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**AGING NETWORK NEWS/RESOURCES
SAC Members Appointed to Two-Year Terms**

OSA Director **Sharon Gire** has announced the appointment of 12 new State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) members. They will serve terms expiring in 2008. They are:

- (1) **Vincent Castellanos** from **Freeland** (Saginaw County, AAA-7)
- (2) **Lawrence Chadzynski** from **Okemos** (Ingham County, AAA-6)
- (3) **June Clark** from **Detroit** (Wayne County, AAA-1A)
- (4) **Lynn Grim** from **Farwell** (Clare County, AAA-7)
- (5) **David Hill** from **Auburn** (Bay County, AAA-7)
- (6) **Cynthia Paul** from **Lansing** (Ingham County, AAA-6)
- (7) **Tene-Sandra Ramsey** from **Detroit** (Wayne County, AAA-1A)
- (8) **Kappana Rajdev**, MD from **Farmington Hills** (Oakland County, AAA-1B)
- (9) **Tomas Velasquez** from **Charlotte** (Eaton County, AAA-6)
- (10) **Catherine Wells** from **Detroit** (Wayne County, AAA-1A)
- (11) **Roger Williams** from **Grand Rapids** (Kent County, AAA-8)
- (12) **Ginny Wood-Bailey** from **Chelsea** (Washtenaw County, AAA-1B)

In addition, seven SAC members were re-appointed to serve two-year terms. They are:

- (1) **Lois M. Hitchcock** from **Southfield** (Oakland County, AAA-1B)
- (2) **Viola Johnson** from **Battle Creek** (Calhoun County, AAA-3B)
- (3) **Fred Leuck** from **Lapeer** (Lapeer County, AAA-5)
- (4) **Diane Levande**, Ph.D. from **East Lansing** (Ingham County, AAA-6)
- (5) **Gene Pisha** from **Dearborn** (Wayne County, AAA-1C)
- (6) **Richard Schmuckal** from **Suttons Bay** (Leelanau County, AAA-10)
- (7) **Michael J. Sheehan** from **Cedar** (Leelanau County, AAA-10)

SAC is a 40-member council appointed by CSA to provide advice and recommendations to CSA and OSA. SAC meets six times/year in Lansing, and members are reimbursed for travel. A majority of the members are age 60 or older.

CSA requests that SAC research particular topics or charges. In recent years, SAC has studied and provided advice and recommendations on health promotion, elder-friendly communities, information and assistance services and mental health for older persons.

SAC has 18 to 20 vacancies each year. New members are selected according to several criteria including their knowledge and personal involvement in aging issues, and geographic and demographic distribution. SAC membership applications will be available during October for next year's appointments.

SAC membership applications will be available in October for 2007 appointments. For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810) or e-mail to steiners@michigan.gov.

U-M Receives \$70 Million to Continue Its Study of Aging

The University of Michigan (U-M) Institute for Social Research (ISR) has received a \$70 million federal grant from the National Institute on Aging to continue its multi-year study about the health and wellbeing of older Americans.

This grant will renew funding for the ISR's Health and Retirement Study for another six years. Now in its 14th year, this study started in 1962 to research the health and wellbeing of older Americans, age 50 and older.

This will be the largest grant ever received by the university, surpassing the last grant of \$50 million received by U-M for this project. Over the years, U-M has received a total \$116 million for the Health and Retirement Study.

This has funded the salaries of about 40 researchers in Ann Arbor, and another 150 interviewers around the country. Every two years, the ISR has surveyed more than 20,000 older adults.

The \$70 million grant will enable U-M to broaden the project, and increase sample size in the study of America's elder population. It will enable the ISR to continue providing vast amounts of information about the physical and mental health of elder Americans, as well as their economic status, financial wellbeing, plans for retirement, insurance coverage, and living arrangements.

This information is used by researchers and others from around the country to track trends in aging, such as the health benefits of using prescription drugs, the impact of savings rates on retirement security, and information about how older Americans spend their money. Consequently, although this is a social science study, it has tremendous public policy ramifications as well.

Continuing this study for the next six years will be important, especially because of the large number of baby boomers going into retirement. It could lead to a re-evaluation of programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

U-M and government officials also hope the data and expertise from this work will attract other researchers to the Ann Arbor area. For example, IRS researchers will be collecting DNA samples that are not currently being studied but could be examined in the future. In addition, they are hoping that this will create economic growth by spawning a hub of research as entrepreneurs create businesses to serve elders.

Senior Services Initiates Community Campaign

Senior Services, Inc. has served Kalamazoo senior adults for 40 years. Last year its programs served 129,216 individuals, and it anticipates greater and greater demands for its services during the next decade.

Recently Senior Services completed a philanthropic feasibility study to test support for a community campaign to raise money for programs, capital expenditures and endowment needs. Consequently, the leadership of its Board of Directors has authorized a Campaign Cabinet to initiate a \$2.7 million fund-raising effort.

Plans call for consultant fees and administrative expenses, as well as printing and mailing costs to help reach potential donors, and to give well-deserved recognition to those who contribute.

For more information, call the Fund Development Director **Don Ryan** at 269/382-0515.

