

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
September 18, 2009
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reiterated the role of the Commission, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Owen Bieber, Cheryl Bollinger, Joan Budden, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Jerutha Kennedy, Valerie Lafferty, Donald Newport, Anthony Pawelski, Thomas Rau, Amne Talab, Janice Wilson, and James Wright

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Mary Gardner, Rose Gill, and Ramesh Verma

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Sharon Gire, Bonnie Graham, Cindy Albrecht, Jan Bowlin, Eric Berke, Steve Betterly, Peggy Brey, Dan Doezema, Sherri King, Laura McMurtry, Sherri King, Holliace Spencer, and Sally Steiner

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Faith Dowd, Karla Fales, John Gelletich, Joanna Stellan Phelps, Bob Brown, Kishori Gandhi, Jason Maciejewski, Greg Piaskowski, Laurie Sauer, Laura Sutter, Jonathan Mead, David LaLumia, Paul Bridgewater, Faiz Esshaki, Anne Holmes Davis, Amy Smyth, Tina Abbate Marzolf, Tom MacNaughton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bollinger made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pawelski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A correction to the minutes was noted to add more detail regarding the area agency on aging public hearings, see page 3, as presented at the September, 2009 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Tom MacNaughton, from the Lenawee Department on Aging and Michigan Directors of Services to the Aging (MDSA), discussed key services such as, personal care, homemaker and nutrition that allow older adults to stay in their homes longer. Mr. MacNaughton stated the budget for that \$978,000 with about \$567,000 from their senior mileage. He noted that for 2010 there will be a 5% reduction in mileage funds totaling \$80,000. Also, Mr. MacNaughton noted a letter went out to individuals that receive in-home services asking for contributions towards services and stated this is not a bill and will not affect any services you currently receive. Mr. MacNaughton made a comparison of the funds expended to support the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs and the 7th highest paid Detroit Tiger baseball player. He stated it is difficult to believe the Michigan economy can afford to pay baseball salaries but finds it difficult to find funds to support the three older volunteer programs.

OSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gire welcomed everyone to the meeting and updated the Commission on the following:

- Integration of the Office of Long Term Care Supports and Services (OLTCSS) to OSA
- Budget update

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollinger to write a letter of support to the House regarding budget cuts and seconded by Commissioner Johnston-Calati. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- OSA will not be renewing its contract in FY 2010 with Citizens for Better (CBC) for the Ombudsman Program.
- Project 2020 is in a position to be drafted as an amendment to the health care reform bills.
- Spoke at MMAP, Inc. annual meeting.

Brief discussion followed with Chairperson Kennedy requesting a revisit of the Ombudsman program issue.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Holliace Spencer, OSA staff, spoke to the Commission regarding their request to have the area agencies on aging (AAA) directors participate in the presentation of their multi-year and annual implementation plans (MYP/AIP). Mr. Spencer clarified, in detail, the reasons for the current process in the presentation of plans, stating the Older Americans Act clearly designates the State Unit on Aging as responsible for development, review and monitoring of the area plan process.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Kennedy thanking Mr. Spencer for clarifying the process of presentation of AIPs. Commissioner Budden asked what other funding sources AAAs utilize to assist in the provision of services with declining shortfalls in

state funding. Mr. Spencer stated that OSA has collected this information in the past and would be happy to do so again at the Commission's request.

Approval of FY 2010 Senior Volunteer Services Program State Allocations

Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the FY 2010 Senior Volunteer Services Program State Allocations for the senior volunteer programs: Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), Senior Companion Program (SCP) and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Ms. Graham also stated FY 2010 state funding for the senior volunteer programs has not yet been determined and all allocations are contingent upon the appropriation and receipt of state funds allocated to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Services to the Aging.

Ms. Graham stated the total state funding for the programs is \$5,277,200. However, for FY 2007 the Michigan Legislature separated the three volunteer programs into individual budget line items, requiring three separate actions.

