

**JOINT MEETING OF THE  
MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING &  
STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SERVICES TO THE AGING  
East Lansing Hannah Community Center  
819 Abbot, East Lansing  
June 17, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Pawelski called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M. He welcomed the State Advisory Council (SAC) members and reaffirmed the primary role of the Commission as visible and effective advocates for Michigan's older adults.

Commissioner Pawelski thanked the SAC for their dedication to Michigan's older adults and their caregivers, and for their advocacy to address the identified issues of concern.

Chairperson Kennedy also welcomed and thanked the SAC members, the OSA staff and visitors. This was followed by the Pledge Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The Council roll call was also taken.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jerutha Kennedy, Owen Bieber, Cheryl Bollinger, Mary P. Gardner, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Donald Newport, Anthony Pawelski, Thomas Rau, Michael Sheehan, Amne Talab, Ramesh Verma and Janice Wilson.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)**

Joan Budden and James Wright.

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

None.

**STATE ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anthony Pawelski, Regina Allen, Carrie Harnish, Lois Hitchcock, Fred Leuck, Harold Mast, Julie McCarthy, Cynthia Paul, John Pedit, Gene Pisha, MaryLou Proefrock, Gail Ringelberg, Alice Snyder, Dean Sullivan, Terry Vear, Susan Vick, Kathleen Williams-Newell and Ginny Wood-Bailey.

**STATE ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)**

Nadine Fish, Denise Mitchell, Terri Vear and Roger Williams.

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

Peggy Brey, Steve Betterly, Carol Dye, Bonnie Graham, Laura McMurtry, Wendi Middleton, Sarah Slocum, Carol Stangel, Sally Steiner, Lauren Swanson, Scott Wamsley, and Louise Boradko, OSA Intern.

### **VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT**

Allen Bond, Bonnie Forbes, Wexford COA, Alice Snyder, Crawford COA and Laura Sutter, AAA Region 3-C.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Pawelski asked to make an amendment to the agenda, to include an additional presentation by State Advisory Council members, Gail Ringelberg and Regina Allen. This item was added to the agenda before the State Advisory Council on Aging: CSA Panel Report agenda item.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the amendment. The motion to approve the amended agenda was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the May 20, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Pawelski seconded the motion. The motion to approve the May 20, 2011 minutes was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

A motion was made by Carrie Harnish to approve the May 19, 2011 meeting minutes. Susan Vick seconded the motion. The motion to approve the May 19, 2011 minutes was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

### **INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **OSA DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT**

Chairperson Kennedy asked Deputy Director Peggy Brey for her report.

Deputy Director Brey stated OSA's budget remained unchanged from last year.

Deputy Director Brey stated Kari Sederburg was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder as OSA's new director, who will start on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sederburg met briefly with OSA staff and provided the welcome for the Older Michiganians' Day (OMD) event.

Deputy Director Brey stated OSA will be applying for a recent Request for Proposal from the Administration on Aging, a \$1.2 - 3 million, two-part grant intended to enhance the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Community Living Program, and Alzheimers Disease Project that OSA is currently working on.

Deputy Director Brey thanked those who participated in the OMD event that drew 800 attendees, held on Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Wendi Middleton stated Senator Schuitmaker proposed a bipartisan 14-bill package of Elder Abuse bills similar to those introduced in previous sessions, before the OMD event in the State Capitol. She will keep Commissioners informed as the bills progress through the legislature.

Deputy Director Brey stated the Governor presented a preliminary health report due to come out this fall that specifically included health issues affecting older adults. OSA staff drafted a white paper and submitted it for consideration to be included in this health report. She will forward the white paper to the Commission.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Program Year 2011/2012 Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Allocations**

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, requested approval of Program Year (PY) 2011/2012 SCSEP allocations that begin July 1, 2011.

Ms. McMurtry provided an overview of SCSEP, authorized under Title V of the Older Americans Act, that provides part time employment and training opportunities for low-income adults age 55 years and older at community service agencies. Ms. McMurtry listed the subgrantees, counties, authorized positions, and award allocations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollinger to approve the PY 2011/2012 SCSEP allocations as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

#### **Approval of Emergency Preparedness Equipment Purchase Grant**

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, requested approval of the Emergency Preparedness Equipment Purchase Grant.

Mr. Betterly stated one of his roles at OSA is to serve as the emergency management coordinator. He works with the DCH Office of Public Health Preparedness where OSA was provided a \$65,000 grant funding opportunity to assist older adults in an emergency. There are plans for a two-day training on emergency preparedness with the AAAs and members of the community on continuity of operations and emergency preparedness. OSA will contract with the AAA Region 3-B in Battle Creek to purchase laptops and radio communication equipment for distribution to all 16 AAAs for their disaster preparedness/disaster response activities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the emergency preparedness equipment purchase grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pawelski.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

**Approval for Grants to Waiver Agents for the “Building Training... Building Quality” (BTBQ) Project**

Lauren Swanson, OSA staff, requested approval for grants to Medicaid (MIChoice) waiver agents for the BTBQ Project.

