

**TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING**

Minutes

November 17, 2025, 3:30 PM

Members Present:

Irene Cahill, Chair	Mark Meadows, Vice Chair	John Andrews
Scott Hansen	Thomas Morgan	Mark Mudry
Jeanne Pearl-Wright	Trini Pehlivanoglu	Bob Peña
Lucianna Solis	Chris Swope	Dwight Washington

Members Absent:

Ryan Kost

Staff:

Carl Buonodono	Casey Cooper	Kirsten Laing
Kate Long	Saray Moreno	Andrea Radel
Joe Reeves		

Guests:

Annette Gamez, ACLS Bureau, Regional Aging Services Representative	Ruth Pearson, Advisory Council, Eaton County
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Item #1. Call to Order:

I. Cahill called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Item #2. Introductions

Item #3. Approval of the November 17, 2025 Agenda:

J. Pearl-Wright motioned to accept and approve the November 17, 2025 agenda.

M. Meadows supported. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Minutes from the September 15, 2025 Meeting:

B. Peña motioned to accept and approve the September 15, 2025 minutes. **S.**

Hansen supported. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment: No public comment.

Item #6. Director's Report:

A. Radel shared information on the Federal Budget.

The federal government reopened on November 12 after a 43-day shutdown. While three FY 2026 appropriations bills were completed, the remaining nine—including those funding Older Americans Act (OAA) programs—are operating under a Continuing Resolution

through January 30, 2026.

The shutdown added financial strain to an aging network already challenged by flat funding. Notice of Awards (NOA) from ACL may take four to six weeks to arrive. However, the State Unit on Aging (ACLS Bureau) has confirmed it will issue federal funding through January 30 as early as this week, even without the federal NOA, helping maintain cash flow and program stability.

TCOA maintained uninterrupted services during the shutdown and remains prepared to prioritize essential programs like Home Delivered Meals and expand Carry Out Meals if needed due to SNAP delays.

Uncertainty persists, as another shutdown remains possible if Congress does not finalize the remaining FY 2026 appropriations.

A. Radel also thanked those supporting this year's Dinner and Auction.

Item #7. Finance Report:

- A. August 2025: J. Reeves** requested the August report be bypassed and move to the September report.
- B. September 2025: J. Reeves** presented the September financial reports. A copy was provided in the board packet. **C. Swope** motioned to accept the report. **M. Meadows** seconded. **Motion carried.**

Item #8. Disbursement Report and Resolution:

- A. September 2025: J. Reeves** presented the September 2025 Disbursement Report and Register. A copy was provided in the board packet. **C. Swope** motioned to approve the September 2025 check ledgers. **M. Mudry** seconded. **Motion carried.**
- B. October 2025: J. Reeves** presented the October 2025 Disbursement Report and Register. A copy was provided in the board packet. **C. Swope** motioned to approve the October 2025 check ledgers. **M. Meadows** seconded. **Motion carried.**

Item #9. Horizon Bank Account Authorization Resolution:

J. Reeves presented the Resolution, that would authorize TCOA Executive Director and Finance Director to establish accounts with Horizon Bank. **B. Peña** motioned to approve the Horizon Bank Account Authorization Resolution. **M. Mudry** seconded. **Motion carried.**

Discussion followed.

Item #10. Dinner and Auction, November 20, 2025:

C. Cooper shared information on the upcoming 40th Annual Dinner and Auction that will be held at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center on November 20, 2025 from 6-8PM. Doors open at 5:30PM. Thank you to those who have helped support the event. The Auction will be live Tuesday, November 18 and close at 7PM Thursday, November 20.

Discussion followed.

Item #11. Project Choices Report:

K. Laing provided the Project Choices report. The total participants and the wait lists are as follows:

Case Coordination (including Ingham County Elder Services Millage) – 256 participants enrolled. The Case Coordination waitlist – 122

Care Management – 63 participants enrolled.

MI Choice Waiver – 996 participants enrolled. The MI Choice Waiver waitlist – 335.

Discussion followed.

Item #12. PA 152 Resolution: **S. Moreno** presented the Resolution, including that TCOA would like to opt out of the Act requirement for the 2026 plan year. **B. Pena** motioned to approve the PA 152 Resolution. **J. Pearl-Wright** seconded. **Motion carried.**

Discussion followed.

Item #13. Nutrition Report:

C. Buonodono provided an update on the total participants in the Nutrition Program, as follows:

Home Delivered Meals –1,279 participants enrolled.

Carry Out Meals –686 participants enrolled.

Congregate Dining –723 participants enrolled.

Item #14. 2026 Meeting Calendar Invites:

C. Cooper notified the Board that Outlook calendar invites will be coming in January after appointments are finalized.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 PM

Next meeting: January 26, 2026, at 3:30 PM