OSA is reserving \$23,850 (\$450 per project) for evaluation of the programs, which is administered by OSA through a contract with So What Evaluation Resources, Inc. As a result, a total of \$5,253,350 is available for the local projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve \$2,639,600 in FY 2010 for the Foster Grandparent Program and seconded by Commissioner Bieber. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston-Calati to approve \$741,300 in FY 2009 for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve \$1,896,300 in FY 2009 for the Senior Companion Program and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed.

Approval of Creating Confident Caregivers: Master Trainer Certification

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, on behalf of Sally Steiner, requested Commission approval of awarding Faith Dowd from Region IV Area Agency on Aging, and Cathy Clintworth from UPCAP Area Agency on Aging, with a Master Trainer Certification.

Mr. Doezema stated both candidates have completed the required activities. Their pilot trainings, solo trainings, and personal essays reflect their understanding of the Creating Confident Caregivers project and each has scored highly as effective trainers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Creating Confident Caregivers Master Certification Process and seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Dowd was present via conference call to accept her certificate and talked briefly on her experience in this project. Commissioner Kennedy thanked Faith and Cathy for their participation in the program.

Approval of FY 2010 Merit Award Trust Fund Allocations

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of FY 2010 Merit Award Trust Fund Allocations for the Caregiver Respite Programs administered by Home and Community-Based Waiver agents. Mr. Doezema stated OSA has reviewed all of the Caregiver Respite Program FY 2010 Annual funding agreements and found they satisfy all pertinent program plan approval criteria. Mr. Doezema noted that all funds go for either adult day care or respite and are contingent upon the appropriation and receipt of Merit Award Trust Funds allocated to OSA.

Mr. Doezema noted that for FY 2010 a 15% reduction in allocations is being planned due to the State budget. He also noted that funding for Region IX Area Agency on Aging will include funding previously awarded to Northern Michigan Regional Health System for continuation of services in the planning and service area. This change results from the decision made by Northern Michigan Regional Health System to discontinue it's MI Choice Medicaid Waiver contract with the Department of Community Health.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston-Calati to approve FY 2010 Merit Award Trust Fund Allocations as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for U.P. Area Agency on Aging, UPCAP Services, Inc. (PSA 11)

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, introduced Jonathan Mead, Executive Director of the U.P. Area Agency on Aging UPCAP Services, Inc. which serves Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft Counties.

Mr. Doezema noted the plan has been reviewed against the approval criteria and FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by the OSA. An assessment was conducted on August 14, 2009 that also confirmed compliance with federal regulations and state operating standards and policies.

Input forums and public hearings on the MYP/AIP were held in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) on February 18 and 20, May 27, and June 5, 2009. In addition, the area agency submitted a copy of the MYP/AIP to each county board of commissioners in the PSA. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding upon review of the plans.

Mr. Doezema noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable by OSA as stated in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan.

Mr. Doezema also noted there are no special conditions, but there are appendices requiring approval. Appendix F – Regional Service Definitions: Service and Benefits Coordination. This service allows more extensive one-on-one time for individuals that need benefits and follow-up. The plan also includes three requests for direct service waivers. They are the Long Term Care Ombudsman program, Elder Abuse Education, and Medication Management. All three requests are being made given no provider agency is available to offer these services throughout the region.

Mr. Doezema highlighted several areas of the MYP/AIP stating that as the senior population of the Upper Peninsula continues to grow older, new challenges need to be addressed to assure that limited resources are assigned to those services most needed by U.P. seniors. He also noted that surveys conducted showed that consumers want to get more information, support, and access to services. Mr. Doezema noted that UPCAP plans to expand the availability of the SAVVY Caregiver Training Program so that all caregivers within the region will have the opportunity to participate. More focus on front-line staff and Care Managers on responding and recognizing medical emergencies. Another goal is continue to protect older adults from abuse and exploitation with a focus on creating a liaison with non-traditional entities such as local schools, churches, service organizations, and community colleges to provide information on elder abuse prevention and how to report suspected cases. Mr. Doezema also stated they plan to improve the assessment and service referral process for caregivers with high stress levels by expanding the capacity for the Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE) model.

