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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CHARLOTTE

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Additions and Changes.
4. Approval of October 4, 2021 Minutes.
5. Limited Public Comment.
6. Tri-County Office on Aging semi-annual report.
7. Appointment Update.
8. Housing Services Mid-Michigan report.
 - Resolution to recognize Homeless Awareness Month
9. Miscellaneous.
10. Limited Public Comment.

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners may be present at this meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Barbara Rogers, Mark Mudry, Blake Mulder, Jeanne Pearl-Wright and Dairus Reynnet

MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Tim Barnes

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jeremy Whittum and Brian Droscha; Sara Lurie and John Fuentes

The October 4, 2021 regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairperson Mott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary White, resident of Nashville, spoke regarding the Barry Eaton District Health Department and its Emergency Orders.

It was reported that the current Community Mental Health Board appointee, Kay Randolph-Back, is interested in being considered for re-appointment to another three-year term. It was also reported that the County had not received any other applications of interest for this appointment. The County has also not received any applications of interest for the vacant position on the Tri-County Aging Consortium Advisory Council. Discussion held.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to recommend the appointment of Kay Randolph-Back to a three-year term on the Community Mental Health Board, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Motion carried.

Sara Lurie, Executive Director of the Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Authority, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. The launch of the state's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Demonstration Project was October 1, 2021. The agency is one of the selected sites for this demonstration project. The state's Medicaid expansion grant was also discussed. A review of the preliminary data collected for National

Outcome Measures was provided. There was also discussion regarding services for individuals experiencing mild to moderate mental illness.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 9:00am in the Board of Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.

Jim Mott, Chairperson



Tri-County Office on Aging Semi-Annual Report November 2021

General TCOA update: Thank you to the Board of Commissioners for your ongoing support over the years.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, TCOA has continued to provide and coordinate in-home services to adults with disabilities and older adults with some modifications in compliance with emergency orders and health and safety best practices. Please visit the website for details: https://www.tcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/TCOA-COVID-19-response_09222021.pdf

Additionally, TCOA continued our partnerships with the Greater Lansing Food Bank, Capital Area Community Services, Capital Area United Way and others on special projects such as emergency food distribution and sharing personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies (masks, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, etc.).

TCOA submitted the proposed Annual Implementation Plan (MYP) for 2022 to the Aging and Adult Services Agency, and it was approved by the Commission on Aging in September. Existing goals will continue into Fiscal Year 22, with an added goal on Emergency Preparedness and Response which is intended to support and reflect existing efforts. The approved plan can be found on the TCOA website under the “Documents” tab. We appreciate the Commission’s consideration and approval of the plan in June.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Long Term Care Collaborative: TCOA is a partner with the ADRC-Capital Area Partnership offering both Information & Assistance/ Referral (I&A/R) and Options Counseling to the community. The partnership generally meets every other month. In July and September, the collaborative discussed unmet needs in the community and the continued impact of Covid-19 while also commenting on materials under development to better answer questions and provide information regarding long term care options that reflect the full spectrum of housing options, including independent living, assisted living, and adult foster homes.

TCOA served 3,899 individuals through I & A/R calls between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, including 539 from Eaton County. Overall, calls to TCOA for the fiscal year were up 21%. However, our contracted I&A/R program with CACS saw an overall decrease in callers for the year. TCOA may have been the more prominent agency for older adults. CACS serves Clinton, Eaton and Rural Ingham County, and the largest percent of calls they received were from Eaton County residents (roughly 35%.)

In July 2021, TCOA created a 2nd Community Resource Navigator position (funded through the Elder Persons Millage passed by Ingham County voters) to connect underserved communities with existing resources and to assist clients in overcoming barriers to health and social services while addressing social determinants of health. This support is beyond traditional I & A/R services and includes in-home check-ins and customized assistance. The CRNs served 307 people from October to September, with at least 45 people from Eaton County.

Nutrition:

TCOA served 76,749 meals to 420 Eaton County clients through the Home Delivered Meals Program between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Daily (Monday-Friday) delivery has resumed for clients who have requested that. Others have remained on the weekly schedule that was implemented in order to minimize interpersonal contact between volunteers and clients. The social interaction has been supplemented with friendly reassurance calls by volunteers.

TCOA Senior Dining Sites, including the Delta Township Enrichment Center location, have slowly begun to reopen while adhering to strict COVID 19 safety protocols. Meals continue to be available for seniors to pick up at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte and at the Grand Ledge City Hall. Meal pickup sites were averaging of 39 participants per week, with about 20 seniors per week now picking up meal boxes. The Delta 39ers are now serving more than 30 people for indoor dining each week. Our records reflect that some residents of the county are utilizing dining sites in Lansing and Holt. Since October 1, 2020, 119 Eaton County seniors have participated in the senior dining program across all locations.

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention: TCOA has partnered with several Area Agencies on Aging to provide virtual workshops to help participants self-manage their health condition(s). From October 2020 – September 2021, TCOA completed the following virtual workshops for the community: 3 Chronic Pain PATH, 5 Diabetes PATH, 5 Powerful Tools for Caregivers and 2 Matter of Balance. Ten Eaton County residents attended virtual Diabetes PATH, 5 Eaton County residents attended virtual Powerful Tools for Caregivers and four Eaton County residents attended virtual Matter of Balance. In addition to virtual workshops, TCOA now offers Diabetes PATH and Chronic Pain PATH via Mailed Tool Kits with Weekly Phone Calls to accommodate older adults without access to the internet or a computer. TCOA offered 6 Diabetes PATH Tool Kit workshops and 2 Chronic Pain PATH Tool Kit workshops. Two Eaton County residents attended the Diabetes PATH Tool Kit workshop and 1 Eaton County resident attended a Chronic Pain PATH Tool Kit workshop.

Medicare & Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP): The MMAP program assisted 1,993 beneficiaries from October 2020-September 2021 with 327 of them from Eaton County. The program focuses on Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, waste, fraud and abuse prevention, and Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.

Waitlists: As of September 30, the Project Choices Medicaid Waiver wait list is at 153 people. One year ago it was at 144. As of the same date, the Case Coordination wait list is at 114. One year ago it was at 93. Case Coordination is offered when possible to individuals on the Waiver wait list. TCOA continues to advocate for sufficient and balanced funding to address these unmet needs.

Volunteer Opportunities: The need for volunteers is increasing once again now that Monday-Friday meal delivery has resumed. TCOA continues to offer a remote volunteer experience with the Friendly Reassurance Program, which provides once weekly “check in and chat” phone calls to TCOA clients to help reduce social isolation. Anyone interested in volunteering to deliver meals may call the Eaton County Meals on Wheels office at 517-541-2330. Information on additional volunteer opportunities and sponsorship options for TCOA events are available by contacting Casey Cooper, Fundraising and Volunteer Specialist, at 517-887-1377.

Events for 2021 and 2022

35th Annual Dinner and Auction- Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Kellogg Center, East Lansing.

Older Michiganiaan's Day – Wednesday, May 11, 2022, State Capital and/or online.

34th Annual Meals on Wheels Golf Outing –Thursday, June 16, 2022 at Forest Akers West, Lansing.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 17, 2021

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS
WEEK IN EATON COUNTY**

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

WHEREAS, for over 25 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Eaton County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness, including SIREN/Eaton Shelter and Housing Services of Mid-Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this designation is recognized annually the week before Thanksgiving to bring greater awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of SIREN/Eaton Shelter and Housing Services of Mid-Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the third week of November each year as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities.