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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022, 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 3, 2022 Minutes.
5. Limited Public Comment.
6. Tri-County Office on Aging Semi-Annual Report.
7. Homelessness Report – Housing Services Mid-Michigan and SIREN/Eaton Shelter.
8. Appointments.
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 3, 2022

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: Sara Lurie (CEI – CMH), Amy Etzel and John Fuentes

The October 3, 2022 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 Pearl-Wright moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Reynnet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Lurie, Executive Director, Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. An overview of recent community awareness events was provided. An update of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinical pilot grant was also provided. The update included a review of the program evaluation data, program outcomes and impacts and participant and partner testimonials. Discussion held.

The recent announcement of federal and state grant funding for the crisis stabilization unit was discussed. Federal funding through SAMSHA was awarded for staffing and a state grant to fund renovations to house the unit at the McLaren Greenlawn campus was also awarded. Discussion held.

There was also discussion regarding the mobile crisis unit and the youth outreach program and an update was provided for the Eaton County Counseling Center.

A resolution of appreciation for Tri-County Office on Aging Executive Director, Marion Owen who is retiring in November was presented.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to recommend approval of the resolution of appreciation to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An update was provided on the expiring appointments. The re-appointment of Thomas Eveland to a three-year term expiring October 31, 2025 on the Department of Human Services Board and Kay Randolph-Back to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2024 on the Human Services Collaborative Council, were presented for consideration.

Commissioner Reynnet moved to recommend the appointments to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that the Medical Care Facility was notified that one of its two quarterly Employer Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) reimbursement requests was approved by the IRS and is scheduled to be received in November. The final request is in Agency review and expected to be processed in January 2023.

The facilitator's report from the Opioid Summit hosted by Eaton RESA was presented and discussed. The report begins to identify the community priorities. Commissioner Mulder discussed his feeling that additional efforts need to be made to attempt to involve individuals in recovery in this process. There was further discussion regarding the involvement of the judges and the problem-solving court programs.

It was reported that the County was awarded a total of \$10,100,000 for the FY23 Raise the Age grant by the State. An amount of \$10 million was included in the County's original correspondence with the State DHHS for its intent to apply in February 2022, based in discussions with Juvenile Court regarding the lack of available juvenile treatment and detention beds statewide.

The County received sporadic communication from DHHS through the remainder of the application period indicating the approval of the grant was unlikely given it was based on a conceptual plan only and the County was not prepared to consider/commence construction to add juvenile treatment bed capacity. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the approval of the State Raise the Age grant in the amount of \$10,100,000 to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 10:24am.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 9:00am in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.

Jim Mott, Chairperson



Tri-County Office on Aging Semi-Annual Report November 2022

General TCOA update: We thank the County for your ongoing support over the years.

TCOA's Executive Director, Marion Owen, is retiring this month after 48 years of service at TCOA. Ms. Owen has been Director since 2001 and has worked in various capacities at TCOA since its formation year, 1974. TCOA's leadership staff and Consortium Board worked with Management Business Solutions to conduct the search for a new ED. After an extensive search and vetting process, Andrea Radel, current TCOA HR Director, has accepted the offer and is working closely with Marion as she prepares to fully assume Directorship effective November 21, 2022.

TCOA continues to coordinate the Friendly Reassurance Program, with volunteers providing once weekly "check in and chat" phone calls to TCOA clients to help reduce social isolation. This program is now coordinated by a new position: Volunteer and Outreach Specialist. This is part of a department restructure following Tammy Lemmer's departure in May 2022. Casey Cooper has been promoted to Community Engagement and Fundraising Director. Kate Long has been promoted to Planning and Program Development Manager. TCOA is also emphasizing quality agency-wide, with the promotion of Heidi Dadow as Quality Director and the creation of a new position, Quality Analyst.

TCOA staff continue to participate in the Eaton Human Services Collaborative. A staff member also recently worked with the Eaton County Frontline Worker Training Committee, and three staff attended the 9/8 Improving Client Experiences training.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission on Services to the Aging approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2025 Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and the FY 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for TCOA. All AAA's must operate under a MYP/AIP approved by the State CSA to ensure proper implementation of the mandates of the Older Americans Act and the Older Michiganians Act. The approved plan can be found at www.tcoa.org/documents. Thank you to the county for your support of this Plan.

