

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Alpena Community College
665 Johnson Street, Room 106
Alpena, MI 49707
June 15, 2012 @10:00 AM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked Commissioner Newport for inviting the Commission to Alpena, and Olin Joynton, President, Alpena Community College, and welcomed the Commissioners and guests. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Joynton welcomed the Commission and visitors and thanked them for attending. He spoke of learning opportunities afforded by Alpena Community College, and of those in their 60's, 70's and even late 80's who had furthered their education at his college. Mr. Joynton strongly encouraged promoting higher education to those of all ages.

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, Michael Sheehan, Janice Wilson, James Wright and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Anthony Pawelski, Jeffery Schade, Amne Talab and Ramesh Verma.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Dan Doezema, Carol Dye, Bonnie Graham, Dawn Jacobs, Wendi Middleton and Scott Wamsley.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Olin Joynton, President, Alpena Community College, John Briggs, Chief Operating Officer, NEMSCA, John Weiss, Director, NEMSCA, Laurie Sauer, Executive Director, Region 9 AAA, Gina Bey, Yvette Smigelski, Kara LaMarre, Ann Weir, Yvette Smigelski, Susan Bowen and Connie McQuarrie of Region 9 AAA, Mary Lou Foster and Carol Athan of Region 9 Montmorency County Commission on Aging, Carol Gillman and Jennifer Raymond of Ogema County Commission on Aging, Suzan Krey, Alcona Commission on Aging, Amanda Fleming, Hospice of MI, Mark Grantner, Oscoda County

Council on Aging, Barbara Smalley, Cheryl Jasman Posniak, Andy Pozniak, Michael Jasman, Eugene Jasman, Sue Maxwell, Florence Stitiel and Katie Kusnicki.

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 Mast 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 May 18, 2012 minutes.

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

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

OSA DIRECTOR REPORT

Commissioner Kennedy asked Director Kari Sederburg for her report.

Director Sederburg thanked Commissioner Newport and Alpena Community College for welcoming us to their college and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Director Sederburg stated the Legislature approved a \$1.1 million increase for OSA's budget to meet local needs, the first increase since 2005-06, and they also approved a \$50 million increase to address Medicaid's Home and Community Based Waivers for nursing home transitions, and to address people on the waiting list for that transition.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor signed an Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Day and Week proclamation.

Director Sederburg stated the package of 18 elder abuse bills are still moving forward and 10 of the 18 bills have been passed through the Legislature and are moving to the Governor's desk for signature, noting there's still work to do to move the last eight bills.

Director Sederburg stated the Administration on Community Living announced grant opportunities related to elder abuse, and OSA will hopefully apply for one of the grants to put some of the elder abuse grants into action.

Director Sederburg stated the Federal government will provide grant opportunities related to Aging and Disability Resource Collaborative, and OSA has submitted a letter of intent to apply for those.

Director Sederburg stated OSA's performance audit from 2006-09 came out and there were a few findings, noting the fiscal audit was clean, but no money was mismanaged and no one was harmed. There were documentation discrepancies, for which OSA put measures in place since then to correct.

Director Sederburg stated in regards to the AAA funding formula, OSA is working with the Census Bureau to tabulate numbers and analyze the data, which will come before the Commission for discussion at the July meeting, then later on for final approval.

Director Sederburg stated OSA launched the first needs assessment in 25 years to look at adults 50 and older, or anyone with a disability to assess what their current needs are and what they see their future needs may be. Needs assessment packets were provided to the Commissioners and she urged them to encourage participation in the survey to friends, media contacts, and all others, which can also be found online at www.needsMichigan.com, and will close on September 15th.

Director Sederburg stated Rhonda Powell, OSA's new Deputy Director will begin on June 25th, and Phil Lewis, OSA's new Public Affairs person who will help with legislation and communications will begin on June 25th, and Amy Colletti, OSA's new field rep will begin on July 9th, who comes from Tri-County Office on Aging.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Program Year (PY) 2012-2013 Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Allocations

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, requested approval of PY 2012-2013 SCSEP allocations, and he provided a list of grant award allocations and authorized positions by county.

