

Director's Report

April 2025

Programming Board Report

Meals served January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025:
(Breakfast 36; Lunch 965)

January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025: 2,907
(Breakfast: 134; Lunch: 2,773)

Volunteer Hours: March 1 – March 31, 2025, 2025

- Transportation: 178.75 Hours
- Mechanic: Five Hours
- Our Friends House: 46 Hours
- Servers: 108 Hours
- Exercise Participants: 242
- Social/ Activity Participants: 210

Update:

We had a very busy St. Patrick's Day lunch this year, and the String A Longs performed an Irish and Scottish-themed concert before and after lunch.

The SAIL class averages about 20+ students each time it meets. Drum Fitness and Chair Volleyball each have a core group for each class. Yoga is back; we will add a second day starting in April.

We took a trip to the Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids for the Butterfly exhibit, then had lunch and went shopping at Horrocks.

We are planning and working on a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 25, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Senior Care Services:

- Currently, Senior Care Services is assisting 50 clients with in-home services.
 - Of those:
 - 43 are full private pay
 - 2 are Senior Resources
 - 4 are a combination pay of private and Senior Resources
 - 1 is Reliance
- The demand for Community Living Support (CLS) services in our county continues to grow, and our dedicated staff are working hard to meet this need. While the number of CLS clients is rising, we still have staff with availability to take on more in-home clients. Weekly assessments are ongoing, and we look forward to expanding our reach and providing support to even more individuals in our community.

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Senior Care Services Continued

- In March, there were a total of 8 in-home assessments completed for possible new clients.
- OFH has openings as well. We are looking for new friends who like to have a good time! We will continue to advertise our services. We have been contacted by Sunny Knoll Adult Foster Care on possible enrollment of some of their residents into OFH for activities and socialization. We look forward to any partnerships we can facilitate.
- The Bathing Program is up and running well! The bathtub is still a thorn in our side, but the SCS team will continue to look for funding opportunities.
- The Medicare Assistance Program has changed names to SHIP (State Health Insurance Program). The additional open enrollment that ran from Jan 1st- March 21st was an addition this year and many beneficiaries took advantage. We anticipate slowing down significantly with Medicare appointments.
- Our loan closet is desperately diminished! We have written a People's Fund grant with Great Lakes Energy for funds to replenish the loan closet. We look forward to hearing from them with good news.
- **SCS Shout out:**

I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the **amazing staff at Our Friends House (OFH)**! 🌟 Their unwavering dedication and compassion make a profound impact on the seniors we serve every single day. Whether providing care, companionship, or simply a warm smile, the OFH team creates a safe and welcoming space where seniors feel valued and supported.

Their commitment to excellence ensures that each client receives the highest level of care, and their teamwork and passion truly make OFH a special place. As the demand for our services grows, they continue to rise to the challenge, embodying the mission of the Oceana County Council on Aging with every interaction.

Transportation Update:

	MARCH 2024	MARCH 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	YTD INCREASE
BUS MILES	8,062	8,196	22,466	21,338	-1,128
NON-SENIOR TRIPS	8	7	14	42	28
SENIOR TRIPS	132	233	302	593	291
NON-SENIOR DISABLED TRIPS	253	207	747	557	-190
SENIOR DISABLED TRIPS	390	448	1,182	1,156	-26
TOTAL TRIPS	783	895	2,245	2,348	103
PARATRANSIT MILES	193	713	571	1,831	1,260
TOTAL TRIPS	2	24	11	49	38
VOLUNTEER MILES	2,586	5,277	5,621	15,169	9,548
TOTAL TRIPS	52	133	108	369	261

- Non-Senior Disabled Trips are mostly WCMCH "Progressions" clients.

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Transportation Update Continued:

I have received the disposal letters from MDOT for the sale of Van #16 and Bus #1 along with the 2-way radios we are no longer using because of connection issues. The sealed bid process didn't go very well with the sale of the Corolla, but MDOT requires you to dispose of it in one of the following ways:

- Obtain a documented fair market value from a reputable dealer or other source. You may then sell to any third party for that price.
- Auction by local auctioneer.
- Competitive bid. Publicly advertise for written bids and sell to the highest bidder.
- Sold to an eligible governmental agency/authority or non-profit agency for not less than \$1.00.

Effective October 1, 2024, changes and clarifications were made to the disposition of vehicles and equipment in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Per 2CFR 200.313 and 200.314, if vehicles or equipment are sold for \$10,000 or less, the recipient may retain the full proceeds from the disposition. However, per 49 U.S.C. 5334(h)(4)(B), if vehicles or equipment are sold for more than \$10,000, the recipient may only retain \$5,000 plus any percentage of local share in the original award. The remaining Federal share will be returned to FTA, and the remaining State share will be returned to MDOT OPT. Any expenses incurred from the sale of the vehicle or equipment may not be deducted from the reimbursement for the Federal or State share of sale proceeds. MDOT OPT will bill rural agencies quarterly for both the Federal and State share.

We have 90 days to complete the sale of all items. If anyone would like to assist in the sale of these items, please see Lisa.

OFH Update:

CLIENT HOURS 331

MEALS 80

TRANSPORTS 84

VOLUNTEER HOURS 71

March welcomed 2 new Friends! We are very excited to have them. We enjoyed a lot of fun crafts & activities this month. Mary has taught us Booger Bridge and it quickly became a favorite as well as Quiddle. Thank you, Mary! Our Friends are loving Lupe and their baths, she's a wonderful fit! We are all looking very forward to Our Garden Club, lunch at the Main Center and Field Trips! We have several new assessments scheduled which is awesome, and all things are going great!

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- The Administrative Team has finished the annual report.
- OCCOA will be closed on Friday, April 25th for a day of cleaning and organizing all three buildings (Center, OFH, and Bus Garage) and allow for the preparation of the evening volunteer event.
- A volunteer appreciation dinner will be held on Friday, April 25th.
- OFH water softener has been ordered and has been installed.
- OCCOA now has an in-house staff who will be taking care of facilities and maintenance. Javier comes with years of experience in these areas and the staff is looking forward to working with him. Javier will also be training as a bus driver and will be available to fill in as needed.
- Sound panels have been purchased for areas of the building where the echo and/or lack of privacy is problematic. Javier will be installing a portion of them and where needed, Blackmer will do the installation while doing some needed repairs on the building.
- Bill Nagel is being brought on later in the spring as a part-time B (19 hours or less per week) employee to do some smaller repairs, six-month MDOT inspections, etc. on the buses. Large repairs and those requiring a lift will still be brought out to Mears Service Center. Bill comes to OCCOA with more than 40 years of experience as a licensed mechanic and is familiar with OCCOA vehicles and MDOT requirements.