Mr. Doezema requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Senior Resources.

A motion was made by Commissioner Budden to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for UPCAP Services (PSA 11) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rau. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed regarding has there been an increase from individuals who border on eligibility requirements wanting to receive services. Mr. Mead stated there has been a steady increase from individuals looking for services.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan for Region IX Area Agency on Aging/Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA)

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, introduced Laurie Sauer, Executive Director of Region IX AAA/Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. serving Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon Counties.

Mr. Doezema noted the plan has been reviewed against the approval criteria and the FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by the OSA. An assessment was conducted on July 27, 2009 that also confirmed compliance with federal regulations and State operating standards and policies.

Input forums and public hearings were held in the region on January 26, February 4, May 19 and 26, 2009. A copy of the MYP/AIP was presented to all local governments of which none raised any issues of concern.

Mr. Doezema noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable and incorporated by OSA in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan.

Mr. Doezema also noted there are no special conditions attached to the plan that require approval but there are appendices requiring approval. Mr. Doezema stated Region IX AAA proposes approval of two waivers. One for the minimum percentage of funding expended for Access services given all county-based multi-purpose senior centers provide this service in the region. The second waiver request is to provide Long Term Care Ombudsman services directly as there is no identified provider that can serve the entire region within the funding available.

Mr. Doezema highlighted several areas stating that that Elder Abuse Prevention and Education funds will be sub-contracted for the first time as opposed to the AAA providing the service directly. The AAA will work with the new sub-contractor to ensure that a broad spectrum of elder abuse prevention programming is provided. The AAA will retain the option to fund internal programs should regional goals not be achieved. Mr. Doezema noted the AAA continues to expand Senior Project FRESH to ensure older adults have access to locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables and the SAVVY Caregiver Program. Another objective is to ensure that older adults have a choice in where they live through increased access to information and services by providing a person-centered approach to all persons seeking services and supports. The AAA continues to provide training on Person-Centered Planning (PCP) for supports coordination and intake staff to provide better customer service and will be developing a PCP training curriculum for service providers in the coming year. Mr. Doezema discussed the implementation of expanding the 211 to Northeast Michigan and the development of effective transportation plans. A new objective this year is to improve the assessment and service referral process for caregivers with high stress levels.

Mr. Doezema requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Region IX AAA Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pawelski to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Region IX AAA Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed regarding contracting out services and the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan for Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, Inc. (AAANM) (PSA 10)

Dan Doezema, OSA Staff, introduced Greg Piaskowski, Executive Director of the AAA of Northwest Michigan, Inc. which serves Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford Counties.

Mr. Doezema noted the MYP/AIP has been reviewed against the approval criteria and the FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by the OSA. An assessment was conducted on August 12, 2009 that also confirmed compliance with federal regulations and State operating standards and policies.

Input forums and public hearings were held in the region on March 5 and 19, April 16, and May 7, 2009. No local governments raised any issues of concern upon review of the plans.

Mr. Doezema noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable by OSA as stated in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan.

Mr. Doezema stated there are no special conditions attached to the MYP/AIP that require approval. Approval is requested for a regional service definition, Private Duty Nursing. Approval is also requested for direct services waiver to provide Long Term Care Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention as directly. Finally, approval of a \$33,887 transfer from Title III Part C-1 Congregate Nutrition Services to Title III Part B Supportive Services for in-home services is requested.

Mr. Doezema highlighted several areas of the MYP/AIP stating that AAAANM has a newly formed Advocacy Committee within the AAANM Board of Advisors structure: AAANM Board of Advisors are planning the fifth annual Senior EmPower Day 2009 with the theme, "The Power of Advocacy: Speaking Up for Ourselves and Others". AAANM continues to work on increased public understanding of guardianships, conservatorships and alternatives. The AAA is also focusing on improving the assessment and services referral process for caregivers with high stress levels. Mr. Doezema covered the significant changes AAANM is anticipating due to reduced state funding for Care Management and in-home services funded through the purchase of service provider pool. Mr. Doezema stated the reductions will affect the capacity of AAANM to serve vulnerable individuals at risk of nursing facility placement, as well as, increase the number of individuals on waiting lists. Reductions in funding for information and assistance services are planned to minimize the impact of service cuts to at-risk older adults.