Grief Support Program Offered in Northern Michigan

A free Grief Support Program will be offered consecutive Wednesdays on **July 12, 19, 26** and **August 2, 9, 16** at the Charlevoix Area Hospital in **Charlevoix**.

Sponsored by the Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health (CMH) Agency, this program is for persons coping with losses such as the death of a spouse, parent, grandparent or child. It also is for those getting divorced, job, moving, dealing with a chronic illness or losing a pet, and for those helping a loved one deal with a loss.

Losing a spouse, parent, grandparent or child due to death is sometimes more than a person can bear. This program is designed to help them grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work.

For more information or to pre-register, call 231/536-2842.

Triad Council Receives Michigan Week Award

The Triad Council serving Kalamazoo County has received the Michigan Week Community Achievement Award for 2006.

This award is given to a Michigan community or project that brings people together to accomplish something of benefit to their community, and the Triad SALT Council embodies this through its volunteers and activities.

By demonstrating community collaboration between law enforcement and concerned citizens, it plays a vital role in a community-wide effort to inform senior adults about issues important to their safety and wellbeing. This contributes to the community spirit of Kalamazoo County.

Triad volunteers serve on the Triad Council, participate in a speaker's bureau to speak on various senior adult topics, distribute literature at community events, and help on special projects such as revising the Triad [Safety Tips Booklet](#).

For more information, call **Marcia Johnson** (269/382-0515) or e-mail to mjohnson@seniorservices1.org.

GIC Publication Outlines Benefits for Grandparent Caregivers

The AARP Foundation Grandparent Information Center (GIC) offers a publication to inform grandparent caregivers about public benefits that may be available to them and the grandchildren they are raising.

Entitled Guide to Public Benefits for Grandfamilies, it presents information about cash assistance, health, nutrition and tax credit programs that could help these families make ends meet. It provides useful information for grandparents or other relatives raising grandchildren who live on limited, fixed incomes that make it difficult for them to care adequately for the children.

The GIC also suggests that these grandparent caregivers go to www.benefitscheckup.org to determine if they are eligible for cash assistance, health, food or home energy services.

For more information, call 202/434-2218 or e-mail to agoyer@aarp.org.

PHI Develops Curriculum to Train Direct Care Peer Mentors

The Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (PHI) has released Peer Mentoring: A Workshop Series for Direct-Care Workers in Home and Residential Care.

This program provides a comprehensive curriculum for training experienced direct-care workers to become mentors. According to PHI, peer mentoring has been shown to be an effective way for employees to address high turnover rates, particularly among new staff members. That's because mentors can further quality improvement in the recruitment, training and support of direct-care workers.

The curriculum uses an interactive set of activities and exercises that enable participants to learn and practice the leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills peer mentors need to ensure a program's success.

One goal of this training is to reduce the turnover of new employees by creating a team of peer mentors to support new employees, and help them feel valued and less isolated. Another goal is to create a more stable workforce through career advancement and growth opportunities for senior workers to capitalize on their experience that might otherwise be lost to the organization. Successful mentoring should improve the quality of care for consumers.

PHI works to strengthen the direct-care workforce within our nation's long-term care (LTC) system through developing innovative approaches to recruitment, training and supervision, as well as client-centered caregiving practices and public policy.

For more information, go to www.paraprofessional.org or call 718/402-7766.

OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS

OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors

The June meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held at a1:30 p.m. **July 11** in the First Floor Conference Room of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM), 6105 West St. Joseph in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864) or e-

mail to bowlinj1@michigan.gov , or call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (517/886-1227) or e-mail her at ablan@iserv.net.

Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. **July 21** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016) or e-mail to albrechtc@michigan.gov.

State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

The next meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. **October 5** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810) or e-mail to steiners@michigan.gov

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Grief Support Program, sponsored by the Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health (CMH) Agency Wednesdays **July 12, 19, 26** and **August 2, 9, 16** at the Charlevoix Area Hospital in **Charlevoix**. For more information, call 231/536-2842. See also AGING NETWORK NEWS (above).

Grief Support Series, sponsored by the Antrim County Commission on Aging (CoA) Thursdays **July 13, 20, 27** and **August 10, 17, 20, 27** at Meadow Brook in **Belaire** for anyone experiencing a loss of any kind at anytime. For more information or to register, call 231/544-8019.

Advocacy in the e-Lane, a free workshop sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), Capital Area United Way and the Capital Region Community Foundation **July 13** at the MNA in **Lansing** to provide nonprofit organizations with the skills and knowledge to succeed in a highly competitive environment. For more information or to register, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 517/492-2400.

Who Me? Plan My Own Funeral? a free educational seminar dealing with end-of-life issues sponsored by the Gratiot County Commission on Aging (CoA) and the Smith Family Funeral Homes **July 13** at the CoA offices in **Ithaca**. For more information, call 989/875-3511 or 989/875-5246.

Statewide Meeting, sponsored by the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care **July 15** in the Lake Superior Room of the Library of Michigan in **Lansing** for consumers. For more information, go to www.campaignforqualitycare or call 517/324-5754.

