



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Work Session Agenda

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

9:30 AM

or immediately following the regular board meeting

*Meeting to be held in the County Board Room
at the Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN.*

MEETING WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED AT: [HTTPS://WWW.CO.TODD.MN.US](https://www.co.todd.mn.us)

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Agenda Time:

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| 1 | Central MN Council on Aging Annual Update
<i>Lori Vrolson</i> | 9:30 |
| 2 | Child Protection Lead Worker
<i>Jackie Och, Michael Steinbeisser, Lisa Grossing, HHS Division</i> | 9:45 |
| 3 | Probate Discussion
<i>Jackie Och, Jena Peterson, Carrie Roering, HHS Division</i> | 10:00 |

Responding to Changing Needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Central MN Council on Aging (CMCOA) administers Older Americans ACT (OAA) funds for the 14-County area in partnership with the Minnesota Board on Aging. In that role, we collaborate with Lutheran Social Services, Catholic Charities and Mid-MN Senior Law to provide essential services to older adults in Todd County with services such as home delivered meals, grocery shopping/Rx delivery, telephone reassurance, legal consultation along with caregiver services.

Our partners have done excellent work over the past year to adjust their services to meet evolving needs. They have juggled what they deliver, how they deliver, and to whom. They have created new partnerships and redesigned programs on the fly. We are grateful for all that, our provider partners do and how they have stepped up to the challenge currently upon us.

One of the primary roles of our agency is to administer at the local level, the Federal OAA funding. CMCOA awards grants and contracts for services to help ensure that a continuum of options and choices are in place that match the needs of the community. CMCOA awarded \$122,481 of Federal OAA funding for services in Todd County in 2019 and \$170,483 in 2020. At this time, we are not able to provide an accurate forecast of funding into Todd County in 2021, as we are still awaiting award notices for the American Recovery Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act funding that is in addition to the Title III Older Americans Act awards. The 2021 and 2022 funding levels will be an increase from 2020.

Service	Todd County Residents 60+ Served Through Federal OAA Services in 2020
Homemaker	3 individuals with 82 hours of grocery shopping and prescription medication delivery
Congregate	174 individuals with 1,200 congregate meals
Home Delivered Meals	206 individuals with 20,164 home delivered meals
Caregiver Consultant	9 family caregivers with 114 sessions of caregiver consultation
Respite	4 individuals with 84 hours of caregiver respite
Senior LinkAge	962 people with 1,411 Calls and 31 Sessions of In-Person Assistance
Legal Assistance	31 individuals with 156 hours
Telephone Reassurance	73 Individuals Served with 523 Calls

Senior LinkAge: The Senior LinkAge program provided 1,442 sessions of long term care options counseling to Todd County residents in 2020. Senior LinkAge is a program that helps families, friends and seniors find answers and support that will help older people stay in the community longer and remain independent. With a single call to the Senior LinkAge Line® a person can locate particular services near them or get help evaluating their situation to determine what kind of service might be helpful. A Senior LinkAge® Specialist will research options and

automatically transfer the caller to the service provider in their area. Individuals will be connected with the Todd County Senior LinkAge® Advocate if more assistance is needed in-person. The Advocate will conduct an in-depth assessment with the individual in their home or community site and help them navigate appropriate community services. In addition, the Advocate can provide forms and enrollment assistance to public and private services. An example of enrollment assistance is the help Senior LinkAge® provides to callers when they are in need of assistance enrolling into Medicare Part D. Information and assistance provided helps clients gain the comprehensive knowledge needed to make choices about services, along with the advocacy needed to access those services

Program Development and Coordination: CMCOA provides planning assistance on aging issue, trends and service development needs for the region using a variety of tools to collect and analyze data and to engage stakeholders. Current focus is on improving dementia care, supporting older persons with chronic illness and assisting municipalities to prepare for the aging of our community.

CMCOA is grateful for the \$2,534 of funding received by Todd County to assist in meeting our Federal Older Americans Act match requirement and the appointment of Commissioner Neumann to our Board of Directors