

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING  
Great Wolf Lodge, 3575 N.US HWY 31 South; Traverse City, MI 49684  
October 21, 2011 @10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Commissioner Kennedy introduced herself as the chair of the Commission. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Kennedy then welcomed and congratulated the newly appointed Commissioners on behalf of the 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, Amne Talab, Janice Wilson James Wright and Kristie Zamora.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)**

Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan and Ramesh Verma.

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

None.

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

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

**VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT**

Maeeda Kenaya, Susan McQuaid, Bob Schlueter, Region 10 AAA, Andrea Bridgewater, Experience Works, Denise Plakmeyer, AAA of NW MI, Darcia Brewer, AAA of NW MI, Debra Monroe, AAANM, Robin Petruska, AAA-9, Laurie Sauer, Region 9 AAA and Nancy Turner, AAANW.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to amend the agenda to include a request for approval of 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program: Innovations Grant, and for a second request for approval of 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pawelski to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the September 16, 2011, meeting minutes. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

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

None.

### **OSA DIRECTOR REPORT**

Chairperson Kennedy asked Director Kari Sederburg for her report.

Director Sederburg welcomed the new Commissioners and extended thanks to former Commissioners Bollinger, Gardner and Rau.

Director Sederburg stated she has been traveling the state visiting Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), service providers and Councils on Aging and learning differences within the regions. She's compiling what she's heard and will share that information at a future meeting. She noted one of the major concerns has been related to integrated care, the dual eligible project the Medicaid office is working on to combine services for those on Medicaid and Medicare, and how to integrate the two programs to more effectively serve those individuals. OSA is at the table on those conversations and the process to request information was recently completed, which garnered 450 responses, comments, concerns and suggestions, which the committee review and consider.

Director Sederburg met with DTE Energy representatives and learned that last year they donated funds, while 700 employees volunteered with the Meals on Wheels Holiday program. This year, DTE will be expanding to five AAA Regions, and donating just under \$100,000 towards this effort. DTE will hold a kick-off event on November 15 and the Commissioners will receive an invitation. The hope is that this effort will be expanded to the AAAs statewide in the future.

Director Sederburg stated she attended the Michigan Health Policy Fall Forum, which included a session on how foundations can be more involved in aging. OSA will continue discussion and dialogue on unique ways to fund aging services in Michigan.

Director Sederburg stated OSA was able to submit program enhancements for more state dollars to support the increased training for Alzheimer's and Dementia caregivers around the state through the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and Community Living Program, which supports the Governor's health message. As well, the Governor has publicly supported the package of elder abuse bills that OSA has been working on for the past five years, and they have all been passed by the budget committee.

Director Sederburg highlighted OSA's efforts to ramp up communications and shared press releases and news stories, noting OSA will continue to develop a communications plan internally, as well as externally with the AAAs and the media.

Director Sederburg OSA staff can attend future meetings to provide more in depth details on aging and disability resources centers, as well as other programs we are involved in, if it would please the Commission.

Director Sederburg thanked the OSA team for their efforts and assistance over these past few months, with so much going on, and with the departure of OSA's Deputy Director.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked Director Sederburg and asked to resume having OSA update the Commission on programs.

Commissioner Newport thanked Director Sederburg for visiting the Region 9 AAA in Alpena, and asked that OSA inform the Commissioners of future meetings with the AAAs within their regions.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **The Blueprint for Aging Services for Monroe County: Application for 2011 Community for a Lifetime Recognition**

Mr. Doezema provided an overview of the Community for a Lifetime Program.

Mr. Doezema asked for approval of The Blueprint for Aging Services for Monroe County's elder friendly community assessment application for 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Blueprint for Aging Services for Monroe County: Application for 2011 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.

#### **Approval of the MMAP Performance Award**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval of the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) Performance Award.

Ms. Middleton provided background on the \$42,330 MMAP Performance Award, and the distribution plan MMAP used to distribute the award to the AAA regions, based on program performance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the MMAP Performance Award as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright.

