



## REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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Dear Promise Zone Review Committee:

Region VII Area Agency on Aging (AAA) wishes to offer their support for the Consortium of Partners, Northern Transformation, Eastern Michigan Council of Governments, Michigan Works! Region 7B, and Prima Civitas.

AAA's were established as an amendment to the 1965 Older American's Act, and are part of a statewide network that plans, develops, and supports an array of services for older adults.

Region VII coordinates and utilizes Title V funding for its Senior Community Service Employment Program, which provides training and education for low income older individuals (enrollees), aged 55+. Some of these enrollees are placed in nonprofit organizations in Clare and Gladwin counties. Additionally, Region VII serves as an agent for the Medicaid MI Choice Home and Community-based Waiver, a program that defers eligible individuals from nursing home placement, by providing non-medical in home help to them in their private homes, adult foster care, and other licensed settings. This program employs many direct caregivers working for local homecare companies.

Region VII AAA is pleased to be a participating and supporting partner offering access to the full array of services in the aging network as appropriate to the Northern Transformation project, and looks forward to working with others as we continue to enhance the quality of life for residents and increase economic activities in the Promise Zone.

Sincerely,

Andrew Orvosh  
Executive Director

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