

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING  
Oakland County Executive Office Building  
2100 Pontiac Lake Road; Waterford, MI  
May 18, 2012 @10:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Commissioner Kennedy welcomed the Commissioners and guests. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked Commissioner Zamora and the County Executive Office for hosting the Commission meeting, and invited L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, to say a few words.

Mr. Patterson welcomed the Commission to the conference center, thanked them for their support and services, and presented a County Executive Declaration proclaiming May 2012 as Older Americans Month.

Director Sederburg introduced Rhonda Powell, OSA's new Deputy Director, who will officially start on June 25, 2012.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked members of the Oakland County Advisory Committee for attending the meeting and asked that they introduce themselves.

**COMMISSION ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jerutha Kennedy, Shannon English, Gerald Irby, Harold Mast, Donald Newport, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan, Ramesh Verma, Janice Wilson and Kristie Zamora.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)**

Owen Bieber, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Anthony Pawelski, Amne Talab and James Wright.

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

None.

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

Kari Sederburg, Dan Doezema, Carol Dye, Bonnie Graham, and Wendi Middleton.

### **VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT**

L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, and Mary Stobe, Willy Anderson, Bob Kennings, Marjorie Grossman, George Grannke, Elaine Houser, Kathy Forzley, Abram Powell, Cameron McClure and Sally Swayne of Oakland County Advisory Committee.

### **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 Sheehan 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 April 20, 2012 minutes.

Commissioner Mast asked that the paragraph that addresses the new AoA Community Living Administration on page three, be changed from, "The proposed change is intended to strengthen our move in Michigan..." to "The proposed change will enhance our move in Michigan..."

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

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

Ms. Swayne and other members of the Oakland County Advisory Committee asked to be added to the CSA agenda e-mail distribution list.

### **OSA DIRECTOR REPORT**

Chairperson Kennedy asked Director Kari Sederburg for her report.

Director Sederburg stated the State held their revenue conference on May 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a small budget surplus which the legislature is now deliberating as to how those funds will be spent; no cuts were discussed.

Director Sederburg stated 10 of the 18 elder abuse legislation bills have been voted out of committee and four bills which have not been taken up yet in the Finance and Banking Committee. OSA is working with that committee as to how we can help to move those forward. Four are in the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee, and are on the docket to hopefully take testimony in the next couple of meetings.

Director Sederburg stated the Integrated Care final plan was submitted to the Center of Medicare/Medicaid Services and posted publicly on their website until the end of May; they have a 30-day review period and will then deliberate with our state to address any concerns.

Director Sederburg stated OSA met with the State Refugee Office to possibly partner on an opportunity they have to apply for a grant in the amount of \$400,000 a year for three years, to ensure services are provided to older refugees.

Director Sederburg stated OSA is conducting a needs assessment survey for the first time in 25 years and provided cards with the website, [www.needsMichigan.com](http://www.needsMichigan.com) to take the survey. Commissioners were urged to encourage those in their communities to do so.

Director Sederburg stated there will be a roundtable with women authors of older adult caregiver books on June 5, 2012. Lynne Alexander, former OSA Director, will be on that panel. Director Sederburg offered to send information on that event.

Director Sederburg stated *Governing Magazine*, a national publication, is coming to Lansing on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to host a roundtable in partnership with the National AARP to discuss developing communities to be more age-friendly. OSA will join the Governor's office to sit on a panel to talk about what OSA is currently doing around Communities for a Lifetime. She offered to send information on this event.

Director Sederburg noted she's been traveling around the state to several of the AAA's annual meetings, and gave much praise and kudos to the network.

Director Sederburg stated OSA has been working to hire a public affairs person who will concentrate more on the communication side of things related to the office, as well as legislative issues.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **City of Manistique Application for 2012 Community for a Lifetime Recognition**

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, provided a presentation and overview of Communities for a Lifetime, and requested approval of the city of Manistique's application for 2012 Community for a Lifetime Recognition, as recommended by the review panel.

Commissioner Newport asked Mr. Doezema to share his presentation with the Commission and he agreed to do so.

Commissioner Irby asked for a copy of the press release announcing this recognition and Mr. Doezema agreed to send it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the city of Manistique application for 2012 Community for a Lifetime recognition as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport.

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

**Traverse City Aging in Community Initiative Application for 2012 Community for a Lifetime Recognition**

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, requested approval of Traverse City's Aging in Community Initiative application for 2012 Community for a Lifetime Recognition, as recommended by the review panel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the Traverse City Aging in Community Initiative Application for 2012 Community for a Lifetime Recognition as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irby.