Enhancing Customer Service, a workshop sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), Capital Area United Way and the Capital Region Community Foundation **July 18** at the MNA in **Lansing** to provide nonprofit organizations with the skills and knowledge to succeed in a highly competitive environment. For more information or to register, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 517/492-2400.

AARP Driver Safety Program, sponsored by Senior Services, Inc. and AARP **July 19** and **July 26** at Senior Services in **Kalamazoo** to teach defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road. For more information or to register, call 269/382-0515.

3rd Annual Krapohl Open Frisby Golf Tournament, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Heart of Senior Citizen Services/Krapohl Center **July 20** at the Krapohl Center in **Mt. Morris** for four-person teams. Prizes for persons with the lowest scores in four age groups (12-18, 19-49, 50-79 and 80+). For more information, call 810/785-2270 or e-mail to info@heartscs.org.

Estate Planning Seminar, a free public event sponsored by the Coover Center **July 20** at the center in **Kalamazoo**. For more information, call 269/382-0515.

Ice Cream Social, an annual fund-raising event for building operating costs sponsored by the Gratiot Community Senior Center **July 26** at the center in **St. Louis**, featuring sloppy joes, home made desserts, ice cream with all the toppings and entertainment. For more information, call 989/681-4341.

What Fundraisers can Learn from an Arch, a workshop sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), Capital Area United Way and the Capital Region Community Foundation **July 27** at the MNA in **Lansing** to provide nonprofit organizations with the skills and knowledge to succeed in a highly competitive environment. For more information or to register, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 517/492-2400.

2006 Michigan Consumers Conference: Lives Like Ours, Peers in Recovery, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office of Consumer Relations **July 27** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing** to focus on the involvement of peers in the mental health system. For more information, call 517/241-5066 or 517/371-2221.

The Senior Pageant, sponsored by Schoolcraft County Fair and the Manistique Area Senior Citizens Center **August 5** at the fairgrounds in **Manistique**. The pageant features a presentation of the annual Senior of the Year Award to an individual who has made valuable contributions to the Manistique area, the senior center, church or other organizations. For more information, call 906/341-5923.

Senior Services Millage Votes, conducted **August 8** in various Michigan counties, such as Genesee, Gratiot and Kent Counties. Please remember to vote! For more information, to register to vote, or to obtain an absentee ballot, contact your City or Township Clerk.

Safety Fair, sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) **August 11** at the CoA in **Cassopolis** to provide information about emergency operations and protection from fires, natural disasters, abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and scams. For more information, call 269/445-8110 or toll-free 800/323-0390.

Annual Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Antrim County Commission on Aging **August 18** in **Belaire**. For more information, call 231/533-8703.

SuperBoard!: Recruiting and Motivating a High-Impact Board of Directors, a workshop sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), Capital Area United Way and the Capital Region Community Foundation **July 13** at the MNA in **Lansing** to provide nonprofit organizations with the skills and knowledge to succeed in a highly competitive environment. For more information or to register, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 517/492-2400.

7th Annual Substance Abuse Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Community and Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) **September 11-12** at DeVos Place in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, go to www.macmhb.org or call 517/374-6848.

2nd Annual American Indian & Alaskan Native Long Term Care Conference, entitled Honoring Our Elders: Best Practices in Long Term Care 2006, and sponsored by the National Indian Council on Aging, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Indian Health Service, AARP and the Administration on Aging (AoA) **September 18-19** at the Crowne Plaza Tulsa in **Tulsa, OK**. For more information, go to www.aianlongtermcare.org or call 505/292-2001.

Help for the Mature Driver: A 55 Alive Mature Driving Course, sponsored by the Madison Heights Senior Citizen Activity Center and AARP **September 21 & 22** at the Center in **Madison Heights** to help drivers age 55 or older improve their skills and prevent traffic accidents. It covers age related physical changes, declining perpetual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems, and license renewal requirements. For more information, go to www.madison-heights.org or call 248/545-3464.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

Nonprofit Day 2006, sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) and its Public Policy Initiative (MPPI) **September 27** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.mnaonline.org or call toll-free 888/242-7075.

26th Annual Conference: Transitions Through a Lifespan, sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Michigan **September 28-29** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.biarni.org or call toll-free 800/772-4323.

2006 Senior Advisory Council 16th Annual Conference, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network **October 13** at the Bavarian Inn in **Frankenmuth**. For more information, call toll-free 800/733-2583

2nd Annual UP Nonprofit Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association **October 13** at the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development in **Marquette**. For more information, go to www.glcyd.org or call 906/228-8919.

MICHIGAN NONPROFIT SEMINARS/TRAINING EVENTS

Facilitating Support Groups, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **July 12-26** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn how to organize, lead and facilitate caregiver support groups. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Anything but Bingo, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **July 22-29** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn ideas for physical, social and spiritual programs for senior adults with a wide range of abilities. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Person-Centered Dementia Care: What is it, Why it Works and Methods for How sto, sponsored by Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care (organizers of the Annual Edna Gates Conference on Dementia Care) **July 27** at Huron Woods on the Campus of St. Joseph Mercy Health System in **Ann Arbor**. For more information, call 810/231-2723 or e-mail to

annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net.

