

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Michigan Office of Services to the Aging via Conference Call
300 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
July 17, 2009
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reiterated the role of the Commission, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Owen Bieber, Cheryl Bollinger, Joan Budden, Mary Gardner, Rose Gill, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Jerutha Kennedy, Valerie Lafferty, Donald Newport, Anthony Pawelski, Thomas Rau, Amne Talab, Ramesh Verma, Janice Wilson, and James Wright

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

None

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Sharon Gire, Bonnie Graham, Cindy Albrecht, Steve Betterly, Dan Doezema, Sally Steiner, and Holliace Spencer

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Mary Ablan and Laura Sutter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Pawelski made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None

OSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gire welcomed everyone to the meeting and updated the Commission on the following:

- Project 2020 is in legislation and asks that members contact congress to show support.
- Stated OSA will be applying for two new grants
- Attended a ribbon cutting for Heron Manor, affordable assisted living in Grand Rapids
- Attended Older Michigianians Day on June 24 at the State Capitol with an estimate of 450 seniors in attendance.

Discussion followed regarding Project 2020. A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve a letter of support for Project 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of FY 2009 Sub-Grantee Allocations for Evidence-Based Prevention Programs

Holliace Spencer, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the sub-grantee budget for year three of the "Empowering Older People to Take More Control of Their Health Through Evidence-Based Prevention Programs" grant. Mr. Spencer noted the grant is renewable every year for three years, and 56 out of 83 counties in Michigan have the program.

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Regions 1A, 2, 5 and 9 are participating in this grant. Each AAA will received \$45,000. Region 2 AAA will receive additional dollars to plan and pay for the annual conference, and to pay for required out-of-state attendance at the national conference. Mr. Spencer also noted that each AAA will be expected to provide \$4,000 in-kind match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pawelski to approve the FY 2009 Sub-Grantee Allocations for Evidence-Based Prevention Programs as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gardner. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Approval of Proposed Substantive Amendment to FY 2009 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging (Region III-C AAA)

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, introduced Laura Sutter from Region III-C AAA and requested Commission approval of the Proposed Substantive Amendment to FY 2009 AIP for Region III-C AAA. Mr. Betterly stated that if approved, this proposed substantive amendment will transfer \$21,877 from Title III-C Congregate Nutrition Services to Title III-B Supportive Services for In-Home Services. Mr. Betterly noted the fund transfer will

provide additional home care assistance and in-home respite where waiting lists are common and will prevent cuts to other Title III-B services/ programs due to the May Executive Order.

Mr. Betterly noted the area agency has completed all necessary actions for a substantive amendment to the area plan, including a public hearing on June 18, 2009. The Office of Services to the Aging staff have reviewed the materials and found they satisfy all pertinent area plan approval criteria.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston-Calati to approve the Proposed Substantive Amendment to FY 2009 Annual Implementation Plan for Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging (III-C AAA) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Approval of Region IX Area Agency on Aging Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA) Alzheimer's Disease Services and Support Program (ADSSP) Grant Adjustment

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of Region IX AAA Alzheimer's Disease Services and Support Program (ADSSP) Grant adjustment from \$41,059 to \$42,309 to cover the travel expenses incurred by sending a staff person, Kara LaMarre, from Region IX to the Administration on Aging (AoA) grantee meeting. Ms. Steiner stated her perspective and experience was extremely helpful, not only to Michigan's project, but to other states at the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve NEMCSA Alzheimer's Disease Services and Support Program grant adjustment and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Approval of Creating Confident Caregivers Master Certification Process

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of awarding Marcia Bondarenko, Nancy Weber, and Barbara Betts with Master Trainer Certification. Ms. Steiner noted the Master Trainer Certification for the Creating Confident Caregiver project requires the following:

- Attend the two-day training on Savvy Caregiver program, led by Dr. Carey Sherman
- Conduct a pilot caregiver program with team leaders;
- Conduct a solo caregiver program with fidelity observation;
- Submit a master trainer essay, reviewed by Dr. Sherman;
- and
- Be recommended for master trainer certification by the area agency on aging director

Ms. Steiner stated all three have completed these required activities. Their pilot trainings in the Lansing area, solo trainings, and personal essay reflected their understanding of the Creating Confident Caregivers project and all have scored highly as effective trainers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the Creating Confident Caregivers Master Certification Process and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Increased Allocation to the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition in Support of Nursing Home Program/Community Living Development (CLP)

Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, requested Commission approval to increase the grant to the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC) in support of efforts to develop the Michigan Nursing Home Diversion (NHD)/Community Living Program (CLP) from \$125,398 to \$347,398. Ms. Graham stated this represents a total of \$222,000 in state funds for the 18-month federal grant period of October 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010.

Ms. Graham noted MDRC has facilitated all training activities associated with the two NHD/CLP grants. She also stated these trainings are critical components of the program and is required for participation in the Veterans Directed Home and Community-Based Initiative.

Ms. Graham stated the allocation will be used to support the following activities:

- Person Center Thinking/Culture Change training for Information & Assistance, care management and leadership staff from two additional area agency on aging (Detroit AAA and Valley AAA);
- Modification of the training curriculum for service providers and conduct of one two-day training session;
- The development of web-based training modules for use by network providers that will allow replication of the curriculum over time;
- The development of AV/Audio products that support PCT/Culture Change training over time;
- Evaluation efforts including consumer satisfaction surveys, focus groups, web-based surveys, and pre/post testing of training participants to measure knowledge gained; and,
- Development and printing of consumers education materials

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston-Calati to approve the Increased Allocation to MDRC in Support of NHD/CLP and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Legislative Update

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, gave a brief update on House Bill 4621 and House Bills 5188-5196.

State Advisory Council (SAC) Update

Commissioner Pawelski, Chair of the SAC, gave a brief update from their June 25 meeting noting a presentation was given by Jennifer Edsall, from the Michigan Dementia Coalition, on Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Other

Commissioner Verma stated Indian Independence Day will be on August 16, 2009 at the Rock Financial Showplace from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gardner provided informational pieces from MetLife and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 20, 2009, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center (formerly the Holiday Inn West Conference Center), 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., Michigan Room, Lansing.

The next State Advisory Council meeting will be held on August 13, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. via conference call. Commissioner Kennedy will participate on behalf of the Commission.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.