

**Tri-County Opportunities Council
Board Meeting Highlights
February 24, 2022**

Early Head Start/Head Start:

Please refer and check out our website www.tcochelps.org under Job Opportunities for Lee County available positions.

Approval was needed to revise the current budget to purchase five new buses and two vans with funds available from employee vacancies.

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG):

Action was needed to accept an additional \$50,000 from IACAA/DHS for the Barrier Reduction Program that ends June 30, 2022. Anyone who receives SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid benefits who experience a barrier to gain or retain employment or who are at risk of housing instability or another emergency that would create a barrier. These funds are available in our nine county area.

Foster Grandparents:

Approval was needed to submit an application to AmeriCorps for \$362,235. Lee County has 18 stipend paid volunteers in the local schools.

TCOC Mission Statement

Tri-County Opportunities Council will investigate the impact of poverty throughout our nine county service area and will work, in partnership with individuals, families and communities to provide opportunities that supports movement towards stability and self-sufficiency.

Next meeting will be virtual on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Williams
Lee County Board Member