



TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 13, 2026, 11:00 AM

Members Present*	Members Absent*	Staff Present
Kathy Bouchard-Wyant	Larry Meyer	Casey Cooper, Assistant Director
Robyn Ford, Vice Chair	Raheema Muhammad	Heather Febres-Cordero, Community Engagement and Development Specialist
LaSandra Jones, Chair	Tonya Randall	Kim Harkness, Contract Manager
Nancy Kapp	Deb Wiese	Kate Long, Planning and Program Development Manager
Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani		Andrea Radel, Executive Director
Gloria Kovnot		
Kelly Neve	Members Excused*	Members of the Public
Ruth Pearson	Judith Gardi	
Raul Presas	Susan Hoffman	
Doreen Patino	Lucy Maillette	
Cheryl VanDeKerkhove	Alyssa Tucker	
Jacqueline Wood		

* Please see Attachment 1 for the TCOA Advisory Council 2026 Membership List with member affiliations.

1. **Call to Order: L. Jones** called the meeting to order at **11:12AM**.
2. **Welcome**
3. **Approval of the Agenda for August 13, 2026: K. Bouchard-Wyant** motioned for approval of the August 13, 2026 agenda. **R. Pearson** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
4. **Approval of the Minutes from July 9, 2026: K. Bouchard-Wyant** motioned for approval of the July 9, 2026 minutes. **J. Wood** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
5. **New Business:**
 - a. **Proposal Review Committee Recommendations: K. Harkness** gave an overview of the RFP process and presented the funding recommendations made by the Proposal Review Committee.

Information and Assistance: **R. Pearson** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for Information and Assistance. **J. Wood** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

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Transportation: **D. Patino** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for Transportation. **K. Bouchard-Wyant** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Friendly Reassurance: **R. Pearson** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for Friendly Reassurance. **J. Wood** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Adult Day Services: **D. Patino** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for Adult Day Services. **R. Pearson** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Nutrition Services: **D. Patino** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for Nutrition Services. **K. Bouchard-Wyant** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Evidence-Based Disease Prevention (EBDP): **R. Pearson** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for EBDP. **J. Wood** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Legal Assistance: **R. Pearson** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for Legal Assistance. **D. Patino** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO): **D. Patino** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for LTCO. **R. Pearson** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Prevention of Elder Abuse: **R. Pearson** motioned to support the recommended funding levels for Prevention of Elder Abuse. **J. Wood** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Discussion followed.

6. Member's Time and/or Announcements:

C. Cooper asked for a volunteer for the September 21 TCOA Administrative Board Meeting. **R. Pearson** volunteered.

L. Jones shared about her church small group, Seniors Inspire Together, and its success.

C. VanDeKerkhove shared about Peace Community Media and a new radio station that presents an opportunity for connection and collaboration. More information can be found at PeaceCommunityMedia.org.

H. Febres-Cordero provided a reminder of the Fundraising Allocation Meeting following Advisory Council for those that want to stay and join.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56PM.

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Attachment 1: TCOA Advisory Council 2026 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*

Clinton County (2 Total)

Judith Gardi
Larry Meyer

Eaton County (3 Total)

Susan Hoffman
Ruth Pearson
Jacqueline Wood

Ingham County (3 Total)

Gloria Kovnot
Lucy Maillette
Cheryl VanDeKerkhove

City of East Lansing (1 Total)

Kathy Bouchard-Wyant

City of Lansing (4 Total)

LaSandra Jones, *Chair*
Raheema Muhammad
VACANT (2)

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, *Vice Chair*

Maplewood AFC

Raul Presas

Michigan State University

School of Planning, Design and Construction

Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani, PhD

Hospice of Lansing

Nancy Kapp

MSU Kinship Care Resource Center

Alyssa Waters

Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)

Deb Wiese

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Representatives (non-voting)

Michigan Senior Advocates Council

Mary Ablan
Susan Hoffman
Paula Yensen

State Advisory Council

Robyn Ford
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