When & How to Move a Loved One, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **August 8-10** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** to explore when home services should be considered, and when those services are not enough. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Losing Your World: Implications for Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia, a 2006 Professional Series seminar sponsored by the Gerontology Network **August 11** at the Montcalm County Commission on Aging in **Stanton**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 800/730-6135, ext. 710.

Will and Trust Preparation, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **August 23** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn how to draft your will and plan your estate plan. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care, a 2006 Professional Series seminar sponsored by the Gerontology Network **September 8** at the Kettunen Center in **Tustin**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 800/730-6135, ext. 710.

CEO 601: Advanced Leadership, a training sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for board members and executives of nonprofit organizations **October 18-20** at the Shanty Creek Resort in **Bellaire**. For more information, go to www.johnsoncenter.org or call 616/331-7232.

OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS

Third Annual Family Gathering, a meeting and gathering sponsored by the Family Support Work Group and the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council **July 11** at Hawk Island Park in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/334-6123.

Statewide Meeting, sponsored by the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care **July 15** in the Lake Superior Room of the Library of Michigan in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.campaignforquality.org or call 517/324-5754.

Summer Fun Golf Outing, sponsored by the Isabella County Council on Aging (CoA) and Friends of Isabella Seniors **August 4** at the Pleasant Hills Golf Club in **Mt. Pleasant** with all proceeds going to the CoA programs and services. For more information, call 989/772-4588 or 989/772-0748.

Senior Day at the UP State Fair, sponsored by the Upper Peninsula State Fair **August 16** at the UP State Fairgrounds in **Escanaba**. For more information, call 906/786-4011.

Seniors' Day, sponsored by the Michigan State Fair **August 28** at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in **Detroit** to provide live entertainment, senior exhibits, free donuts, orange juice, raffle tickets and free admission for senior adults age 62 and older. The 2006 Senior Citizen of the Year Awards also will be presented. For more information, call 313/369-8310.

2nd Annual St. Clair County Caregiver Fair, a free event for family caregivers sponsored by Area

Agency on Aging (AAA) 1B **September 30** at the Thomas Edison Inn in **Port Huron**. For more information, call toll-free 800/852-7795 or e-mail to jjarvis@aaa1b.com.

7th Annual Solutions for Family Caregivers Fair, a free event sponsored by Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1B **October 21** at the Best Western Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center in **Sterling Heights**. For more information, call toll-free 800/852-7795 or e-mail to sjustice@aaa1b.com.

CONFERENCES/EVENTS OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

2006 Institute for Transportation Coordination, an intensive training and planning forum sponsored by the Community Transportation Association of America **July 31-August 3** in **Washington, DC** for those interested in building more effective partnerships to meet community transportation needs. For more information, go to www.ctaa.org/ntrc/institute.asp.

Pioneer Network 2006 Conference, sponsored by New Courtland Elder Services **August 2-4** at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center in **Philadelphia, PA** for teams and individuals who provide care and support for elders, including those who are in nursing homes or assisted living. For more information, go to www.pioneernetwork.net or call 585/271-7570.

The Crossroads of Health Care: Covering Managed Care, Cost-Efficiency, Legal & Regulatory Issues, sponsored by Foundations Associates **August 7-9** at the Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel in **Baltimore, MD**. For more information, go to www.dualdiagnosis.org or call 877/345-3274.

2006 Governor's Conference on Aging: the Changing Face of Aging, sponsored by the Nebraska Division of Aging and Disability Services, the State Unit on Aging, **August 8-10** at the Holiday Inn in **Kearney, NE**. For more information, call toll-free 800/942-7830.

30th Annual Summer School of Gerontology, sponsored by the South Carolina Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging **August 20-25** to provide education and training for professionals who work with the aging population and others interested in aging issues at Springmaid Beach, **Myrtle Beach, SC**. The lodging and meal costs of presenters, as well as limited travel costs, will be covered. For more information, call 803/734-9878 or e-mail to halljen@aging.sc.gov.

Health and Philanthropy: Leverage Change, the 19th Annual Symposium sponsored by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University **August 24-25** at the Indiana University Place Conference Center and Hotel in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to www.philanthropy.iupui.edu or call 317/274-4200.

2006 Autumn Series on Aging-West Coast, sponsored by the American Society on Aging (ASA) **September 11-14** at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue in **Philadelphia** to provide continuing education for professionals who work with senior adults and their families. For more information, go to www.asaging.org/autumn-series or call toll-free 800/537-9728.

Powerful Boards, Powerful Fundraising, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **September 20-21** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to www.philanthropy.iupui.edu or call 800/962-6692.

2006 Autumn Series on Aging-West Coast, sponsored by the American Society on Aging (ASA)

September 25-28 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in **San Francisco** to provide continuing education for professionals who work with senior adults and their families. For more information, go to www.asaging.org/autumn-series or call toll-free 800/537-9728.

22nd National Home & Community Based Services Conference/Age and Disability Odyssey, entitled “Seasons of Change in Home and Community Supports” and sponsored by the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) and the Minnesota Department of Human Services/Aging and Adult Services **October 3-6** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in **Minneapolis, MN**. For more information, go to www.nasua.org/waiverconference or call 202/898-2578.

