



**TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2025, 1:00 PM**

<b>Members Present*</b>	<b>Members Absent*</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>
Kathy Bouchard-Wyant, President	Larry Meyer	Carl Buonodono, Nutrition Director
Robyn Ford	Blake Mulder	Casey Cooper, Assistant Director
Judith Gardi		Heather Febres-Cordero, Community Engagement and Development Specialist
Susan Hoffman		Kate Long, Planning and Program Development Manager
LaSandra Jones		Andrea Radel, Executive Director
Nancy Kapp		Tom Smith, Contract Manager
Gloria Kovnot		
Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani	<b>Members Excused*</b>	<b>Members of the Public</b>
Lucy Maillette	Raheema Muhammad	Hannah Fairfield, MSW Intern, Older Adult Services at Community Mental Health
Susanne Mannino	Kelly Neve	Diana Maddox, State Advisory Council
Pat Munshaw		
Doreen Patino		
Ruth Pearson		
Raul Presas		
Tonya Randall		
Cristi Setzer		
Deb Wiese		

\* Please see Attachment 1 for the TCOA Advisory Council 2025 Membership List with member affiliations.

1. **Call to Order: K. Bouchard-Wyant** called the meeting to order at 1:01PM.
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Approval of the Agenda for July 10, 2025: S. Hoffman** motioned for approval of the July 10, 2025 agenda. **R. Pearson** seconded. **Motion carried.**
4. **Approval of the Minutes from May 8, 2025: R. Pearson** motioned for approval of the May 8, 2025 minutes. **L. Jones** seconded. **Motion carried.**
5. **Public Comment and Correspondence:** No public comment or correspondence.

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**6. Executive Director's Report: A. Radel** shared federal updates and acknowledged the successful 2025 Golf Outing.

Older Americans Act (OAA):

At the May meeting, updates were shared regarding proposed changes to how OAA programs would be managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). A leaked FY 2026 draft budget in April suggested moving most OAA programs (except nutrition) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and eliminating some entirely. However, HHS's final supplemental budget materials released in May show a different direction. All OAA programs, along with other aging and disability services previously under the Administration for Community Living (ACL), will now be moved to a newly named Administration for Children, Families and Communities (ACFC). This transition supports continued collaboration and coordination of essential services for older adults and caregivers. Importantly, there are no proposed funding cuts to the OAA, State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs), Aging and Disability Resource Centers, or Adult Protective Services. The shift reflects successful advocacy by USAging and other stakeholders.

H.R. 1 – One Big Beautiful Bill Act:

Concerns have arisen about potential Medicaid cuts tied to H.R. 1 and their possible impact on the MI Choice Waiver program. While details remain unclear, no changes have been made to the program at this time. Any updates will be based on reliable sources such as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and USAging. The situation is being closely monitored, and accurate information will be shared as it becomes available.

2025 Golf Outing:

Thank you to this year's sponsors, supporters, golfers, volunteers and staff. A special thank you to Heather, Casey and Kayla!

**7. Old Business**

- a. **Meals on Wheels Golf Outing Recap: H. Febres-Cordero** gave an overview of the event. It was another great year at Forest Akers West. Thank you to sponsors and volunteers. Net profit was estimated at \$25,000.

**8. New Business**

- a. **November 20, 2025 Dinner and Auction: H. Febres-Cordero** shared the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner and Auction will be held at the Kellogg Center on November 20, 2025

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with a theme of Harvest Circle. Some sponsors have been secured, but more are welcome. Volunteers are also needed.

Discussion followed.

- b. **ACLS Bureau Assessment: K. Long** shared findings from the 2024/2025 ACLS Bureau Assessment. The assessment went very well and the Bureau had no findings to date.
- c. **Fiscal Year 2025 2nd Quarter Semi-Annual Report: K. Long** summarized highlights from the TCOA semi-annual report that captures all TCOA programs and services regardless of fund source. This report covered October 2024-March 2025 and compares data from the previous year during the same time period.

Discussion followed.

- d. **ACLS Proposal Review Committee Volunteers: T. Smith** provided an overview of the Proposal Review Process and requested 3-4 volunteers from the Advisory Council to serve on a Contract Review Committee. The Committee will meet in August. Volunteers include Z. Kotval-Karamchandani, P. Munshaw, S. Hoffman, and D. Maddox with L. Maillette as back-up.