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

**Approval of Senior Project FRESH Grant**

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

Ms. Middleton stated OSA grants funding to the Michigan Food and Farming System (MIFFS), which is the fiduciary for Senior Project FRESH.

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

Commissioner English asked for clarification of the grant amounts and total.

Ms. Middleton stated \$227,365 of funds awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture is combined with \$95,337. The total grant funding to be approved is \$322,702.

Discussion followed and the Commission approved the amended Senior Project FRESH grant funding amounts with a 10-0-0 vote.

**Requested Reprograming of Evidenced-Based Disease Prevention (EBDP) Chronic Pain Management Training Funds**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval to reprogram EBDP Chronic Pain Management Training Funds.

Ms. Middleton stated the Commission approved a grant to Stanford University for Evidence-Based Chronic Pain Self-Management Training previously. Since that time, Stanford changed their billing process necessitating a change in how OSA pays for this training. This request is to defund the original grant award to Stanford University and fund the Region 11 Area Agency on Aging, which has agreed to be the fiduciary for this training event.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby for approval to reprogram EBDP Chronic Pain Management training funds as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mast.

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

**Elder Law of Michigan, Inc. (ELM) Legal Hotline Grant**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval of the ELM Legal Hotline grant.

Ms. Middleton stated OSA has an ongoing supportive relationship with ELM for over 20 years to provide this service. The hotline serves adults 60 years of age and older and provides free legal advice, as well as information and referral to experienced elder law attorneys.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast for approval of the ELM Legal Hotline grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner English.

Commissioner Irby asked for the Elder Law Hotline phone number.

The phone number is (800) 347-5297.

The Commission approved with a 10-0-0 vote.

**Approval of State Advisory Council (SAC) Tech Report Recommendations**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval of SAC Tech report recommendations.

Ms. Middleton stated at the April joint meeting of the CSA and SAC, the SAC presented their report on technology and older adults for review, to formally be accepted at this meeting. The recommendation was made to send the report back to the SAC so that actions suggested as part of the recommendations could be prioritized. If approved, SAC members could be invited to the July CSA meeting to present and discuss their list of priorities regarding the technology and seniors recommendations.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if SAC members can attend CSA meetings to provide updates. Ms. Middleton stated the request would be forwarded to the SAC at their July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the SAC Tech recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zamora.

Commissioner Irby asked that the motion be amended to include approval of the recommendations with corrections to the report as identified at a previous meeting, and Ms. Middleton stated they would.

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

**Revised FY 2012 Grant to the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC) for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Development**

Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, requested approval to revise the FY 2012 grant to the MDRC for ADRC development.

Ms. Graham introduced Scott Fitton, who has worked with OSA's ADRC initiative since 2009, and previously with the Single Point of Entry ADRC initiative within the Office of Long Term Care Supports and Services.

Ms. Graham stated OSA has worked extensively with MDRC to further ADRC partnership development. This request is to grant an increase in funding to MDRC in FY 2012 to \$439,810, which was derived from carry-over funds from grant years one and two, as approved by the Administration on Aging, for year three of the grant period. The funds, in part, will be made available to local communities and partnerships, both to develop partnerships where they don't exist, and to support emerging partnerships in ways they can become fully functional. Funding will also support the conclusion of OSA's training development, and support train the trainer activities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan for approval to revise the FY 2012 grant to the MDRC for ADRC development as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schade.

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

### **SAC Appointments**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval of the SAC appointments.

Ms. Middleton provided the slate of SAC appointees and their terms, as recommended by Commissioners Kennedy, Sheehan, Mast and Pawelski, noting the CSA will seek applicants during the fall open application campaign.

Commissioner Mast asked for guidance on where SAC membership gaps exist, noting they can recruit SAC applications any time during the year.

Ms. Middleton stated she'd ask Sally Steiner put together a grid of the state's SAC membership coverage, and SAC application and send those out.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson for approval of SAC appointments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mast.

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

### **INFORMATION AND COMMENTS**

#### **Overview of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)**

Scott Fitton, OSA staff, provided a PowerPoint and update presentation on the ADRCs, noting there's additional information at [www.OSAPartner.net](http://www.OSAPartner.net) website.

