

Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body Workgroup Charge

Workgroup Name: Senior Needs Assessment Workgroup (Ad Hoc)

Chairperson: Commissioner Maggie Jones

- Responsibilities:
1. Chair Steering Committee meetings.
 2. Meet with designated staff.
 3. Report activities to the HSCB.
 4. Represent workgroup at appropriate meetings.

Staff Person: Emily Ladd

- Responsibilities:
1. Meet regularly with Chairs of steering and sub-committees
 2. Develop agenda and materials for meetings with the Chair.
 3. Research specific information as requested by the Chair.
 4. Assist in facilitating meetings
 5. Assist in the development of the Work Plan.

Clerical Support (if different from staff): Secretary of group – develop meeting minutes, type, and distribute

Issue to be Studied and/or Acted Upon: According to projections by the South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Livingston’s older adult population (age 60+) will increase by 140% by the year 2020. In numbers, this rate indicates that the county’s older adult population will increase from 18,609 in 2000 to 44,431 in 2020. SEMCOG data also indicates that Livingston County has the second highest older adult population growth rate among counties in Michigan.

Due to this projection, the Consortium on Aging is charged with planning for the needs of this population in Livingston County. It is anticipated that these seniors will have infrastructure needs in relation to housing and transportation as well as other services needs such as health care, assisted living services, workforce, and other health and human services. Developing a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of this population is the first step to ensuring a system is in place in response to the significant population increase.

Workgroup Goal(s): Develop a plan to meet the needs of the older adult population in Livingston County.

Workgroup Objective(s):

- Assess current senior services in the county including developing a list of services and assessing effectiveness
- Identify gaps and needs in senior services
- Develop short (1-5 years) and long (6-20 years) term strategies to address the gaps/needs
- Develop a workplan to further explain the strategies which includes possible funding mechanisms, time frames for completion, and key stakeholders

Reporting Mechanism and Frequency: Report on progress to HSCB at least quarterly. The final workplan will be reported to the HSCB as well as other key stakeholders in the community (e.g. political leaders, funders, etc.)

Membership: The following groups/organizations are recommended as members of this workgroup. It is recommended that the directors of the organizations listed be members or staff that can make decisions for the organization.

- Seniors that are residents of Livingston County
- Senior Centers
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B
- Hospitals/Physicians
- Senior Housing Organizations
- State, County, and Township Officials
- Workforce Organization
- Department of Planning
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Faith based organizations
- Transportation
- Media
- United Way
- Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency
- Catholic Social Services
- Senior Nutrition
- LACASA
- Department of Human Services
- Community Mental Health
- Department of Public Health

Responsibilities of HSCB: Provide input and information to inform the planning effort. Review and provide revisions to workplan and approve final report when completed.

Other Relevant Information: The Consortium on Aging has been meeting since _____ and have not been formally connected to the HSCB. Activities of the group have included planning and implementing an annual senior power day, coordinating advocacy efforts on behalf of seniors, and developing collaborative funding applications to fill gaps in senior services.