

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING AND
STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING JOINT MEETING
Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy; Lansing, MI
April 20, 2012 @10:00 AM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

Commissioner Kennedy introduced herself and extended a welcome to all and thanked the SAC members for attending the annual joint meeting and for their role as visible and vocal advocates for Michigan's seniors as the eyes and ears of the Commission, working with people and communities. She also thanked the SAC for the work they've done as a result of the recommendations of the Commission, for the Governor and Legislators. She thanked Commissioner Pawelski for his consistent role as chair of the SAC. She welcomed Ania Bieciuk and John Byrd from the Governor's Constituent Relations Office.

Commissioner Kennedy led the Commission and SAC members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

The Commission roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerutha Kennedy, Owen Bieber, Shannon English, Gerald Irby, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Harold Mast, Donald Newport, Anthony Pawelski, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan, Amne Talab, Ramesh Verma, Janice Wilson and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

James Wright.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None.

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ROLL CALL

The SAC roll call was taken and a quorum was present

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Pawelski, Michael Bartus, Pam McKenna, Cynthia Paul, Gene Pisha, Mary Lou Profroefrock, Gail Ringelberg, Clyde Sheltroun, Alice Snyder, Susan Vick, Kathleen Williams-Newell and Ginny Wood-Broderick.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Vincente Castelanos, Nadine Fish, Carrie Harnish, Robin Ford, Denise Mitchell, Dean Sullivan and Roger Williams.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Eric Berke, Carol Dye, Bonnie Graham, Sherri King, Laura McMurtry, Becky Payne, Carol Stangel, Sally Steiner and Scott Wamsley.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Carol Barrett, So What? Evaluation; Judy Sivak, Director, Region 3-A AAA; Joe Hehir of AAA 1-B; John Byrd, Constituent Relations Specialist; Ania Bieciuk, Constituent Relations Representative from the Governor's office; and Alan Bond.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the agenda. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the March 16, 2012 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the March 16, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the March 22, 2012 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pawelski to approve the March 22, 2012 minutes. SAC member Paul seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Kennedy asked Mr. John Byrd and Ms. Ania Bieciuk to come forward.

Ms. Bieciuk thanked the Commission and SAC for allowing them to come before the Commission and SAC. Ms. Bieciuk and Mr. Byrd provided handouts on the Michigan retirement pension tax, a website, www.michigan.gov/getanswers, a toll free number, (855) 440-6424, and offered to do presentations throughout the state to help understand this new tax.

OSA DIRECTOR REPORT

Chairperson Kennedy asked Director Kari Sederburg for her report.

Director Sederburg asked the OSA staff to stand and introduce themselves, then welcomed and thanked the SAC members for all they do.

Director Sederburg stated OSA's budget is in the Legislature's hands, noting the core funding remains stable. With regard to OSA's proposed \$1.1 million increase for the aging and disability collaborative, elder abuse, and Alzheimer's/Dementia training, the Senate inserted a \$100 placeholder and will wait until the May revenue conference to make further decisions.

Director Sederburg stated the Medicaid office is submitting a proposal next week on the integrated care program, which combines people eligible for Medicaid and Medicare into one integrated system, and offered to provide that and an FAQ on the proposal.

Director Sederburg reported on the 18-bill package of elder abuse legislation. Fourteen of the bills are in the House, Families, Children and Seniors Committee, and four have been voted out of Committee and will go to the House for a vote. Governor Snyder has offered his support of these bills. OSA's hope is they will all be passed by Older Michiganian's Day scheduled for June 20, 2012.

Director Sederburg updated the unlicensed assisted living facilities discussion from the last public hearing, saying she received a call from the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs office who said they are looking into if assisted living facilities and/or their administrators should be licensed. She provided an overview of the current situation, noting they will hold further discussions with an internal committee.

Director Sederburg stated that along with Commissioner Kennedy and DCH Deputy Director Nick Lyon, interviews for the deputy director position were completed. A candidate has been made an offer; we will know next week if the offer has been accepted.

Director Sederburg stated the financial specialist and public affairs positions will be posted next week.

Director Sederburg announced the Federal government created an Administration for Community Living, and AoA will be part of this larger administration. This new office will include the Office of Disabilities and Administration on Developmental Disabilities, noting there will not be any changes to the Older American's Act or to funding. This proposed change will enhance our move in Michigan with the Aging and Disability Resource Collaborative.

Commissioner Kennedy asked to move an informational item to the front of the agenda.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS (Part 1)
No-Cost Extension for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding Received

Sherri King, OSA staff, thanked the Commission for allowing her to present early on the agenda.

Ms. King stated OSA received an ARRA grant for PATH, the chronic disease and self-management program with an official grant period of March 30, 2010 to March 30, 2012. Ms. King stated OSA met all program goals putting approximately 4,000 older adults through the program, and trained 40 master trainers and 350 leaders. OSA had unspent dollars, and AoA allowed a no-cost extension until June 30, 2012, to continue leader training workshops.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval to Reprogram Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Funds

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, requested approval of SCSEP funds.

Ms. McMurtry stated each year OSA corresponds with those who manage SCSEP to resolve any unspent funds, so OSA can reprogram those funds back to the field.

Ms. McMurtry stated Region 7 AAA had \$35,000 in unspent funds and would like to reprogram that to AAA Regions 1A, 8 and 11, and Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the reprogramming of SCSEP funds as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

Approval for 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program: Innovations Grant (ADSSP)

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested approval for the 2012 ADSSP: Innovations Grant.

