

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Michigan Office of Services to the Aging
300 E. Michigan Avenue, 3rd Fl; Lansing, MI
January 20, 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 and wished them a happy new year. 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, Donald Newport, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan, Ramesh Verma, Janice Wilson, and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Anthony Pawelski, Amne Talab and James Wright.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Carol Dye, Bonnie Graham, Sherri King, Becky Payne, Sarah Slocum and Sally Steiner.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

None.

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 Bieber seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Kenned asked for a motion to approve the November 18, 2011 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve the November 18, 2011 minutes. Commissioner Verma 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 apologized for the second mailing of three updated memos, as a result of a new internal process that caused some confusion.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor mentioned and supported OSA's Elder Abuse legislation we've been working on since 2005, in his recent State of the State address, and he urged the House to pass it swiftly in a real show of commitment to the aging network. It should make its way to the Families, Children & Seniors Committee the week of February 8th.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if a letter of support from the Commission would be helpful. The Commission agreed unanimously that it would. Director Sederburg stated she would help draft the letter.

Director Sederburg stated the Elder Abuse coalition and advocates received Valentine Day cards designed by the AAAs, to send to their representatives urging them to pass the Elder Abuse legislation, and she'll send these cards to the Commissioners to send and/or distribute.

Director Sederburg stated the preliminary budget went through with no cuts to OSA, noting the Governor will present his executive budget recommendations on or around February 9th. OSA was asked to submit an application for program enhancements to request additional funding over and above the baseline budget, which has went to the Governor for preliminary sign off. The additional funding requested was for Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Elder Abuse programs resulting from this new legislation, and training for Alzheimer's and Dementia caregivers.

Director Sederburg stated the four workgroups have completed their meetings on the integrated care, dual eligible project for those who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid. DCH is compiling their feedback and will have a draft plan by mid-February.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor appointed four new Long Term Care Supports and Services Commissioners: Dr. Larry Braver, Tiffany Reo, and John Nelson, with Reg Carter appointed as the new Chair.

Director Sederburg reiterated January articles on aging, noting one that provoked a forum that will be hosted in Detroit entitled, *"The Graying of our State."* It will be held on February 8th from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM and she'll send information to the Commissioners.

Director Sederburg thanked Commissioner Newport for his suggestion to send out press releases on Communities for a Lifetime recipients. One was recently sent recognizing Monroe as a recipient and Manistique in the UP saw it. As a result, they will apply for the Communities for a Lifetime Program.

Director Sederburg thanked Commissioners Kennedy, Johnston-Calati and Mast for attending and participating in OSA's Holiday party.

Commissioner Newport asked if they see any articles in their areas, if they should send them to OSA, and Director Sederburg asked the Commissioners to please do so.

Commissioner Newport stated in the Governor's speech, there was discussion about the lack of state agency response to the performance indicators and the dashboards.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor has a variety of dashboards, but the one most pertinent to OSA includes ADRCs. OSA's goal is to have them fully functioning statewide by 2014 and OSA provides updates on that quarterly. The dashboard items the Governor was referring to were more public ones and he has a health score card, among a variety of different score cards, so his message was instead of trying to start up a lot of new programs, we need to focus on what we made priorities in 2011.

Commission Newport wondered if the Commission should look at it as a concept and build their own set of dashboards to reflect what they are all about, in addition to what the Governor is asking OSA to report on.

Director Sederburg stated OSA has included that in its State Plan, which is distributed to the Governor and Legislature each year, and offered to walk through it at the next face-to-face meeting. The Commissioners agreed it would be helpful.

Sally Steiner stated the dementia caregiving issue is on our dashboard, which was drawn from the SAC report and OSA has integrated that issue into our policy, program, and measurement of outcomes.

Commissioner Irby asked if the press releases mentioned could be sent so he can get those in the newspaper in the UP.

Director Sederburg asked the Commissioners if they'd like to be added to the e-mail distribution list for aging press releases, articles and media hits. The Commissioners said they would.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval to Re-Program Funding of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Chronic Disease Self-Management (CDSMP; PATH) Grant

Sherri King, OSA staff, requested approval to re-program funding of the ARRA CDSMP; PATH grant.

Ms. King stated in March of 2010, OSA was awarded ARRA funding for the Personal Action Towards Health (PATH) program. OSA allocated funding to the 16 AAAs, based on a modified funding formula, and assigned each with a goal for the number of persons needed to complete the program. While Michigan achieved almost 100 percent completers, funds still exist. AAA Regions 1-B and 5 returned some funds, since they could not achieve their goals, and AAA Regions 11 and 3-A were over 100 per cent for completers and said they could use the extra funding to provide additional training.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston-Calati to approve the re-programming of the ARRA CDSMP; PATH grant funding as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irby.

