

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy; Lansing, MI
July 15, 2012 @10:00 AM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Kennedy thanked the Office of Services to the Aging and her fellow Commissioners for their commitment and for their outside work that some may not realize. She is leaving the Commission with the knowledge that although many are from different political beliefs and perspectives, all were appointed to represent Michigan's seniors and the disabled, as visible and vocal advocates. She thanked Commissioner Pawelski for his role as the Chair on the State Advisory Council. This was followed by 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, Ramesh Verma, Janice Wilson, James Wright and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

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COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Rhonda Powell, Bonnie Graham, Phil Lewis, Lynne McCollum, Wendi Middleton, Scott Wamsley and Sally Steiner.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Mary Lou Wolek, Manager, Social Security Office, Lansing, Jim McGuire, Director of Research & Policy Development and Advocacy, AAA 1-B, Ashley Green, Intern, AAA 1-B, Gloria Hicks-Long, Senior VP & COO, DAAA, Cynthia Paul, SAC Member, Dona Wishart, Assistant Executive Director, Otsego County Commission on Aging, from Consumers Energy: Melissa Bateman, Customer Service Representative III, Lori Gladyness, Customer Service Department Supervisor, Douglas E. Detterman, Small Customer Care Manager, Frederick B. Jasmund, Credit & Assistance, East Supervisor, Greg D. Kuklewski, Customer Care Manager, Marsha Perry, Revenue Operations Manager, Bob Roh, Credit & Assistance Operations Manager, Whitney E.

Skeans, Customer Assistance Coordinator, Regulatory Affairs, Harry Sabourin, Communications Consultant, Corporate Communications (photographer) and Sarah Hood; from DTE: Andre Hunter, Field Service Technician, Erick Ike, Field Partner, Bryan Valrance, Manager- Gas Ops, Kimberly McCrary, Supervisor- Gas Ops, Ty Turner, Union Leader, Maria Brothers, Gatekeeper Program, and Dave Mitchell, Photographer.

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 Wright 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 June 15, 2012 minutes.

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

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Dona Wishart, introduced herself as the Assistant Executive Director of the Otsego County Commission on Aging in the Gaylord area, a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association, former CSA Commissioner and council member of the Statewide Independent Living Council. Ms. Wishart thanked Chairperson Kennedy and those Commissioners who terms are ending. She announced the Michigan Directors of Services to the Aging Association will hold their fall conference from October 17-19 at Crystal Mountain. She thanked Director Sederburg and staff members Sherri King and Scott Wamsley, who made a commitment to participate in her conference.

Ms. Wishart expressed a strong concern, as a representative of the Michigan Directors of Services to the Aging Association, about potential risks to funding related to Senate Bill 34 and the bills proposed to come out of that bill. With needs increasing and as funding has leveled or diminished in some cases in the last three years, she asked the Commissioners to watch this carefully to ensure services are not detrimentally affected.

OSA DIRECTOR REPORT

Commissioner Kennedy asked Director Kari Sederburg for her report.

Director Sederburg thanked Commissioner Kennedy on behalf of OSA and presented her with a card and flowers from OSA.

Director Sederburg also thanked Commissioner Pawelski for his dedication as Chair of the State Advisory Council on Aging and presented him with a parting gift.

Director Sederburg introduced new staff, Rhonda Powell, Deputy Director, Phil Lewis, Public Affairs Specialist and Amy Colletti, Field Representative and Financial Specialist.

Director Sederburg stated 10 of 18 Elder Abuse bills were signed by the Governor and will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Director Sederburg stated the Older Michiganian's Day was a huge success and she thanked Commissioners Kennedy and Mast for attending.

Director Sederburg stated OSA has been having management retreats and they are looking at how the work can be streamlined to become more effective and efficient.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Master Trainer Certification

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested approval of Master Trainer Certification for Cathy Backos at AAA 1-B.

Ms. Steiner stated Ms. Backos has met the Master Trainer level of activity and fidelity observation, and she thanked Commissioners Kennedy, Wilson and Johnston-Calatiti for being on the review panel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the Master Trainer Certification as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport.