Ms. Steiner stated the \$22,461 AoA grant includes carry-over for master trainers, along with some unallocated funds that remained in the grant. The funds will be programmed to the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, who has been a fiduciary partner on OSA's ADSSP projects. These funds will provide for a Creating Confident Caregiver (CCC) Master Trainer who will assist with fidelity meetings, and for Dr. Kenneth Hepburn, developer of the Savvy Caregiver Program, to come to Michigan to consult with CCC trainers and project staff, and to provide technical assistance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the 2012 ADSSP as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bieber.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Approval Criteria for FY 2013 Annual Implementation Plans (AIP)

Eric Berke, OSA staff, requested approval of the approval criteria for FY 2013 AIPs.

Mr. Berke provided background, structure and the process on area plans, noting AIPs would come to the Commission in August and September for review and approval.

Mr. Berke reviewed the proposed changes and received input from the Commissioners for additional edits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the approval criteria for FY2013 AIP as presented with edits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mast.

After discussion, the Commission approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Approval of SAC Bylaws

Commissioner Anthony Pawelski, SAC Chair, requested approval of proposed changes to the SAC Bylaws.

Commissioner Pawelski thanked those from the SAC and OSA for assisting with the proposed updated bylaws.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast for approval of SAC Bylaws as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS (Part 2)

SAC Technology Survey Findings

Carol Barrett of *So What? Evaluation*, provides evaluation support for a number of projects, including the Aging and Disability Resource partnerships and state plan.

Ms. Barrett provided an overview of the technology assessment based on the work of the SAC who developed the survey, noting they would continue to receive input from those receiving long term supports and services through July 2012. The additional work reflects the need to collect additional information from urban areas that were under-represented in the initial survey.

Ms. Barrett provided a website to view or complete the survey, needsmichigan.com, where anyone can also leave feedback.

SAC 2012 Annual Report on Technology and Older Adults and Recommendations

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, and Alice Snyder, SAC member provided an overview of the SAC report. Ms. Steiner discussed the “digital divide” among older adults in Michigan, highlighting three factors that contribute to use of digital technology by older adults: access to broadband; education/support; and cost. Ms. Steiner stated the SAC recommended action at three levels: state, community and individual.

Ms. Steiner and Ms. Snyder provided background and discussion on the survey, how it was distributed, what was accomplished and how the results would be used.

Commissioner Verma asked for clarification on how the survey results will be used. Ms. Steiner stated there are some pockets of individuals who do not like technology because of the unknown, it's threatening, scary and/or expensive, so the aging network needs to keep that group in mind while trying to reach everyone. We also need to encourage community and public access resources, such as libraries and community centers that provide free computers and/or low cost computer classes. It also raises the issue to the Commission and OSA for the need for discussion with a broader group of state level experts who are working on the federal broadband initiative to let them know we have a growing interest in the extension of broadband access throughout Michigan.

Commissioner Kennedy stated there has been a disconnect between seniors and the disabled. She views the information collected in terms of how are we communicating and connecting with seniors and questioned "Are we getting information out to those we serve in the most effective way possible; and are we informing and educating those who can affect this issue?"

Commissioner Zamora stated she will share this report with the Oakland County Government's Information Technology Department. Due to budget cuts everything is web-based, so information is going out via e-mail and through the web. This information will be used to determine how they can reach more people. She asked for final survey results, which will also be posted online.

Commissioner Sheehan stated it's the Commission's obligation to disseminate the information and encourage schools, senior centers, libraries, banks, or whoever has public access to computers. As well, broadband is a strong economic issue and in Leelanau County there are farmers and orchardists who have expressed a strong desire to get broadband, so they can order things online, learn things, communicate better, etc.

Commission broke for lunch at 12:04 PM, and resumed business at 12:42 PM.

2011 NAPIS Report

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, provided a handout, PowerPoint presentation and overview of the data, analysis and trends from the 2011 NAPIS Report. Discussion followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Kennedy announced the Commission on Services to the Aging will hold a meeting at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Oakland County Executive Office Building located at 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, in Waterford. A public hearing on the state plan will follow that meeting from 1:30 – 3:00 PM at the same location.

The next State Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at the Radisson Hotel located at 111 N. Grand Avenue in Lansing, noting these meetings are open to the public, and anyone wishing to attend can do so at this same location.

The Senior Citizen of the Year Award event will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, on the lawn of the State Capital in conjunction with the 5th annual Older Michiganians Day. Nomination forms continue to arrive and if anyone wants to submit a nomination form, one can be obtained by contacting OSA at (517) 373-8230, or by visiting the website, www.michigan.gov/miseniors, noting they are due by May 7th. She stated Carol Dye, OSA staff, is seeking a volunteer from the Commission and SAC to review and select the 2012 Senior Citizen of the Year winners in May. Commissioner Johnston-Calati volunteered for the Commission.

Ms. Steiner stated she would poll SAC members and let Ms. Dye know who can do this.

Commissioner Wilson thanked Ms. Dye for supplying language for Older Michiganians Month proclamation, which she supplied to her local city council.

The Commissioners requested the language, which Ms. Dye will send.

Commissioner Talab announced ACCESS will have their 41st Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 28th, at the Renaissance Center in the Marriott in Dearborn. Selma Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's grandson's wife, will be one of the awardees for the Arab American award. Tickets are \$75.

Commissioner Verma invited everyone to the Asian Pacific American Affairs event on May 22nd to celebrate Heritage Month at the State Capitol Rotunda from 3:00-5:00 PM.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Irby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 1:31 PM.