## 9. Council Reports

- a. **Social Security Administration (SSA): R. Ford** shared that call sharing has begun so those calling the Lansing location may not be talking to someone at the local office. An executive order reemphasizing an existing law to deposit benefits electronically is being enforced. This could cause interruption in payment during October. The SSA is encouraging beneficiaries to update direct deposit information, which cannot be done over the phone.

R. Ford also warned that wait times may be longer due to the implementation of the national number and staff being reassigned to that line.

- b. **Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC): No report**
- c. **State Advisory Council (SAC): R. Ford** shared that the Council received a State budget update and received guidance on the legislative process to help with advocacy. Federal budget and bill updates were also provided.
- d. **Nutrition Council: C. Buonodono** shared that the Home-Delivered Meal program is serving 1,181 participants, Carry-Out Meals were provided to 648 individuals, and the Congregate Dining Program is serving 713 participants. Senior Project Fresh is also in full swing and going well with the new electronic process. The document with the enrollment process and participating

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markets/partners will be shared. There are currently 5,252 enrolled statewide, including 23 in Clinton County, 16 in Eaton County, and 147 in Ingham County. There are still enrollment slots available across the service area.

Discussion followed.

**e. Transportation Advisory Boards**

**CATA/Eatran: D. Wiese** shared the following report:

CATA

- Recently completed FTA Triennial Review and D. Wiese gave a summary of the results and process.
- CATA provided 96 rides for the Fourth of July Holiday service.
- Charging stations have been delivered for new electric buses. CATA is planning a major media event for the community.
- Finalizing the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.
- Work continues on the new CATA Administrative offices at the former Greyhound building in downtown Lansing. Anticipating an early 2026 move in date for some offices.
- Fall service will begin on August 18 with the return of our Michigan State University students.
- Roof project at the Tranter Street facility is complete. Roof project at the downtown CTC is nearing completion.
- Continued recruitment efforts through Job Fairs and walk in interviews.

EATRAN

- Delta Township board approved language for a ballot proposal to provide millage money to the Delta Township area to maintain existing expanded services from CATA and EATRAN and enable both agencies to further improve service to the residents of Delta Township.
- Ridership continues to grow on the Charlotte Connector and the Grand Ledge Connector.
- Continuing to focus on hiring efforts through Job Fairs and social media outreach.
- Reviewing options to improve service and efficiencies in Eaton County.
- Working with CATA to provide rides for Eaton County residents into Ingham County with minimal or no transferring.

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**Clinton Transit:** No report.

**10. Member's Time and/or Announcements:**

**L. Maillette** requested a new member list.

**D. Patino** shared about the annual ADA celebration on July 24 from 11AM-2PM at Disability Network Capital Area.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

Volunteers for upcoming Administrative Board meetings are as follows:

July 21: Gloria Kovnot

August 18: Ruth Pearson

September 15: Lucy Maillette

November 17: Ruth Pearson

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22PM.

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## Attachment 1: TCOA Advisory Council 2025 Membership List

*13 Senior Representatives Appointed by local units of government and  
Up to 13 Agency Representatives Appointed by Tri-County Aging Consortium Administrative Board*

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### **Clinton County (2 Total)**

Judith Gardi  
Larry Meyer

### **Eaton County (3 Total)**

Susan Hoffman  
Ruth Pearson, *Corresponding Secretary*  
Blake Mulder

### **Ingham County (3 Total)**

Gloria Kovnot  
Lucy Maillette  
Pat Munshaw

### **City of East Lansing (1 Total)**

Kathy Bouchard-Wyant, *President*

### **City of Lansing (4 Total)**

LaSandra Jones, *Second Vice President*  
Susanne Mannino  
Raheema Muhammad  
VACANT

### **Community Mental Health Older Adult Services**

Tonya Randall

### **Disability Network Capital Area**

Doreen Patino

### **Ingham/Eaton County DHS**

Kelly Neve

### **Tri-County Nutrition Council**

VACANT

### **Social Security Administration**

Robyn Ford, *First Vice President*

### **Maplewood AFC**

Raul Presas

### **Michigan State University**

#### **School of Planning, Design and Construction**

Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani, PhD

### **Hospice of Lansing**

Nancy Kapp

### **Capital Area Housing Partnership**

Cristi Setzer

### **MSU Kinship Care Resource Center**

Alyssa Waters

### **Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)**

Deb Wiese

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## **Attachment 1: TCOA Advisory Council 2025 Membership List, continued**

### **Representatives (non-voting)**

#### **Michigan Senior Advocates Council**

Mary Ablan  
Susan Hoffman  
Paula Yensen

#### **State Advisory Council**

Robyn Ford  
Diana Maddox  
Vacant

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