Ms. Swanson stated OSA received a three-year grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. A total of \$304,044 will be used by four waiver agent grantees to coordinate training for personal care aides serving clients in the MIChoice program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the grants to waiver agents for the BTBQ project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pawelski.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

**Approval of Grant Agreement with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC)**

Sarah Slocum, OSA staff, requested approval of a grant agreement with MDRC.

Ms. Slocum stated the grant funds were acquired through the Money Follows the Person Project to provide advocacy services similar to LTC Ombudsman services to individuals living in unlicensed settings and/or those who use other community-based long term care services. This is an expansion of ombudsman services currently provided to people who live in licensed nursing facilities, homes for the aged and adult foster care homes. The MDRC will serve as the fiduciary of \$165,305 in grant funds to pay local LTC ombudsman who will carry out this work.

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

Brief discussion followed and the Commission approved with 10-0-1 vote.

**State Advisory Council (SAC) on Aging Panel Report**

Commissioner Pawelski, Chair of the SAC, met with Commissioners Bollinger, Sheehan and OSA staff to discuss SAC operations and agreed upon the following recommendations:

- The SAC will establish a meeting schedule for the next term and share the schedule with the Commission, members and interested parties, with five or six in-person meetings included;
- The SAC will schedule two in-person meetings between now and the end of this fiscal year;
- The CSA prefers the SAC meet in Lansing; and
- Telephone conference meetings will be scheduled or offered during winter months to address travel concerns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rau to approve the SAC Panel Report recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Verma.

Discussion followed and the motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

### **State Advisory Council Discussion on Technology**

Council members Regina Allen and Gail Ringelberg presented an overview of the Commission's charge to the SAC and the utilization of computers among older adults.

Ms. Allen discussed global population, and Michigan's own aging pattern of a rapidly growing trend, and provided an overview of some current technologies.

Ms. Ringelberg discussed the issues of older adult's access to technology and their choice or desire to use what's available. She stated the SAC discussed addressing best practices and they will send a short list of resources to Commissioners, as well as a copy of their presentation.

### **State Advisory Council on Aging: Revised Charge**

Commissioner Pawelski, Chair of the SAC, met with Commissioners Bollinger, Sheehan and OSA staff to discuss the SAC's charge for the coming term.

A fact sheet on older adults and technology compiled from research was reviewed and several options were considered for the SAC's future charge and they came up with the following recommendations:

1. OSA, with input from the SAC, will conduct a survey of SAC and CSA members on technology use: a convenience sample of individuals to determine what technology they have and how they'd like to use it.
  - a. Possible expansion of the survey to other groups
    - senior center attendees
    - AAA policy/advisory board members
  - b. Goal to ensure a broad representation of people age 50+ and their technology use.
2. The SAC will examine the older adult/service system interface: Aging network's response to "digital divide."
  - a) Are agencies pushing older adults to use computers and other technologies?
  - b) What about those who don't want to use it?
  - c) Person-centered: providing information in a variety of formats.
  - d) From the telephone to the website: what do people want?
  - e) E-Michigan senior website: what gets the hits?
3. Plans include the SAC receiving a report on the use of assistive technology based on the previous OSA work in this area.

Commissioner Bollinger asked when the SAC would begin work on the revised charge.

Ms. Steiner stated the revised charge is for next year.

Discussion followed on the revised charge and several SAC members offered suggestions and comments.

Commissioner Sheehan suggested OSA's website should contain more senior-related links.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston-Calati to approve the revised SAC charge as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan.

Discussion followed and the motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Louise Boradko, OSA's intern from the U of M Social Work was introduced and the Commission welcomed her

### **INFORMATION AND COMMENTS**

#### **Presentation on FY 2010 National Aging Programs Information System (NAPIS) Participant & Service Report**

Scott Wamsley, OSA Staff, provided an overhead PowerPoint presentation, and brief overview of the FY 2010 NAPIS participant and service report.

Commissioner Newport asked how this information can be used to inform and advocate. He would like to have a press release he can send to editorial boards and for northeast Michigan and all across the state.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Kennedy thanked the members of the Commission and the Council and stressed how valuable their input is.

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011, at Senior Services, Inc., located at 918 Jasper Street in Kalamazoo, MI. A public hearing on the State Plan will follow that Commission meeting at the same location from 1:30-3:00 PM.

The next SAC meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Commissioner Gardner provided an LGBT community aging services handout created with funds from Lansing Association of Human Rights MSU School of Social Work.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sheehan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 12:22 P.M.