2006 Annual Conference, sponsored by the National Guardianship Association (NGA) **October 7-10** at the Newport Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in **Newport Beach, CA**. For more information, go to www.guardianship.org, call 814/238-3126 or e-mail to info@guardianship.org.

1st National Concepts in Care Conference, a care-focused gathering of family caregivers and healthcare professionals from across the nation sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America **October 21-22** at the Hilton Anatole-Dallas in **Dallas**. For more information, go to www.alzfdn.org or call toll-free 866/232-8484.

Life @ 50+ AARP’s National Event and Expo, sponsored by AARP **October 26-28** at the Anaheim Convention Center in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information, go to www.aarp.org/events or call toll-free 800/883-2784.

Education & the Gerontological Imagination, the 59th Annual Scientific Meeting sponsored by the Gerontological Society of America **November 15-20** at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in **Dallas, TX**. For more information, go to www.agingconference.com or call 202/842-1275.

2007 Joint Conference of the National Council on Aging (NCoA) and the American Society on Aging (ASA), to be held **March 7-10, 2007** in **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to www.agingconference.org, call 415/974-9600 or e-mail to jc07@asaging.org.

FOR-PROFIT TRAINING EVENTS/RESOURCES

The following information about for-profit training events and resources is presented as a public service for informational purposes only, and should not be interpreted as constituting OSA promotion or endorsement. OSA does not receive financial or any other benefit for providing this information.

Senior Adults Benefit from Reverse Mortgages

Banks and lending institutions make it possible for senior adults to supplement their fixed incomes by obtaining a reverse mortgage on their homes. Many use it to supplement their social security, meet unexpected medical expenses, make home improvements, and more.

Reverse mortgages are government insured loans that allow older homeowners, who have equity on their homes, to borrow and use a portion of their equity as tax free income. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) created reverse mortgages to give older Americans greater financial security.

Qualified elder homeowners can receive supplemental income from a lender without selling their

homes. Some homeowners may take it in one lump sum. Others may receive monthly payments, or take it in the form of a line of credit which allows them to draw from the account at anytime.

Factors taken into account to determine eligibility for a reverse mortgage, and the amount that can be borrowed, include the amount owed on existing loans, age, appraised value of the home, current interest rates and the location of the home. Homeowners, age 62 and older, who have paid off their mortgages or have only small mortgage balances remaining, are eligible to participate.

The amount borrowed on a reverse mortgage cannot exceed the value of the home, and homeowners need not repay the amount borrowed. There are no monthly payments on a reverse mortgage. Instead, elder homeowners can use their reverse mortgage to pay debts and other costs, and if necessary, forestall foreclosure.

A reverse mortgage loan and its accrued interest will be not have to be repaid until the homeowner ceases to own the property, either through death or the sale of the home. Anything left over, after the reverse mortgage loan is repaid, will revert to the homeowner or his/her estate.

For more information, go to www.seniorjobbank.org/rm/index.htm or www.aarp.org/money/revmort/.

For-Profit Training Events

Microsoft Excel: Excel Basics, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **July 11 in Kalamazoo, July 11 in Kalamazoo, July 13 in Flint, July 13 in Grand Rapids, July 17 in Ann Arbor, July 25 in Petoskey, July 25 in Jackson, July 19 in Southfield, July 27 in Lansing and November 6 in Marquette**. For more information or to register, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

Excel: Beyond the Basics, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **July 12 in Kalamazoo, July 12 in Saginaw, July 14 in Grand Rapids, July 14 in Flint, July 18 in Ann Arbor, July 20 in Troy, July 20 in Southfield, July 26 in Petoskey, July 26 in Jackson, July 28 in Traverse City, July 28 in Lansing and November 7 in Marquette**. For more information or to register, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

Advanced Microsoft Excel Techniques, conducted by Skillpath **August 22 in Ann Arbor, August 24 in Farmington Hills, August 28 in Grand Rapids, September 11 in Dearborn and September 13 in Troy**. For more information or to register, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

The Ultimate Supervisor, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **July 19 in Grand Rapids, July 20 in Ann Arbor, July 21 in Troy, July 24 in Saginaw, July 25 in Flint, July 26 in Lansing and September 20 in Marquette**. For more information or to register, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

How to Build Powerful Powerpoint Presentations, conducted by Skillpath **August 3 in Ann Arbor, August 4 in Troy, August 16 in Jackson, August 17 in Flint, August 18 in Traverse City and October 23 in Grand Rapids**. For more information or to register, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

How to Supervise People, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **July 24 in Marquette, November 6 in Kalamazoo, November 7 in Grand Rapids, November 8 in Lansing, November 9 in Ann**

Arbor, November 10 in Troy, November 16 in Jackson, November 17 in Southfield, November 28 in Petoskey, November 29 in Traverse City and November 30 in Saginaw. For more information or to register, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

Discovering the Secrets of Microsoft Access, conducted by Skillpath **July 27 in Marquette, October 3 in Flint and October 5 in Farmington Hills.** For more information, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 873-7545.

How to Communicate with Tact and Professionalism, conducted by CareerTrack **September 12-13 in Lansing, September 14-15 in Grand Rapids, September 25-26 in Ann Arbor and September 27-28 in Troy.** For more information or to register, go to www.careertrack.com or call toll-free 800/556-3009.