Mr. Doezema requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Region 10.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for AAANM as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport. Commission approved with a 11-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed regarding the resolution to the Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program with AAANM. Mr. Doezema stated the LTC Ombudsman Program along with the Elder Abuse Prevention Program will be administered by the AAA through direct employment of the current LTC Ombudsman. Commissioner Kennedy requested more clarification on the re-directing of funds from Information and

Assistance funds. Mr. Piaskowski responded with rationale behind the re-direction of these funds.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan for Area Agency on Aging 1-B

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, introduced Tina Abbate Marzolf, Executive Director of Area Agency on Aging 1-B, which serves Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Washtenaw Counties.

Mr. Betterly noted the MYP/AIP has been reviewed against the approval criteria and the FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by OSA. An assessment was conducted on August 27, 2009 that also confirmed compliance with federal regulations and State operating standards and policies.

Input forums and public hearings were held in the region on February 26, March 2, May 28, June 2, and 5, 2009. No local governments raised any issues of concern upon review of the plans.

Mr. Betterly noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable by OSA and as stated in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan.

Mr. Betterly stated there are no special conditions attached to the MYP/AIP. Approval is requested for Appendix F: Regional Service Definition: Community Living Supports and Appendix G: Cash-in-Lieu of Commodity Payments for Nutrition Programs for the Elderly.

Mr. Betterly asked Ms. Abbate Marzolf to highlight several areas of the MYP/AIP. Ms. Abbate Marzolf introduced Amy Smyth, who is head of the networking development staff. Ms. Abbate Marzolf noted that 1-B AAA collaborated with the Detroit Area on Aging and The Senior Alliance to conduct a joint public hearing for the first time. This hearing gave all three agencies a new perspective on the needs of older adults in Southeast Michigan and was appreciated by the community. Ms. Abbate Marzolf stated the agency will focus more on work with the disability network and specialized housing options for the deaf.

Mr. Betterly requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for AAA 1-B.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for AAA 1-B as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Budden. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed with regards to the need for more culturally diverse meals and the Region 1-B strategic plan. Ms. Abbate Marzolf stated AAA staff support the efforts of local communities in developing "Community for a Lifetime" assessments and plans, but the AAA strategic plan focuses on regional strategies to better serve the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and families, as well as, to increase operation/administrative efficiencies.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan for Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, introduced Karla Fales, Executive Director, Joanna Stelloh Phelps, Board Chair, and John Gelletich, Fiscal Manager for Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging, which serves Barry and Calhoun Counties

Mr. Betterly noted the MYP/AIP has been reviewed against the approval criteria and the FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by the OSA. An assessment was conducted on July 31, 2009 that also confirmed compliance with federal regulations and State operating standards and policies.

Input forums and public hearings were held in the region on April 12 and 27, May 19, and June 13, 2009. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans upon review.

Mr. Betterly noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable by OSA and as stated in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan.

Mr. Betterly also noted there are no special conditions attached to the MYP/AIP that require approval. Approval is requested for Appendix F: Regional Service Definitions: Guardianship and Gap Filling Services, Appendix G: Cash-in-Lieu of Commodity Payments for Nutrition Program for the Elderly and direct Service Waiver Request: Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation.

Mr. Betterly and Ms. Fales highlighted several areas of the MYP/AIP. Ms. Fales updated the Commission on the agency's past financial difficulties and actions taken to separate the AAA from the Burnham Brook Senior Center noting that great strides have been made to stabilize the finances of the organization. Ms. Fales also noted AAA 3-B has several partnerships and collaborations, which includes Calhoun County Office of Senior Services, Comprehensive Senior Care Corporation (PACE) program, Senior Health Partners, Pathways to Health Consumer Advisory Board, and the Calhoun County Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition. In addition, Ms. Fales continues to reach out to the American Indian community which is looking to develop assisted living housing facility.

