



**TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, October 9, 2025, 1:00 PM**

<b>Members Present*</b>	<b>Members Absent*</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>
Kathy Bouchard-Wyant, President	Larry Meyer	Casey Cooper, Assistant Director
Robyn Ford		Kate Long, Planning and Program Development Manager
Judith Gardi		Andrea Radel, Executive Director
LaSandra Jones		
Gloria Kovnot		
Pat Munshaw		
Ruth Pearson		
Raul Presas	<b>Members Excused*</b>	<b>Members of the Public</b>
Nancy Kapp	Susan Hoffman	
Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani	Lucy Maillette	
Kelly Neve	Susanne Mannino	
Doreen Patino	Raheema Muhammad	
Tonya Randall	Alyssa Tucker	
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 **1:01 PM**.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda for October 9, 2025: J. Gardi** motioned for approval. **P. Munshaw** seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes from September 11, 2025: G. Kovnot** motioned for approval. **J. Gardi** seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5. Executive Director’s Report: A. Radel** provided a Federal Government update and a State Budget update from the aging network perspective.

Federal Government Shutdown Update:

The federal government has entered a shutdown following the start of Fiscal Year 2026 (10/1/2025), after Congress was unable to reach agreement on a funding plan.

State agencies and organizations such as Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) can continue

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using any remaining Fiscal Year 2025 federal grant funds and any appropriate reserves.

If the shutdown continues for an extended period, TCOA may need to activate our contingency plan to prioritize essential services only.

At this time, service delivery continues without interruption. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

State FY2026 Budget Update:

Meanwhile at the State level, a budget deal has been reached and the budget has been signed by the Governor. Our FY2026 MI Choice Home and Community Based Services contract has been signed and does not reflect any reductions.

## 6. Old Business

- a. **Dinner and Auction, November 20:** C. Cooper shared the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner and Auction will be held at the Kellogg Center on November 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM with a theme of Harvest Circle including a Live and Silent Auction, Games, and Raffle. Sponsors and auction items are still welcome. Volunteer opportunities are also available. Special ticket pricing is extended to Advisory Council members. Contact Heather for more information or questions. [febres-corderoh@tcoa.org](mailto:febres-corderoh@tcoa.org)

## 7. New Business

- a. **2026 Advisory Council Slate of Officers:** C. Cooper thanked the Nominating Committee and individuals that agreed to their nomination. Voting will occur at the November 2025 meeting.

President: LaSandra Jones

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Robyn Ford

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Kelly Neve

Corresponding Secretary: Raul Presas

## 8. Council Reports

- a. **Social Security Administration:** R. Ford updated the council that allowable services continue during the Federal shutdown. However, some services are not allowable including benefit verifications and replacement Medicare cards. They are available online but personnel cannot assist.
- b. **Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC):** No report
- c. **State Advisory Council (SAC):** No report

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d. **Nutrition Council:** No report

e. **Transportation Advisory Boards:** Reports shared post-meeting:

CATA:

- October 1 began fiscal year 2026
  - Awaiting final word on the state budget and developing contingency
  - Budgets for future fiscal years moving forward with a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) to determine more efficiencies in service delivery
- New website in production and is on track to go public in January 2026
- Route 3 extension ridership into Delta Township, Fixed route ridership, and Paratransit ridership all continue to increase
- CATA's is partnering with the Greater Lansing Food Bank to deliver food boxes, once per month, to a local low-income housing complex.
- CATA will be participating in the MSU Homecoming parade and is developing plans for the holiday season including participation in various regional parades
- Negotiations continue for the CATA/ATU contract that expires November 30, 2025
- Planning to order more fixed route and paratransit vehicles

EATRAN:

- Continuing to see increased ridership on the Charlotte and Grand Ledge Connectors
- Positive results from on-going job fairs and walk in interviews utilizing recommendations from recent Comprehensive Operation Analysis to improve service
- Extended contract of Brad Funkhouser to serve as EATRAN Executive Director through the end of 2025
- Working with CATA to provide service across county lines
- Planning for area holiday parades

## 9. Member's Time and/or Announcements:

**G. Kovnot** shared upcoming Savvy Senior events including welcoming a local EMS Captain to speak on emergency medical services on October 21 at 10 AM at the Delta Township Library, and on November 18 at 10 AM is a neck warmer making party with supplies and equipment provided at the Delta Township Enrichment Center at 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing 48917. Neck warmers are donated to local shelters.

**L. Jones** inquired about getting an ID renewed/reinstated for a bedbound individual. D. Patino is going to reach out to her contact at the Secretary of State and will

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follow up. D. Patino also shared about the Secretary of State mobile units. Discussion followed.

**C. Cooper** shared that the Advisory Council Outreach Subcommittee will be hosting their first meeting at the Potter-Walsh Neighborhood Association to share information about TCOA. Discussion followed.

**K. Bouchard-Wyant** requested volunteers for Advisory Council representatives at the 2026 Board meeting dates. Discussion followed.

**J. Gardi** mentioned a new Caregiver course through MSU Extension. Discussion followed.

**The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025 at 1:00 PM.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.

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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*  
VACANT

### **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