Team-Building, Mentoring and Coaching Skills for Managers and Supervisors, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 9 in Kalamazoo, October 10 in Grand Rapids, October 11 in Lansing, October 12 in Ann Arbor, October 13 in Troy, October 25 in Jackson, October 26 in Flint and October 27 in Dearborn.** For more information or to register, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

Assertive Leadership Skills: A One-Day Seminar for Managers and Supervisors, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 24 in Marquette.** For more information or to register, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

AAA-3C Looks for New Executive Director

The Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging (AAA-3C) is accepting applications for a new Executive Director. Located in **Coldwater**, the AAA serves Branch and St. Joseph Counties.

Duke Anderson, Executive Director of has announced that he will be leaving the agency, effective **August 4**. The AAA-3C Board of Directors has accepted his resignation, and has tentatively appointed **Steven Todd** to serve as Interim Director. He currently is Division Director of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Environmental Health Agency.

The AAA Executive Director also serves as the Chief Health Officer for Branch and St. Joseph Counties, and a Masters Degree in Public Health with related human service experience is preferred. The Health Officer's responsibilities include day-to-day management of the agency's 80 employees, a \$6.8 million annual budget, and significant duties related to community health protection as outlined in Michigan law.

An application with resume' must be mailed or faxed to the AAA by **July 15**. Mail to 570 Marshall Road in Coldwater, 49036, or fax to 517/278-2923. For more information, call 517/279-9561, ext. 148 or toll-free 888/615-8009.

FEDERAL REGISTER
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Corporation Proposes Online Registration for MLK Day Projects

See the Federal Register dated **June 20** (Vol. 71, No. 118). Go to “Corporation for National and Community Service” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Corporation solicits public comment concerning its proposed voluntary online registration of Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day Service Projects. The corporation administers MLK Service Day as part of the National Service Act. The corporation seeks help to promote this program to potential participants through a voluntary online project registration. MLK Day Service Day projects, whether funded by the corporation or not, will be able to register their projects, indicate if they need additional volunteers, and list specific project details. The information collected will be used to post the projects on the corporation’s MLK Service Day website (www.mlkday.gov) and to contact these projects to provide support materials such as toolkits and posters. The collection of this information will help the corporation focus its resources in the most efficient manner. Comments must be submitted by **August 21**. For more information, call 202/606-6721 or e-mail to rtaylor@cns.gov.

CMS Provides Quarterly List of Program Issuances

See the Federal Register dated **June 23** (Vol. 71, No. 121). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Notices, Program issuances.” This notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) lists the CMS manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other Federal Register notices that were published January, 2006 through March, 2006 relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. CMS is responsible for administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs that pay for health care and related services for 39 million Medicare beneficiaries and 35 million Medicaid recipients. This notice provides information on National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) affecting specific medical and health care services under Medicare. This notice also includes listings of all approved numbers from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for collections of information in CMS regulations. Finally, this notice includes a list of Medicare-approved carotid stent facilities. For more information, call 410/786-6954.

AoA Suggests Changes to Title IV Performance Progress Reports

See the Federal Register dated **June 27** (Vol. 71, No. 123). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) requests public comment by **July 27** regarding proposed revisions to Performance Progress Reports for Title IV grantees. Specifically, the AoA is proposing revisions of the Performance Reporting Guidelines and format for use by Title IV grantees in reporting on activities of their Title IV Discretionary Funds Projects. They report in Semi-Annual Performance Reports and a Final Report, as required under Title IV of the Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended. For more information, call 202/357-3442 or e-mail to greg.case@aoa.hhs.gov.

HHS to Fund Intergenerational Approaches to HIV/AIDS Prevention

See the Federal Register dated **June 30** (Vol. 71, No. 126). Go to “Health and Human Services Department” and see “Notices, Grants.” This notice from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces that HHS will fund four cooperative agreement grants of up to \$250,000/each to develop innovative intergenerational approaches to HIV/AIDS prevention education with a Women Across the Lifespan Pilot Program. This pilot program will target women disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS. Its purpose will be to find cross-generational HIV/AIDS prevention education approaches specific to women who are at-risk for, or living with, HIV/AIDS and other female members of the family 12+ years old, in particular African American, Native American/American Indian, Hispanic/Latino and Asian/Pacific Islander women from the Diaspora

who are grandmothers, mothers, daughters, granddaughters and aunts. It intends to address age, gender, cultural, spiritual and language-specific needs of these women, so they may decrease their risks for disease. Eligible applicants include nonprofit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, state and local government agencies, tribal government agencies and tribal/urban Indian organizations. Cost sharing/matching funds are not required. Grant applications must be submitted by **July 31**. For more information, call 202/260-8420 or e-mail to jshort@osophs.dhhs.gov.