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

**Approval of Certification of Creating Confident Caregivers Master Trainers**

Wendi Middleton, OSA Staff, requested approval of Certification of Creating Confident Caregivers Master Trainers.

Ms. Middleton provided background related to the SAVVY Caregiver evidence-based program to certify trainers as master trainers, who train caregivers of those with Dementia or Alzheimer's.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approval of Certification of Creating Confident Caregivers Master Trainers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irby.

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

Robin Petruska and Debra Monroe, re-certified Master Trainers, came forward and discussed their personal experience in the effectiveness of this program.

**Approval Requested for Amendment of FY 2011 "Building Training... Building Quality" Project Grant to Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA)**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval for the amendment of FY 2011 "Building Training... Building Quality" project grant to DAAA.

Ms. Middleton stated Michigan was the only state unit on aging to receive this \$2.02 million three-year grant, which usually goes to the Department of Labor, to train in-home direct service workers, and those who work for people needing long term care supports and services through the waiver program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the amendment of the FY 2011 "Building Training... Building Quality" project grant to DAAA as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

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

**Approval for 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program: Innovations Grant**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval for 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP): Innovations Grant.

Ms. Middleton stated these AoA funds are for caregivers of veterans, as part of the ADSSP grant to AAA Regions 9, 1-B, 1-A, 3-C, 8 and 10. Ms. Middleton noted as of the third quarter of this year, 210 caregivers have been served under this veteran's grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve for 2012 ADSSP: Innovations Grant, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zamora.

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

### **Approval of 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program**

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, requested approval of 2012 Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP).

Ms. Middleton stated OSA received a no-cost extension for the fourth year of this grant, which has served 1305 caregivers so far. AAA Regions 4, 6, 9, 10 and 11 are the grantees to receive funding to continue the SAVVY Caregiver evidence-based program, with Dr. Sherman continuing to provide the training and project consultation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the 2012 ADSSP as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irby.

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

### **INFORMATION AND COMMENTS**

#### **Overview of Michigan Counties Senior Millage Report**

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, provided an overview of the Michigan Counties Senior Millage report prepared by Amy Kirkwood for Carl Gibson, PhD, Manager of the Calhoun County Office of Senior Services.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held on Friday, November 18, 2011, via conference call, at the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, 300 E. Michigan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in Lansing.

Commissioner Kennedy asked the Commissioners, given the holiday season, if they would like to cancel the December meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to cancel the December 16, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bieber. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council will be Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the Okemos Conference Center located at 2187 University Park Drive in Okemos. Commissioner Newport volunteered to attend on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Newport stated the Communities for a Lifetime program has helped his community in Alpena with senior issues, and he encouraged the Commissioners to consider this in their communities. He also congratulated Commissioner Irby for his community as the number one designated retirement community via Money Magazine.

Commissioner Mast stated in his service on the State Advisory Council on Aging, up until his appointment to this Commission, they are conducting a "technology" survey and asked if anyone wanted one, he'd send it, and asked they return them to Ms. Middleton.

Commissioner Talab wished everyone happy holidays.

Director Sederburg stated CBC closed their doors, and the Ombudsman continuity of services in all regions has gone smoothly, noting Adult Well-Being Services has taken over some of the areas, while some AAAs have on those responsibilities in-house.

Director Sederburg stated OSA has convened a Home Delivered Meal wait list work group, which has met once and includes seven of the 16 AAAs. She will bring back additional information and results from those meetings to the Commission.

Director Sederburg stated the new census data is coming and OSA is working with the State Demographer to break it out, noting there's been discussion to look at the funding formula, since it's been 20 years since it's been looked at. This will be on a future agenda, and open to the Commission for input and discussion.

Director Sederburg stated OSA has had discussion on Senate Bill 34, which eliminates the personal property income tax, as to how it may affect Michigan's senior millages. The AAAs and a number of councils and commissions on aging are pulling some of the numbers the Commission had requested Scott look at, the dollar amounts we currently have and what eliminating the property tax will do to the senior millages, and that information will be brought back to the Commission.

### **ADJOURN**

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

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.