Mr. Betterly requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Region 3-B AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Region 3-B AAA as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Discussion brief discussion followed regarding guardianship and services provided through the service definition for gap filling. Commissioner Wright talked about his experience with using the services of AAA 3-B in caring for his wife and the tremendous job they are doing in the community.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan for Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging (III-C)

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, introduced Laura Sutter, Senior Services Coordinator, for the Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging, which covers Branch and St. Joseph Counties.

Mr. Betterly noted the MYP/AIP has been reviewed against the approval criteria and the FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by the OSA. An assessment was conducted on July 23, 2009 that confirmed compliance with Federal Regulations and statewide operating standards and policies.

Input forums and public hearings were held in the region on April 6 and 23, 2009. No local governments raised any issues of concern upon review of the plans.

Mr. Betterly noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable by OSA and as stated in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan.

Mr. Betterly also noted that there are no special conditions or appendices attached to the MYP/AIP that require approval.

Mr. Betterly and Ms. Sutter highlighted several areas of the MYP/AIP noting the AAAs commitment to evidence-based disease prevention programs and the development of partnerships with other public health agencies. Ms. Sutter also discussed the agency's excitement about being a part of the Nursing Home Diversion Program and the Veteran's Directed Home and Community-Based Services initiative. Through these programs the AAA will continue to embrace person-centered thinking and self-direction to serve individuals at imminent risk of nursing home placement and their caregivers. Ms. Sutter also noted several new services they are offering such as kinship support and diversified counseling efforts.

Mr. Betterly requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Branch-St. Joseph AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollinger to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Budden. Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed on the efforts to improve mental health services. Commissioners thanked the all of the area agencies on aging for their collaborative work to improve services to Michigan's older adults.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan for Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) (PSA 1-A)

Jan Bowlin, OSA staff, introduced Paul Bridgewater, CEO/President, Faiz Eshaki, Vice-President/CFO, and Anne Homes Davis, Director of Planning, for the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, which serves the cities of Detroit, Grosse Pointe (GP), GP Farms, GP Park, GP Shores, GP Woods, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, and Highland Park.

Ms. Bowlin noted the plan has been reviewed against the approval criteria and the FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by the OSA. An assessment was conducted on August 19, 2009 that also confirmed compliance with Federal Regulations and statewide operating standards and policies.

Input forums and public hearings were held in the region April 1 and 2, 2009. No local governments raised any issues of concern upon review of the plans.

Ms. Bowlin noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable by OSA and as stated in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan. Ms. Bowlin also noted there are no special conditions attached to the plans. Approval is requested for Appendix F: Regional Service Definition(s) and Appendix G: Cash-in-Lieu of Commodity Payments for Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

Ms. Bowlin highlighted several areas of the MYP/AIP stated DAAA will continue to advocate for long term care system change by strengthening its role in reforming nursing facilities in Detroit and actively seeking support for Project 2020. Ms. Bowlin noted DAAA will work to improve the health and nutrition of older adults through continued development of community-based wellness centers. Ms. Bowlin also announced DAAA received a grant for the Administration on Aging (AoA) to develop a Diabetes Self-Management Demonstration Project. In addition, the agency is helping to ensure older adults have a choice in where they live through increased access to information and assistance. Mr. Bridgewater discussed and distributed a matrix developed by DAAA to identify current and potential revenue streams for aging services in the planning and service area.