SAMHSA Announces National Registry for Substance Abuse Programs

See the Federal Register dated **June 30** (Vol. 71, No. 126). Go to “Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration” and see “Notices, National Registry.” This notice from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) explains how SAMHSA has expanded and refined its National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP), and how SAMHSA will prioritize interventions submitted for NREPP reviews during Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. This notice also provides guidance for the submission process. This information can be helpful to individuals and organizations seeking to have an intervention reviewed and listed on the new NREPP website. SAMHSA is committed to preventing the onset and reducing the progress of mental illness, substance abuse, and substance-related problems among individuals. Its NREPP is a voluntary rating and classification system designed to provide the public with reliable information on the scientific basis and practicality of interventions that prevent and/or treat mental and substance abuse disorders. Descriptive information and quantitative ratings are provided across several key areas for all interventions reviewed by NREPP. For more information, call 240/276-2234.

AoA to Fund Performance Outcomes Measures Projects

See the Federal Register dated **July 7** (Vol. 71, No. 130). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) is to solicit applications Performance Outcomes Measures Projects (POMP) that will receive grants to complete work on the POMP-developed performance measurement surveys, and enhance their utility for the aging network. They will conduct validity tests for the POMP surveys; conduct pilot testing for statewide performance measurement methodology; and assist in the development of performance measurement toolkits for use by the aging network. Only State Units on Aging are eligible for these two-year grants. For the first year, the AoA will make 6-10 grant awards of \$35,000 to \$50,000/each. Second year amounts will be similar to first year amounts, depending on the availability of federal funding. Grant recipients must provide at least 25 percent of the total grant from non-federal cash or in-kind resources. Applications are available from the AoA, and the deadline for applying is **August 15**. For more information, call 202/357-0145.

Board Proposes Accessibility Guidelines for Passenger Vessels

See the Federal Register dated **July 7** (Vol. 71, No. 131). Go to “Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board” and see “Proposed Rules.” This notice of the availability of draft guidelines from the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) solicits public comment regarding draft guidelines which address accessibility to and within passenger vessels which are permitted to carry more than 150 passengers or more than 49 overnight passengers. This includes access to elements, rooms, space and facilities on passenger vessels, and how to provide access on and off such vessels. These draft guidelines address implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility guidelines for passenger vessels. In addition, these draft guidelines address all ferries, regardless of size and passenger capacity, and certain tenders which carry 60 or more passengers. Public comment on these draft

guidelines must be received by **September 5**, and the Board will consider them before issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking. This notice of the availability of draft guidelines is for the second draft of these draft guidelines. The first draft was announced in the November 26 issue of the Federal Register, and public comments were received and incorporated into these second draft guidelines. For more information, call 202/272-0012 or e-mail to pvag@access-board.gov.

LEGISLATION SUMMARY

The following bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. The list does not constitute OSA support or endorsement. Nor does it indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority. All of this information is current, as of the date of this issue. But it is subject to change at any time through legislative action.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to www.legislature.mi.gov (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under "Legislative Bill Search." Then click on "Go!" and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a "PDF" or "TXT" box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website (www.michiganlegislature.org) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions.

If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, contact your state legislator. Also, you may call OSA Director **Sharon Gire** at 517/373-7876 or e-mail her at osadirector@michigan.gov.

New House Bills (June 19 – July 7)

House Bill (HB) 6254 of 2006

Cemeteries and funerals; other; earnings from certain endowment care funds; revise treatment of certain net capital gains. Amends Public Act (PA) 22 of 2004. Sponsored by **Rep. Edward Gaffney** (R-Grosse Pointe Farms) and co-sponsored by five others. Referred to the House Committee on Commerce 6-21-06.

House Bill (HB) 6260 of 2006

Human services; medical services; single state agency responsible for Medicaid health care policy; establish. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Rep. John Garfield** (R-Rochester Hills) and co-sponsored by seven others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 6-22-06.

House Bill (HB) 6261 of 2006

Occupations; pharmacists; capping profits of drug costs; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Chris Ward** (R-Brighton) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 6-22-06.

House Bill (HB) 6273 of 2006

Human services; food assistance; food assistance recipients' use of EBT bridge cards (and food stamps) at certain approved restaurants; allow. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored

by **Rep. Bill McConico** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Family and Children Services 6-28-06.

House Bill (HB) 6274

Human services; adult foster care; limitation on number of adult foster care homes in a region or municipality; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1979. Sponsored by **Rep. Bill McConico** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Family and Children Services 6-28-06.

House Bill (HB) 6276 of 2006

Health facilities; other; department of community health to develop and adopt clinical process guidelines for patient-lift equipment; require. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 6-28-06.

House Bill (HB) 6280 of 2006

Probate; other; dower rights; repeal. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Tonya Schuitmaker** (R-Lawton) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-29-06.

House Bill (HB) 6281 of 2006

Occupations; pharmacists; compile and post on the Internet a drug retail price list; require. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Steve Bieda** (D-Warren) and co-sponsored by two others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 6-29-06.

House Bill (HB) 6300 of 2006

Occupations; emergency medical technicians; experience required for licensure as an emergency medical services instructor-coordinator; revise. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Dave Hildenbrand** (R-Lowell) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 6-29-06.

House Bill (HB) 6304 of 2006

Consumer protection; unfair trade practices; limitation on award of attorney fee in action under Michigan Consumer Protection Act; eliminate. Amends Public Act (PA) 449 of 1976. Sponsored by **Rep. Jeff Mayes** (D-Bay City) and co-sponsored by seven others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-29-06.