#### **Information: Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) Carry-Over Funds**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, stated OSA has requested approval from the Feds to carry over Program Year 2011 MMAP funding. OSA expects to hear in early June if approval

is received. The Commission has already approved funding for the year and the revised amounts are being presented for informational purposes only.

### **Change in Grants for the Better Training, Better Quality (BTBQ)**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, stated OSA made the original request for these grants and provided their best guess of what final expenditures might be. The CSA approved the revised grant amount and authorized OSA to adjust grants within a five percent differential based on final funding levels. The updated figures are being presented for informational purposes only, as final expenditures have been determined within the five percent differential.

### **Discuss the Charge for the SAC's Next Term**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, stated she and Commissioner Kennedy discussed ideas on how to make the SAC feel more connected to the Commission. It was suggested to expand the timeline to complete the Commission's charge for SAC reports, allowing the SAC to decide how much time it might need. At joint meetings, they could provide an update on where they are in the process, if they decide it takes longer than a year.

Ms. Middleton stated the SAC will meet to discuss all charge ideas, then return to the July CSA meeting to discuss their thoughts. It is hopeful SAC suggestions regarding the 2012 charge will be more inclusive of SAC interests and concerns. Commissioners agreed this approach was a good idea.

Ms. Middleton asked the Commission if they would agree to invite SAC members to all CSA meetings, especially where there's a public hearing. SAC members would be encouraged to provide testimony, as well as sit at the table with the Commission to receive testimony. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Irby asked for copies of SAC appointment letters and phone numbers to send congratulations to the newly appointed members, and Ms. Middleton said she'd send that.

Ms. Middleton asked to amend the joint meetings to allow SAC members to stay for the afternoon to work on topics together with the CSA such as learning something new together would foster collaboration and cooperation. Additional joint meeting opportunities would also provide time for shared education and/or discussion of relevant issues in detail.

Ms. Middleton stated CSA/SAC joint meeting lunches are planned so Commissioners can sit with SAC members to further build relationships.

Ms. Middleton asked the Commissioners if they had any suggestions for the SAC charge for the next year.

Commissioner Sheehan presented "senior scams" as a possible charge for the SAC. He stated that he's been receiving more and more complaints about senior scams in

northern Michigan. One was a jury duty scam where seniors receive a call telling them they missed a court date and to keep from going to jail, they'd need their social security number.

Ms. Middleton stated that with the pending Elder Abuse legislation, there will also be a lot of activity around some of those bills. The Commission may want the SAC to work on those issues.

Ms. Middleton stated there's also a lot of movement in the area of age discrimination. A discussion on this topic might also be an appropriate charge.

A gentleman from the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council stated with elder abuse, because they are adults, how do we protect them without upsetting them, but still letting them know they have some control? As well, there needs to be a process in place so abusers are aware of the consequences and that there's no impunity, especially if it's a parent or relative being abused.

Commissioner Kennedy stated sometimes seniors are aware they are being taken advantage of, but may not want to let anyone know, or are embarrassed or ashamed. The legislature is reviewing the bills to make sure they're holistic, but at the same time, there needs to be a way for the information to be broadly communicated.

Commissioner Wilson provided a phone number to report senior and child abuse, which is (855) 444-3911.

Commissioner Newport stated the impact of the Baby Boomer monster population is here. A potential charge of recommendations to deal with the unprecedented growth of this population might also be a charge to be considered.

Ms. Middleton stated if other suggestions come up to please send her an e-mail at [middletonw@michigan.gov](mailto:middletonw@michigan.gov).

Commissioner Zamora suggested building a stronger relationship with the SAC starting with the June 20<sup>th</sup> "Older Michigianians Day" event.

Commissioner Newport stated the next meeting will be in Alpena and he would like to arrange for dinner the evening before the meeting. He asked Commissioners to let him know if they might be available.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Kennedy announced the Commission on Services to the Aging will hold a meeting at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 15, 2012, at the Alpena Community College located at 665 Johnson Street, Room 106, in Alpena. A public hearing on the state plan will follow that meeting from 1:30 - 3:00 PM at the same location.

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.

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

Commissioner Wilson announced the Creating Confident Caregiver program is coming to Macomb County on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and will include respite care and free training.

Ms. Middleton stated they recently met with Ken Hepburn, the originator of Savvy Caregiver and which Creating Confident Caregivers is based on. Discussions are taking place to develop a practitioner's version for people who are non-family personal care aides and/or home health workers. OSA has had a large volume of requests for this type of curriculum.

### **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 Irby. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 12:34 PM.