Mr. Wamsley stated this program provides training and employment skills to low income individuals 55 and older, and positions are allocated on a formula basis administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, who partnered with Michigan and several other national sponsors to allocate \$2,961,529 for 305 positions covering the entire state.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve PY 2012-2013 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 FY 2012 TCARE[®] (Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral) Training Grant to Evergreen Commons

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, requested approval of a FY 2012 TCARE[®] training grant to Evergreen Commons and provided an informational TCARE[®] handout.

Mr. Doezema stated this grant will support a certified Michigan TCARE[®] training team to conduct evidence-based training for up to 16 new human resources professionals in the TCARE[®] model, and prepare them for final certification, and the ability to identify optimal service strategies to support medium to high risk caregivers

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve a FY 2012 TCARE® training grant to Evergreen Commons as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan.

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

Approval of Senior Project FRESH Grant Amendment

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval of the Senior Project FRESH grant amendment.

Ms. Middleton stated the Commission approved a grant at the last meeting and shortly after, OSA learned an additional \$18,194 in federal funding was granted to OSA, which will be allocated to the Michigan Food and Farming System (MIFFS), the Senior Project FRESH fiduciary identified to administer this program on behalf of OSA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve the Senior Project FRESH grant amendment, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

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

Approval of Revised FY 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP): Innovations Grant

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval of a revised FY 2012 ADSSP: innovations grant.

Ms. Middleton stated the ADSSP is the federal funding that supports the Creating Confident Caregiver program using Savvy Caregiver, for which OSA has received a no-cost extension from the Administration on Aging to expand the reach of the project to veterans and their caregivers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approval the revised FY 2012 ADSSP: innovations grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan.

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

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Ms. Middleton state Grand Rapids hosted an international Eden Alternative conference and she was on the planning committee. The event attracted 370 people from around the world to learn the culture change model. Ms. Middleton offered to add an overview of the Eden Alternative as a future agenda item should the Commission wish to hear more about this.

MEALS ON WHEELS OVERVIEW

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, provided data and a comprehensive overview of the Meals on Wheels program, and Commissioners were encouraged to contact their local AAA to

participate in a ride along to deliver meals. Mr. Wamsley stated that the Congregate Meals and Home-delivered Meals (HDM) service populations are somewhat different. The HDM program provided nearly eight million meals to seniors in 2011. An average of nearly 30,000 meals were delivered every day in 2011 at an average of about \$4.30 per meal, and an annual cost of \$700 per HDM client, and last year, \$33.7 million was spent on home-delivered meals. This represents about one-third of total OSA service expenditures and the Congregate and HDM programs account for about half of all OSA service expenditures each year.

Ms. Middleton clarified that clients who have home care or personal care aides through the MiCHOICE program, where meal preparation is included as part of the service package, are ineligible to also receive home delivered meals through the Meals on Wheels program on the day the home care aide prepares food.

Commissioner Zamora asked if OSA's Public Affairs staff person could gather stories related to home delivered meals to put a personal face on it for OSA's website to assist in recruiting additional volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Swise, CEO of NEMCSA thanked the Commission for coming to Alpena, Commissioner Newport for always reporting back to his Advisory Council, and the Commission for all they do, and he invited them to please return.

Commissioner Newport stated John Murphy and Grace Marshall were appointed to the SAC in the Alpena Region 9 area.

Commissioner Kennedy encouraged submission of names of those they feel are qualified and may have good expertise to share with the Governor and Legislature, to be considered for appointment to the CSA.

Commissioner Kennedy stated the Older Michiganian's Day will be held on Wednesday, June 20th at 10:30 MA at the State Capitol in Lansing.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that there will be a public hearing on OSA's State Plan at this same location today at 1:30 PM.

Commissioner Kennedy stated the Commission on Services to the Aging will hold their next meeting at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 20, 2012, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel Conference Center at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy. in Lansing. After business items are presented, the Commission will host the Gatekeeper of the Year awards presentation.

The next State Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at 9:30 AM at the Radisson Hotel located at 111 N. Grand Avenue in Lansing, and she asked for a Commissioner to volunteer to attend to represent the Commission.

Commissioner Sheehan volunteered to do so.

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

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

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.