

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Michigan Office of Services to the Aging
300 E. Michigan Avenue, 3rd Fl; Lansing, MI
February 17, 2012 @10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Kennedy welcomed the Commissioners. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Anthony Pawelski, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan, Amne Talab Janice Wilson, James Wright and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Donald Newport, Ramesh Verma.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Carol Dye, Bonnie Graham, Lynn McCollum and Wendi Middleton.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sheehan 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 January 20, 2012 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve the January 20, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

OSA DIRECTOR REPORT

Chairperson Kennedy asked Director Kari Sederburg for her report.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor proposed a \$1.1 million dollar increase to OSA's 2013 State budget. The increase includes a \$250 thousand, one-time funding, for implementation of elder abuse legislation. The 2013 budget request also includes ongoing funding of \$850 thousand of which \$500 thousand is allocated for Options Counseling and Information & Assistance services provided through the Community Living Program and ADRC collaboratives; \$250 thousand dedicated to caregiver training of those with Alzheimer's and Dementia; and, \$100 thousand for elder abuse initiatives.

Director Sederburg stated that Governor Snyder's proposed 2013 budget also included a \$2.8 million increase to increase staffing levels for Adult Protective Services; an \$11 million increase to reduce waiting lists for the Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver; and, \$3.1 million for nursing home transitions.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed increases and the support demonstrated by Governor Snyder for services to older adults. A motion was made by Commissioner Irby for OSA to draft a letter of appreciation from the Commission to the Governor in support of his increased budget proposals to OSA. This was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote. Director Sederburg offered to draft a letter from the Commission thanking the Governor.

Director Sederburg stated the elder abuse bills have passed through the Senate and are now in the Family, Children and Seniors Committee in the House. OSA will provide testimony to this committee on behalf of the legislation, noting the Governor has committed to sign these bills, publicly supporting them in his State of the State.

Director Sederburg thanked Commissioner Irby for sharing an excellent article from the Marquette Mining Journal addressing the elder abuse legislation, which she would share with the Commission.

Director Sederburg stated President Obama proposed his federal budget and the Administration on Aging is slated to receive a \$7 million increase, with most of the programs to receive level funding. OSA will pass along additional information to the Commission as it becomes available.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor's office will be coming out with an educational campaign on the pension tax. There will be a representative from the Governor's office who will be traveling the state to present, so if Commissioners know of anyone who'd like to have a presentation, please let us know.

Director Sederburg stated she will review a very rough draft plan of the integrated care for individuals with dual eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid, noting it will be circulated for public comment the first week of March, and will be sent to the Commissioners.

Director Sederburg stated OSA continues to increase communications by revamping its website, increase social media with blogs, and creating a Facebook page.

Director Sederburg stated OSA's Annual Report will be coming out shortly and will be included in the next meeting packet.

Director Sederburg stated OSA is continuing with the process to hire a Deputy Director, noting OSA received over 90 applications and is working with HR to vet the applicants.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of MMAP Grant

Lynn McCollum, OSA staff, requested approval of MMAP grant.

Ms. McCollum stated OSA would like to grant MMAP, Inc. \$1,445,935 for the operation of the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program, which is Michigan's SHIP Program, and has been for 20 years. The Federal Government told OSA this would be our award amount, but it is possible that amount could change.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve the MMAP grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnston-Calati.

Commissioner Zamora pointed out that Region 5 is missing from the MMAP Regional Coordinator List.

Ms. McCollum apologized and stated she would revise and send a corrected list.

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

Approval for FY 2012 Grants Including Carryover Funds for the "Building Training... Building Quality" (BTBQ) Project

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval for FY 2012 grants, including carryover funds for the BTBQ project.

Ms. Middleton stated this grant will be awarded to Waiver agents and other agencies working with OSA to continue training aids on how to provide personal care to persons in the MI Choice Home and Community-Based Waiver program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the FY 2012 grants, including carryover funds for the BTBQ project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zamora.

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

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Wright thanked Director Sederburg for visiting Region 3B, where she had the opportunity to meet some of the leaders and learn of their local programs.

Commissioner Bieber stated there is a union movement to set up the Alliance for Retired Americans in Michigan, who is similar to AARP and collaborates with them on many projects, and advocates for many of the same programs that we are. They will have a founding convention in four weeks, where he's certain the Michigan Chapter of the ARA will become a reality.

Commissioner Bieber stated Carol Dye will be coming to the Owen Bieber Building to make final arrangements for the March meeting, noting Vice President Biden was in Grand Rapids recently and visited their building, resulting in the addition of phone lines that will help make the March meeting possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 16, 2012, at the Owen Bieber Building, originally the UAW Region 1D Building, located at 3300 Leonard Street, N.E. in Grand Rapids.

The next State Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at the Radisson Hotel located at 111 N. Grand Avenue in Lansing.

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a volunteer to attend the meeting to represent the Commission.

Commissioner Sheehan volunteered to do this, and Commissioner Kennedy noted that she would be there as well.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bieber. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:38 A.M.