

Isabella County Commission on Aging  
Advisory Board *Electronic Meeting*  
Wednesday, November 4, 2020  
12:00pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comments
- III. Minutes of the October 7, 2020 Advisory Board Meeting
- IV. COA/Isabella County COVID-19 Update
- V. Gold Key Volunteer Recognition Drive-Thru Event (11/5/20: 12pm-3pm)
- VI. Virtual Fall Caregiver Training (11/12/20: 1pm-4pm)
- VII. Medicare Part D Open Enrollment (October 15 – December 7)
- VIII. Board Member Terms Expiring 12/31/20
- IX. Reminder: No Meeting in December
- X. General Discussion
- XI. Adjournment

The next COA Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 12:00p.m.

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Isabella County Commission on Aging  
Advisory Board Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
12:00pm

Members present: Alicia Haley, John Dinse, Jackie Curtis, Lea Dean, Larry Fussman, Ruth Ann Maniteau,

Members absent: Shirley Decker, Jessica Lapp

Staff present: Jennifer Crawford, COA Director, Mallory Fernandez COA Secretary

Others present:

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m.
  
- II. Public Comments
  - a. Larry Fussman mentioned that he is anxious to start volunteering again. Jennifer Crawford explained that unfortunately we still do not have a projected opening date to allow visitors and volunteers back.
  - b. John Dinse expressed his concern that with the new ruling against the governor that there will be an uptick in cases in the area. Ruth Ann Maniteau clarified that the health department has taken over the standards our county needs to enforce and reinstated all of the previous orders the governor did have in place previously.
  
- III. Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Advisory Board Meeting: A motion to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2020 Advisory Board meeting as submitted was moved by Larry Fussman and seconded by Jackie Curtis. The motion passed.
  
- IV. COA/Isabella County COVID-19 Update
  - a. The county remains in Phase 2 of the Isabella County COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan until further notice. In this phase all county departments remain closed to the public, but can still serve the needs over the phone, virtually or in-person by appointment only. In Phase 2, we continue to promote remote for employees who are able to do so. We are not yet able to bring back volunteers at this time.

V. Isabella County FY21 Approved Budget

- a. Document attached.
- b. The budget for Fiscal Year '21 has been adopted and approved. Our fiscal year started on October 1, 2020. This year we budgeted conservatively with our revenue planning just in case we do not receive the 2% tribal funding money as a result of Covid-19 affecting their revenue. Our Foster Grandparent Senior Companion program is state funded and was facing potential cuts. However, it was announced on October 1<sup>st</sup> that the state was going to reinstate their funding with zero cuts.

VI. Medicare Part D Open Enrollment (October 15-December 7)

- a. Like with most things, there will be big changes this year to our Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Program due to Covid-19. Typically, we have volunteers provide this service to approximately 500-600 clients. Due to current restrictions on volunteering and social distancing, this is not possible. Additionally, we could not provide this service virtually for confidentiality reasons. Therefore, we are having staff step up to help service the clients over the phone and via the hotline provided by the program. For those clients that these options will not work for, we will bring them in to the Commission on Aging for one on one meetings with proper social distancing protocols in place to keep all safe.

VII. Drive-Through Mask Giveaway and Cider and Donuts (10/21: 12pm-2pm)

- a. Marcy will be adding a fall twist to her usual root beer float drive-through event. This time around there will be cider and donuts as well as a mask giveaway. Masks are being donated by the Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

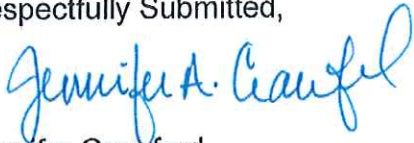
VIII. General Discussion

- a. Jackie Curtis informed the board that the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Board has financed eighteen wells in Midland and Gladwin Counties that were affected by the recent floods. They were also able to provide dental care to one-hundred and ninety-eight recipients, eye care to two-hundred and fifty recipients, and are hosting three reusable mask giveaways. The giveaways are on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the George Olson Pavilion in Saginaw, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Dow Bay Area YMCA, and October 21<sup>st</sup> here at the COA.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:37 P.M.

The next COA Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 12:00p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer A. Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jennifer Crawford  
COA Executive Director & Advisory Board Secretary