

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING**  
**Office of Services to the Aging**  
**300 E. Michigan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Lansing via Conference Call**  
**July 16, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Kennedy welcomed the Commissioners and noted that Commissioner Walters name had been withdrawn for Commission appointment due to the requirement of bipartisan representation on the Commission. She also thanked Commissioner Gill for her years of service. The welcome was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Owen Bieber, Cheryl Bollinger, Mary P. Gardner, Rose Gill, Jerutha Kennedy, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Valerie Lafferty, Donald Newport, Anthony Pawelski, Ramesh Verma, Janice Wilson, and James Wright.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)**

Joan Budden, Thomas Rau and Amne Talab.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)**

None.

**OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT**

Sharon Gire, Carol Dye, Bonnie Graham, Sherri King and Laura McMurtry.

**VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT**

State Advisory Council Member Kenneth McGuire.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Bollinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **OSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- ❖ Director Gire stated Commissioner Gill will continue to participate in Commission meetings until a new appointment is made by the Governor's office.
- ❖ No decision has been made on the State's 2011 budget yet, noting FMAP, the Federal Medicaid match funding, has not yet been approved by Congress, and Michigan's Legislature won't make any budget decisions until then. If this extension of enhanced funding is not approved, Michigan will have an additional budget deficit of over \$500 million.
- ❖ Director Gire attended and participated in the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) conference in DC. They made several recommendations, including: to embed the crucial roll of the aging network in rebalancing long term care in the Older Americans Act (OAA); request to the Administration on Aging (AoA) to support a 12% increase in the authorized funding for the aging network; request to amend the OAA to promote person-centered language and objectives; merge Titles III C11 and C2, which are congregate and home delivered meals; a request to fully fund the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, the Evidence Based and Disease Prevention, the AoA Nursing Home Diversion Demonstration and the Community Living Programs; and to establish a technical assistance and resource center for core programs, peer-to-peer assistance and state SCSEP programs. As well, the NASUA Public Policy Committee and the NASUA Board have agreed to urge NASUA to initiate discussions with the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop some pilots in mental health programs for aging.
- ❖ OSA is still undergoing a performance audit. Three performance audit objectives have been identified: 1) to assess the effectiveness of the Office of Services to the Aging's efforts to ensure that Area Agencies on Aging and other contractor services to older adults improve health, nutrition, and provide protection from abuse and exploitation; 2) to assess the effectiveness of OSA's efforts to ensure the AAAs efficiently deliver services to older adults; and 3) to assess the effectiveness of OSA's efforts to ensure the timely and appropriate resolution of complaints relating to services provided to older adults.

Commissioner Kennedy requested a summary of the NASUA conference and recommendations, and Director Gire offered to provide them.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Approval of No-Cost Grant Extension of 2008-2010 Grant for Nursing Home Diversion/Community Living Program**

Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the No-Cost Grant Extension of 2008-2010 Grant for Nursing Home Diversion/Community Living Program.

Ms. Graham discussed AoA's approval of the no-cost extension awarded in FY 2009 to OSA and discussed the benefits of extending the grant period to AAA Regions 3-B & 11 to continue the development of the program in Michigan through March 31, 2011, and to the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC) for training. Doing so will maximize our potential and resources in the community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the No-Cost Grant Extension of 2008-2010 Grant for Nursing Home Diversion/Community Living Program as presented. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion. The Commission approved with an 11-0-1 vote.

**Approval of No-Cost Grant Extension of 2007-2010 Grant for Evidence-Based Disease Prevention Programs**

Sherri King, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the No-Cost Grant Extension of 2007-2010 Grant for Evidence-Based Disease Prevention (EBDP) Programs.

Ms. King discussed the No-Cost Grant Extension of 2007-2010 Grant for EBDP Programs, noting AoA's approval of this no-cost grant extension awarded to OSA in FY 2007, which permits continued development of the program. Ms. King asked approval to extend the EBDP grants to three AAAs, Regions 2, 5 and 9, as well as to the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and Michigan State University Geriatric Education Center through May 31, 2011. She noted Michigan has increased the number of workshops and leader training substantially and is now the leader in the country with these programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve the No-Cost Grant Extension of 2007-2010 Grant for EBDP Programs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pawelski. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

**Approval of the No-Cost Grant Extension of PY-2009 Allocations for the Senior Community Service Employment Program**

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the No-Cost Grant Extension of PY-2009 Allocations for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

Ms. McMurtry discussed the No-Cost Grant Extension of PY-2009 Allocations for the SCSEP. She noted OSA was notified by the U.S. Department of Labor that they will allow no-cost grant extensions of the SCSEP funds to OSA for PY 2009. This will provide three additional months for the continuance of services to older adults in need of employment assistance through September 30, 2010. Ms McMurtry stated grants would be extended to two AAAs, Regions 8 and 10.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve the No-Cost Grant Extension of PY-2009 Allocations for the SCSEP as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

**Approval of the 2010 State Advisory Council on Aging Selection of Members**

Commissioner Pawelski requested Commission approval of the 2010 State Advisory Council (SAC) on Aging Selection of Members.

Commissioner Pawelski read the names of the recommended applicants selected by a subcommittee made up of Commissioners Kennedy, Bollinger and Pawelski: Karen Bibbins, Region 1-A, Lois Hitchcock, Region 1-B, Eugene Pisha, Region 1-C, Fred

Leuck, Region 5, Cynthia Paul, Region 6, Mary Lou Proefrock, Region 8, Susan Vick, Region 9, Hope Figgis, Region 10 and Gail Ringelberg, Region 14.

Commissioner Pawelski thanked those who worked on the process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the 2010 SAC on Aging selection of members as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnston-Calati. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Newport asked if the SAC roster of vacancies handed out at the May Commission meeting had changed, as the list he received indicated there were no vacancies in Region 9. Had he known a SAC member was needed from that region, he would have made recommendations.

Commissioner Pawelski apologized and indicated that if it was incorrect, he was sorry and stated every effort is made to provide as accurate information as possible.

Commissioner Wilson thanked Commissioner Pawelski and the SAC for all the work they've done.

**Approval of the State Advisory Council on Aging 2010-2011 Charge**

Commissioner Pawelski requested Commission approval of the State Advisory Council on Aging 2010-2011 Charge.

Commissioner Pawelski asked if the Commission received the memo, which they did not. He discussed the memo stating the SAC begins a new term and it's time for the Commission to select the SAC's new charge. He provided options and asked the Commissioners to list them in order, with "1" being the highest priority. The options were Older Adults and Technology Use; Diversity and Cultural Competency in Aging Services; Transportation; and Baby Boomers.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the item could be tabled until the next meeting so that Commissioners had time to review the slate of options and ask questions if needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to table the motion until the next meeting. Commissioner Johnston-Calati seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Approval of the 2009-2010 State Advisory Council Report**

Commissioner Pawelski requested Commission approval of the 2009-2010 State Advisory Council Report.

Commissioner Pawelski indicated the Commission received a copy of the report at the joint meeting of the CSA and SAC in June.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pawelski to approve the 2009-2010 SAC Report as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Bollinger stated that Mr. Sheehan's report was very compelling and asked if she could contact him to use it to advocate for caregivers. Carol will provide his contact information to her.

**INFORMATION AND COMMENT**

None.

**Other**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 20, 2010, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, located at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy. in Lansing.

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council has not yet been determined.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pawelski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Verma. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.