The Commission approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Approval to Amend the FY 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP): Innovations Grant

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested approval to amend the FY 2012 ADSSP Innovations grant.

Ms. Steiner stated AAA Region 10 and UPCAP continue to be effective in their outreach to Veterans with Dementia and their caregivers. OSA has until the end of September to expend these funds, and will continue to collaborate with the Veterans Administration to expand the outreach for the dementia project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the amendment of the FY 2012 ADSSP: Innovations grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irby.

Commissioner Irby requested statistical data on the ADSSP program in the UP.

The Commission approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

2012-2013 Charge for the State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested approval of the 2012-2013 Charge for the SAC.

Ms. Steiner introduced Cynthia Paul, and Mary Lou Wolek, SAC Members. She thanked Commissioner Sheehan for his participation in the charge discussions, and Commissioner Pawelski for his wonderful leadership in chairing the SAC. Ms. Steiner presented the ideas as submitted by the Commissioners at the last meeting.

Ms. Paul stated the three charges, Baby Boomers, ADRC, and Senior Scams and Elder Abuse Legislation were discussed in detail. Within each broad category, they broke down each charge into to more refined categories.

Commissioner Newport stated he continues to be very interested in the Baby Boomer demographics issues and the future of our state.

Commissioner Sheehan concurred with Commissioner Newport as the face of aging Michigan is rapidly changing.

Commissioner Mast stated he'd like the focus to be on the changing face of healthcare issues, as it will be astronomical and he doesn't think anyone is anticipating or preparing for the continuing cost increases, shortage of providers or funding issues.

Commissioner Verma stated he has a concern about ethnic people and their needs, which can be very different, and he would like to see that addressed in the charge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to have the topic, "Design Senior Services Around Baby Boomer Culture" as the SAC Charge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport.

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

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Elder Abuse Package of Bills

Lynne McCollum, OSA staff, stated on June 19th, the Governor signed 10 of the 18 elder abuse package of bills. Ms. McCollum provided a comprehensive overview and a detailed handout on all of them.

Gatekeeper on the Year Awards Presentation

Commissioner Kennedy asked Consumers Energy and DTE Energy to introduce their staff. She explained Gatekeepers are employees of Consumers Energy and DTE Energy who have been trained and are supported to identify seniors in need. As a result of the Gatekeeper program, over 6,000 seniors were extended assistance who may not have had family members or others to help protect them.

Commissioner Kennedy asked the 2011 Gatekeeper of the Year winners, Melissa Bateman of Consumers Energy and Andre Hunter of DTE, to come forward along with their staff from both utility companies. Both were presented with a plaque, a certificate signed by the OSA director and CSA Chair, and a letter of appreciation and thanks from the Governor.

Michigan Intrastate Funding Formula Overview

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, provided a detailed overview of OSA's approved Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) and updated U.S. Census Bureau data used in IFF calculations. Mr. Wamsley stated the IFF is a requirement of the federal Older Americans Act and is published as part of OSA's State Plan submitted to the federal Administration on Aging. The IFF is a methodology for allocating federal and state funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Kennedy stated the Commission on Services to the Aging will hold their next meeting at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 17, 2012, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel Conference Center at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy. in Lansing, noting over the next two months, Commissioners should anticipate meetings will run longer than normal as they will be considering approvals of the 16 AAA's 2013 Annual Implementation Plans.

These meetings are open to the public, and anyone wishing to attend can do so at the same location.

The next State Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012, at 9:30 AM at the Radisson Hotel located at 111 N. Grand Avenue in Lansing. She asked for a Commissioner to volunteer to attend to represent the Commission.

Commissioner Sheehan volunteered to do so.

Director Sederburg introduced Nancy Short, Deputy Manager of the Governor's Appointments office.

Commissioner Newport stated there's been discussion on the Supreme Court's decision on the new health care law, and he asked for discussion on Michigan's plans.

Commissioner Kennedy stated OSA is looking at dual eligibility with Medicare and Medicaid, and the Governor has indicated Michigan will move forward to implement it.

Director Sederburg stated OSA will send out information and discussion it further at the next meeting.

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 Newport. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.