditions. The AIP and its contents will take effect on October 1, 2023.

K. Long continued that the ACLS Assessment for Fiscal Year 2022 took place on June 6, 2023, and came back with no findings or recommendations.

Item #8. Project Choices Report:

K. Laing reported that MDHHS has submitted the MI Choice renewal application to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). MDHHS has asked for a 90-day extension to make the updates, hoping that the contract will be approved in November and retro back to October.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) is moving forward with MI Choice. This will primarily affect the home health care agencies.

K. Laing provided an update on the total participants and wait lists for the Case Coordination/Senior Millage, Care Management and MI Choice.

Item #9. Nutrition Report:

C. Buonodono provided an update on the total participants for Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Dining followed by an update on Senior Project Fresh coupon distribution for Ingham County.

Beginning October 1, 2023, any new Meals on Wheels participants will be accessed for a maximum of five meals a week. If they are assessed to need more, they will be noted as *underserved*. This is as a result of the sustained increase in cost. People who are underserved will also be given a list of other resources. We continue to assess the participation at each Senior Dining Site to determine the greatest benefit to the participants.

Item #10. Finance Report:

A. July 2023 Financial Support

B. Mulder, supported by M. Mudry to accept the July 2023 Financial Support.

Motion carried.

B. FY23 Budget Revisions & Resolutions

M. Mulder, supported by J. Pearl-Wright to accept the FY23 Budget Revisions & Resolutions. **Motion carried.**

C. FY24 Budgets & Resolutions

C. Swope, supported by B. Pena to accept the FY24 Budgets & Resolutions.

Motion carried.

Item #11. General Check Ledger Resolution:

August 2023 – M. Mulder, supported by J. Pearl-Wright, moved to approve the August 2023 Check Ledgers. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34pm
Next meeting October 16, 2023, at 3:30 pm