TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes
September 21, 2026, 3:30 PM

Members Present:

Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Vice Chair	John Andrews	Irene Cahill
Ryan Kost	Mark Mudry	Trini Pehlivanoglu
Dwight Washington		

Members Absent:

Mark Meadows, Chair	Scott Hansen	Thomas Morgan
Bob Peña	Lucianna Solis	Chris Swope

Staff:

Carl Buonodono	Casey Cooper	Heather Febres-Cordero
Kirsten Laing	Kate Long	Saray Moreno
Andrea Radel	Joe Reeves	

Guests:

Annette Gamez, Regional Aging Representative, ACLS Bureau	Ruth Pearson, Advisory Council Representative

Item #1. Call to Order:
J. Pearl-Wright called the meeting to order at 3:30PM, with quorum present.

Item #2. Welcome

Item #3. Approval of the Amended September 21, 2026 Agenda:
The amended agenda was presented at the beginning of the meeting and differed from the agenda included in the board packet. **M. Mudry** motioned to accept and approve the amended September 21, 2026 agenda. **I. Cahill** supported. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Approval of the August 17, 2026 Minutes:
R. Kost motioned to accept the August 17, 2026 meeting minutes. **D. Washington** supported. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Public Comment: No public comment.

Item #6. 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. MI Choice Home and Community Based Services-Waiver
D. Nutrition

D. Washington motioned to approve the FY 2026 Budget Amendments and Resolutions. **M. Mudry** supported. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Item #7. FY 2027 Budgets and Resolutions:

J. Reeves presented the FY 2027 Budgets 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 Program
F. Ingham County Elder Services Millage

The FY2027 Proposed Budgets reflect a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

I. Cahill motioned to approve the FY 2027 Budgets and Resolutions as presented. **R. Kost** supported. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Item #8. PA 152 Resolution:

S. Moreno presented the PA 152 Resolution. A copy was provided in the board packet. **R. Kost** motioned to approve the PA 152 Resolution. **T. Pehlivanoglu** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Item #9. Friends for Independence Coordinating Council Dissolution Resolution:

C. Cooper presented the Friends for Independence Coordinating Council Dissolution Resolution. A copy was provided in the board packet. **R. Kost** motioned to approve the Friends for Independence Coordinating Council Dissolution Resolution. **I. Cahill** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Quorum was no longer present at 4:36PM. No further binding votes or official business were transacted.

Item #10. Director's Report:

A. Radel shared information on the Federal FY 2027 Budget, Federal grantmaking rules, Older Americans Act Reauthorization, and the FY 2027-2029 TCOA Multi-Year Plan.

Federal FY2027 Budget

The FY2027 Continuing Resolution was signed September 2, extending federal funding through December 11, 2026, at FY2026 levels. This provides short-term stability while final FY2027 appropriations remain unresolved.

Federal Grantmaking Rules

Proposed changes to federal grantmaking requirements remain under review. OAA formula

grants are not expected to be directly affected. Implementation of the proposed OMB requirements is temporarily delayed under the current CR.

Older Americans Act Reauthorization

The OAA remains overdue for reauthorization; the previous authorization expired September 30, 2024. Despite bipartisan efforts, reauthorization has repeatedly stalled. The Senate passed bipartisan legislation in July that would increase OAA authorization levels, provide greater flexibility to Area Agencies on Aging, and strengthen the Aging Network. The legislation now awaits House action. OAA programs continue under current funding authority through December 11, 2026.

FY2027–2029 Multi-Year Plan

TCOA presented its FY2027–2029 Multi-Year Plan to the Commission on Services to the Aging on August 21. The Commission approved the plan, which highlights TCOA's accomplishments and aligns with the State Plan on Aging. Special thanks to Kate Long for her leadership throughout the planning process.

Item #11. 2027 Administrative Board Meeting Schedule:

C. Cooper provided the 2027 meeting dates. A copy was provided in the board packet. Calendar invitations will also be sent after 2027 appointments are finalized.

Item #12. Nutrition Report:

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

Home Delivered Meals – 1,296 participants enrolled.

Carry Out Meals – 138 participants enrolled.

Congregate Dining – 708 participants enrolled.

C. Buonodono also provided a Senior Project Fresh update. The last day to register is September 30 with the program being open through October 31. To date, a total of 389 individuals have been enrolled in the tri-county area.

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, 1,152 participants are currently enrolled in a TCOA HCBS programs.
Case Coordination (including Ingham County Elder Services Millage) – 229 participants enrolled. The Case Coordination waitlist – 4 1
Care Management – 47 participants enrolled.
MI Choice Waiver – 1,025 participants enrolled. The MI Choice Waiver waitlist – 383.
Veterans Directed Care – 8 participants enrolled.

Discussion followed.

Item #14. Dinner and Auction, November 19:

H. Febres-Cordero shared information on the upcoming Annual Dinner and Auction that will be held at the Eagle Eye Banquet Center on November 19, 2026 from 6-8PM. Flyers and information were shared. Donations for the auction were requested, as well as volunteers. Raffle tickets are also available.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 PM

Next scheduled meeting: November 16, 2026, at 3:30 PM