Ms. Bowlin requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for Detroit Area Agency on Aging as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talab. Commission approved with a 11-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed regarding the selection of an out-of-state vendor for nutrition meals provided by DAAA. Mr. Bridgewater explained that Valley Foods is one of the largest providers of nutrition meals in the country and was selected through a competitive bid process. Mr. Bridgewater also noted the company operates a kitchen in Detroit for re-thermalization of the meals provided to congregate and home-delivered meal participants. Several commissioners spoke to the importance of using Michigan-based vendors at every opportunity in support of the State's economy.

Approval of FY 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2010 Annual Implementation Plan for The Senior Alliance (TSA) (PSA 1-C)

Jan Bowlin, OSA staff, introduced Bob Brown, Executive Director, Kishori Gandhi, CFO, and Jason Maciejewski, Planning Director, of The Senior Alliance, Inc. which serves Wayne County, excluding areas served by Region 1-A

Ms. Bowlin noted the plan has been reviewed against the approval criteria and the FY 2010 cost allocation plan established by the OSA. An assessment was conducted on July 15, 2009 that confirmed compliance with federal regulations and State operating standards and policies.

Input forums were held in the region on February 23, 25, and 27, and March 2 with public hearings held on June 8, 11, and 18, 2009. The MYP/AIP was submitted to all local governments within the PSA and none raised any issues of concern regarding the plans after review.

Ms. Bowlin noted the AAA is providing access services within the PSA as determined allowable by OSA and as stated in the approved FY 2008-2010 State Plan. Ms. Bowlin also noted there are special conditions and appendices attached to the MYP/AIP that require approval.

Special Condition 1: Address the conflict of interest risk with the Board Finance Chairperson, who is a service provider, by removing as an authorized signature for TSA payments to vendors.

Special Condition 2: Restructure TSA Board of Directors, in a manner that eliminates any current or future potential risk of conflict of interest for board membership. Current board membership has been found to be non-compliant with operational by-laws, OSA standards and regulations in that conflict of interest risk exists with the membership as it stands.

Special Condition 3: Restructure of TSA Board of Directors draft plan due by November 1, 2009, with implementation of board restructure to begin January 1, 2010.

Special Condition 4: Submit monthly progress reports to OSA by 15th of each month for status update for Special Condition 1, Special Condition 2, and Special condition 3, beginning October 15, 2009.

Ms. Bowlin and Mr. Brown highlighted several areas of the plan noting they have been working hard to develop stronger relationships with the Center for Independent Living. The agency is also actively working to increase awareness of older adult financial abuse, neglect and exploitation, including the development of a CD to educate others in the community. Ms. Bowlin further noted Evidence-Based Disease Prevention programs have been expanded to provide training, education and resources to older adults in support of healthy life styles. Continued focus on improving transportation availability, accessibility, acceptability, affordability, and adaptability in the region. Mr. Brown stated TSA is committed to involving more consumers in decisions made by the AAA. TSA also continues to work with its meal providers and community organizations to provide for the special nutrition needs and preferences of Region 1-C's diverse population. Mr. Brown also highlighted TSA's efforts in development of the Nursing Home Diversion and has just started serving veterans through the Veteran's Directed Home and Community-Based Services initiative.

Ms. Bowlin requested Commission approval of the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for The Senior Alliance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the FY 2010-2012 MYP and FY 2010 AIP for The Senior Alliance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport. Commission approved with a 11-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed regarding TSA's expanded outreach efforts and the difference this work has made in the community. Commissioner Talab also commented TSA on their efforts to make kosher meals available to older adults in the Arab-Caldean community.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

State Advisory Council (SAC) Update

Commissioner Pawelski, Chair of the SAC updated the Commission on the work of the Council in learning more about the needs of older adults with dementia and their caregivers.

Other

Commissioner Wilson stated she attended the Sanctuary at Fraser Villa Rehabilitation Wellness Center. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and the Senior Companion Program in Macomb County today is having a volunteer recognition celebration.

Director Gire invited Commissioners to attend the October 21, 2009 cultural diversity event held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at OSA. Lunch will be provided for \$7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 16, 2009 at the Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., Delta Room, Lansing.

The next State Advisory Council meeting will be held on October 22, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Newport. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.