TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

August 17, 2026, 3:30 PM

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mark Meadows, Chair	Thomas Morgan

Staff:

Casey Cooper	Kim Harkness	Kirsten Laing
Kate Long	Andrea Radel	Joe Reeves

Guests:

Ruth Pearson, Advisory Council Representative

Item #1. Call to Order:

J. Pearl-Wright called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

Item #2. Welcome

Item #3. Approval of the August 17, 2026 Agenda:

M. Mudry motioned to accept and approve the August 17, 2026 agenda. **S. Hansen** supported. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Approval of the July 20, 2026 Minutes:

M. Mudry motioned to accept the July 20, 2026 meeting minutes. **B. Peña** supported. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment: No public comment.

Item #6. Director's Report:

A. **Radel** shared information on the Federal FY 2027 Budget and an update on the Federal grantmaking rules.

Federal FY2027 Budget

The Senate advanced a continuing resolution (CR) on August 8 that would maintain federal funding through December 11, 2026, continuing FY2026 funding levels for Labor and HHS programs. The CR also extends several health, veterans, and transportation programs and supports continued funding for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Final FY2027 appropriations remain unresolved.

Federal Grantmaking Rules

Proposed changes to federal grantmaking rules remain under review and could increase administrative and reporting requirements and provide greater flexibility in decisions regarding certain discretionary grants. As shared at the July meeting, these changes may increase compliance requirements and uncertainty around competitive federal funding. Older Americans Act formula funding is not expected to be directly affected. The CR would also temporarily delay implementation of the proposed Office of Management & Budget (OMB) grantmaking requirements while the review process continues.

Item #7. Finance Report:

A. **June 2026: J. Reeves** presented the June financial report.

   B. Peña motioned to accept and place on file the June financial report.
   S. Hansen supported. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Item #8. Disbursement Report and Resolution:

A. **July 2026: J. Reeves** presented the July 2026 Disbursement Report and Register. A copy was provided in the board packet. **C. Swope** motioned to approve the July 2026 check ledgers. **I. Cahill** supported. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Item #9. FY 2026 Budget Amendments and Resolutions:

J. Reeves presented the FY 2026 Budget Amendments and Resolutions. A copy was provided in the board packet. The following budgets were presented:

A. Administration
B. Access Services
C. Care Management
D. MI Choice Home and Community Based Services-Waiver
E. Nutrition
F. Nutrition Supplemental

C. Swope motioned to approve the FY 2026 Budget Amendments and Resolutions. **B. Peña** supported. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Item #10. Proposal Review Committee Recommendation Resolutions for FY 2027:

K. Harkness presented FY 2027 funding levels as recommended by the Proposal Review Committee and supported by the TCOA Advisory Council. A handout outlining the proposed levels was provided to Board members. The following categories were reviewed:

A. Access Services
   a. Information and Assistance and Medical Transportation
B. Community Services
   a. Adult Day Services

    b. Evidence-Based Disease Prevention
    c. Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman
    d. Elder Abuse Prevention
    e. Legal Services
C. In-Home Services
    a. Friendly Reassurance
D. Nutrition
    a. Home Delivered Meals
    b. Carry Out Meals
    c. Congregate Senior Dining

I. Cahill motioned to approve the FY 2027 funding levels as presented for each of the four categories. **R. Kost** supported. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Item #11. MDHHS Screening Tool:

C. Cooper requested completion of the required MDHHS Screening Tool as soon as possible. This is a form that is required to be completed by all Board Members and select key staff annually.

Item #12. FY 2026 Programmatic Assessment Findings:

K. Laing reported the FY 2026 Programmatic Assessment Findings. A copy was provided in the board packet. Discussion followed.

Item #13. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Report:

K. Laing provided the HCBS report. T he total participants and the wait lists are as follows:

Overall, 1,149 participants are currently enrolled in a TCOA HCBS programs.
Case Coordination (including Ingham County Elder Services Millage) – 228 participants enrolled. The Case Coordination waitlist – 5 7
Care Management – 49 participants enrolled.
MI Choice Waiver – 1,019 participants enrolled. The MI Choice Waiver waitlist – 384.
Veterans Directed Care – 9 participants enrolled.

Discussion followed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:12 PM

Next scheduled meeting: September 21, 2026, at 3:30 PM