Advisory Council Vacancies: TCOA's Advisory Council has 1 vacancy for a senior who resides in Eaton County beginning in 2023. Terms are three years long with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

The TCOA Advisory Council acts in an advisory capacity to the Consortium Board. At least one-half of the council consists of senior citizens, appointed by their respective units of government. Remaining members represent community agencies appointed by the Consortium Board. This composition offers the perspectives of both seniors and service providers on aging issues. Meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month at TCOA and include an online option for joining. Thank you to Joseph Gutierrez, who has represented Eaton County for two full terms.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Long-Term Care Collaborative (LTCC): 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, though there was a brief pause due to staffing changes, etc. During the virtual September meeting of the LTCC, the members reviewed and finalized the Home and Community-Based Long-Term Care Chart and discussed the direction of the collaborative moving forward. Group consensus to focus on the ongoing housing crisis and rise in

homelessness among older adults was reached. The LTCC will meet virtually every other month, with the next meeting scheduled for November 16 at 1:30. Moving forward, all meetings will be held every other month on the third Thursday at 1:30 PM.

TCOA served 4,384 individuals through I & A/R calls between October 2021 and September 2022, including over 580 from Eaton County, reflecting an increase of 6% for the county from the previous year. TCOA also contracts with Capital Area Community Services for additional I & A/R support in the tri-county area. From October 2021 through September 2022, CACS connected with 880 Eaton County residents, which is on par with last year and represents just over a third of their total calls.

TCOA's two Community Resource Navigators (CRNs) connect underserved communities with existing resources and to assist clients in overcoming barriers to health and social services while addressing social determinants of health. The CRNs served 154 people from October to September, with at least 20 people from Eaton County.

Nutrition:

TCOA served 68,000 meals to 449 Eaton County clients through the Home Delivered Meals between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Daily (Monday-Friday) delivery resumed in May 2022 for clients who have requested the change. Some participants continue to receive weekly deliveries to accommodate their schedules. Social interaction is supplemented with friendly reassurance calls to participants who want them.

Looking ahead, collaboration with Eaton RESA has secured a volunteer to work in the office once a week for two hours. Volunteers have been invited to help wrap gift bag items for Meals on Wheels participants on December 14 and Eaton RESA is coordinating a class to help stuff the gift bags on December 16. Eaton County Meals on Wheels staff person Jan Underwood's grandchildren and students in a Charlotte High School afterschool program, called the Nest, are creating holiday cards to distribute.

The TCOA Senior Dining Site at the Delta Township Enrichment Center (Delta 39ers) is open to indoor dining as well as take out, three days per week. Meals boxes continue to be available at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte and at the Grand Ledge City Hall. TCOA has served more than 5,600 meals to 63 Eaton County residents.

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention: TCOA has partnered with several Area Agencies on Aging to provide online workshops to help participants self-manage their health condition(s). From October 2021 – September 2022, TCOA completed the following online workshops: 1 Chronic Pain PATH, 5 Diabetes PATH, 3 Powerful Tools for Caregivers, 3 Matter of Balance, and 3 Creating Confident Caregivers (The Savvy Caregiver Program®). In addition to the online workshops, TCOA completed 3 Diabetes PATH Mailed Tool Kit workshops and one in person Matter of Balance in Eaton County. A total of 44 Eaton County residents enrolled in an evidence-based health and wellness workshop listed above.

Medicare & Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP): The MMAP program assisted 1,894 beneficiaries from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 with 107 of them from Eaton County. That is up from 11 residents from last year during the same time period. The program focuses on Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, waste, fraud and abuse prevention, and Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.

Project Choices: TCOA served 322 people from Eaton County between October and September through MI Choice Medicaid Waiver, Care Management and Case Coordination. Region wide, the Medicaid Waiver wait list was at 269 people as of September 30, with 159 of those from Eaton County. One year ago, the total was 201. As of the same date, the Case Coordination wait list is at 227 with 111 of those from Eaton County. One year ago, the total was 117. Case Coordination is offered when possible to individuals on the Waiver wait list. Case Coordination may offer homemaker services, personal care, and respite to enable older adults to remain in

their homes. TCOA continues to advocate for sufficient and balanced funding to address these unmet needs.

Volunteer Opportunities: The need for volunteers agency-wide, particularly Meals on Wheels delivery drivers, is ongoing. The needs vary by area and may change over time, with opportunities for both regular volunteers (i.e., delivery every Tuesday) and for flexible “on call” volunteers to fill in as substitutes. TCOA continues to offer a remote volunteer experience with the Friendly Reassurance Program as noted above. 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 at TCOA are available by contacting Rachael Stohlin, Volunteer and Outreach Specialist, at 517-887-1487, or visiting www.tcoa.org/volunteer.

Events for 2022-2023

37th Annual Dinner and Auction- Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing. Please contact Casey Cooper, Community Engagement and Fundraising Director, at 517-887-1377 for more information on TCOA events and fundraising.

35th Annual Meals on Wheels Golf Outing – Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at Forest Akers West, Lansing.