The Commission approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

Approval of No-Cost Extension 2007 Evidence Based Disease Prevention (EBDP) Grant Budget

Sherri King, OSA staff, requested approval of no-cost extension 2007 EBDP grant budget.

Ms. King stated OSA received an AoA EBDP grant in 2007. OSA currently has a small amount of funding left and would like to offer two trainings at no charge for the AAAs and those who work with them. The first is entitled Tomando Control de su Salud, a Spanish version of the PATH program, and the second is entitled Chronic Pain Self-Management, which is not currently being taught in Michigan, noting both programs are proprietary out of Stanford University, and the AoA carryover funds would be used to carry out the two master training programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the no-cost extension 2007 EBDP grant budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Newport asked if there was anyone in Michigan who could teach this.

Ms. King stated there is not, noting these programs are authorized by AoA and the CDC, and are being used worldwide. The training is being conducted to train the trainers to conduct the classes, and the master trainers will train the leaders, and Michigan will then be able to manage these programs.

The Commission approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

Approval for 2012 Alzheimer’s Disease Supportive Services Program: Innovations Grant

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested approval for 2012 Alzheimer’s Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP), Innovations grant.

Ms. Steiner stated this is part of the ADSSSP, innovations grant that provides Creating Confident Caregivers training to veterans and their family members under the no cost extension in effect through March 31, 2012, based on carry over amounts of project funds. Ms. Steiner provided additional information on the grant adjustments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve the 2012 ADSSP, Innovations grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zamora.

Commissioner Kennedy asked how creative we can be to get the information out in terms of the services available to them.

Ms. Steiner stated they have been diligent in reaching out to this population, but they would be very interested in hearing any ideas or suggestions.

Commissioner Irby asked for the schedule and when the next class would be.

Ms. Steiner stated as she is notified, she posts all classes to OSA’s website.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with a 10-0-0 vote.

Approval of Grant Agreement with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

Sarah Slocum, OSA staff, requested approval of a grant agreement with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC).

Ms. Slocum stated this project trains employed ombudsman and/or ombudsman volunteers to interview those who have transitioned out of nursing facilities and are now receiving MiChoice services in the community. This is a subset of people who qualify for Money Follows the Person (MFP), a federal program. Those who qualify for MFP allow the state to get additional federal funding to support more options to consumers. This MDRC is acting as the fiduciary to pay the interviewers a fee and mileage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the grant agreement with MDRC as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with a 10-0-1 vote.

Revised FY 2012 Grant to the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC) for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Development

Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, requested approval to revise the FY 2012 grant to MDRC for ADRC development.

Ms. Graham stated MDRC continues to be a key partner with OSA in the development of the statewide ADRCs. This is to increase funding awarded in September for FY 2012 to MDRC to support our efforts in the development of the ADRCs. This effort focuses around the provision of training for the aging network, disability community, service providers, and local long term care ombudsman in the provision of person-centered planning strategies, and in relationship to the options counseling grant awarded to Michigan in 2010. The funding comes from two different sources, \$99,500 from year three of the 2009 ADRC grant, which supports overall development of ADRCs, and \$25,500 from the options counseling grant, which focuses on core competencies and skills needed by the options counseling in support of ADRC activities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve the revised FY 2012 grant to MDRC for ADRC development as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with a 10-0-1 vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

State Advisory Council (SAC) Update

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, was asked to present on the SAC.

Ms. Steiner stated the SAC is meeting next Thursday, January 26th, and Commissioner Sheehan volunteered to represent the Commission at that meeting.

Ms. Steiner stated she been sending out applications and directing folks to our website, and has received some, and if the Commissioners have anyone in mind, the deadline is Friday, January 27th, noting OSA will accept faxed or electronic applications until then.

Ms. Steiner stated Director Sederburg has conducted a number of interviews related to the "*Technology and You*" survey, noting she's received almost 2,000 surveys.

Director Sederburg said the media really grabbed on to this, and she'll send a list to the Commissioners of the interviews she's done.

The SAC Bylaws Review Committee will have a teleconference meeting on Monday, January 23rd to discuss the points for review and change to the bylaws.

Ms. Steiner provided a detailed overview of the nomination process, noting there is currently a need for new members throughout the entire state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 17, 2012, via teleconference, at the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, 300 E. Michigan Ave, 3rd Floor in Lansing.

The next SAC meeting will be held on January 26, 2012, via teleconference at the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, 300 E. Michigan Ave., 3rd Floor in Lansing.

Commissioner Wilson stated she received the special issue of "*Michigan Senior Living, 2012 Resource Guide*," with everything seniors can find, and was very informative

Commissioner Wilson also referred a book, "100 Simple Things You Can Do to Prevent Alzheimer's" written by Jean Carper.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked OSA staff and Commissioners.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sheehan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bieber.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M.