New Senate Bills (June 19 – July 7)

Senate Bill (SB) 1329 of 2006

Retirement; other; MI-retirement plan; create. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Thomas III** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by 13 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 6-22-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1330 of 2006

Law enforcement; reports; senior medical alert program; provide for. Creates new act. Tie barred with SB 1331 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Hansen Clarke** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by 14 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 6-22-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1331 of 2006

Law enforcement; law enforcement information network (LEIN); reports of missing endangered seniors; revise procedure for. Amends Public Act (PA) 319 of 1968. Tie barred with SB1330 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by 14 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 6-22-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1334 of 2006

Human services; food assistance; distribution of food assistance benefits; require on a bi-monthly basis. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Highland Park) and co-sponsored by 20 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services 6-27-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1342 of 2006

Probate; wills and estates; references to dower in estates and protected individuals code; revise to reflect abolition of dower. Amends Public Act (PA) 386 of 1998. Tie barred with SB 1343 of 2006 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Michael Switalski** (D-Roseville) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 6-28-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1343 of 2006

Probate; dower rights; abolish. Amends RS 66 of 1846. Tie barred with SB 1342 of 2006 and SB 1344 of 2006 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all of them do). Sponsored by **Sen. Michael Switalski** (D-Roseville) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 6-28-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1344 of 2006

Family law; marriage and divorce; requirement that judgment of divorce contain provisions regarding wife's dower rights; eliminate. Amends Public Act (PA) 259 of 1909. Tie barred with SB 1343 of 2006 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Michael Switalski** (D-Roseville) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 6-28-06.

House Bills that have Moved (June 19 – July 7)

House Bill **(HB) 4870** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4891** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 5661** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5663** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5672** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5836** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5962** of 2006 and House Bill **(HB) 6032** of 2006,

House Bill (HB) 4870 of 2005

This bill would amend the Estate and Protected Individual Code (EPIC) to use the order of priority of inheritance established under EPIC for a person who dies intestate (without a will) as the presumed order of priority of individuals who would have the rights and powers to make decisions about a decedent's body; specify the person (a guardian or personal representative, or the county public administrator) who would have those rights and powers if no one in the order of priority existed, exercised the rights and powers, or could be located; allow an individual, other than a person with priority or a person described above, to file an action in circuit court to challenge the presumption and be determined as the individual who would have the authority to make decisions about a decedent's body; require that decisions be made by majority if the rights and powers were shared; allow an individual with the rights and powers to make decisions about a decedent's body, or a funeral establishment that custody of the body, to petition the probate court to determine who had the authority to make these decisions, if there were a disagreement between individuals who

shared the rights and powers, or if one or more individuals in the order of priority could not be located; specify activities for which a funeral establishment would not be responsible or liable; specify that a funeral establishment, mortician, cemetery, or crematory could rely on EPIC and the instruction of a person in the order of priority or determined by the court to be the party to exercise the rights and powers to make decisions about a decedent's body; and provide that the bill would not affect an anatomical gift. Amends Public Act (PA) 386 of 1998. Tie barred with HB 4890 of 2005 and HB 4891 of 2005 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all do). Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale) and co-sponsored by four others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-7-05. House substitute bill adopted 5-3-06. Passed by the House 5-4-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 5-9-06. Senate substitute bill as amended concurred in 6-28-06. Passed by the Senate and given immediate effect 6-29-06. Senate substitute bill concurred in by the House and given immediate effect 6-29-06. Bill ordered enrolled 6-29-06. Presented to the Governor 7-7-06.

House Bill (HB) 4891 of 2005

This bill would amend the Occupational Code to refer to a person with authority under the Estates and Protected Individual Code (EPIC) to make decisions about a decedent's body, rather than to the decedent's next of kin, in several provisions of Article 18, which governs the practice of mortuary science. Amends Public Act (PA) 299 of 1980. Tie barred with HB 4870 of 2005 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. David Law** (R-West Bloomfield) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-7-05. Amended 5-3-06. Passed by the House 5-4-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 5-9-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 6-21-06. Passed by the Senate and given immediate effect 6-29-06. Given immediate effect by the House 6-29-06. Bill ordered enrolled 6-29-06. Presented to the Governor 7-7-06..

House Bill (HB) 5661 of 2006

This bill would amend the Insurance Code to allow an automobile insurance company to offer a premium discount to drivers 50 years of age and older who successfully complete a traffic accident prevention driver safety course certified by the Secretary of State. The discount could be provided for three years after the completion of an initial course or refresher course. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Tie barred with HB 5663 of 2006 (which means neither can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Mike Nofs** (R-Battle Creek) and co-sponsored by 39 others. Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 2-9-06. Passed by the House 6-22-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 6-27-06.

House Bill (HB) 5663 of 2006

This bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to certify traffic accident prevention driver safety courses that meet certain criteria. Amends Public Act (PA) 300 of 1949. Tie barred with HB 5661 of 2006 (which means neither can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Tupac Hunter** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by 23 others. Referred to the House Committee on Transportation 2-9-06. Reassigned to the House Committee on Insurance 2-14-06. Passed by the House 6-22-06

House Bill (HB) 5672 of 2006

This bill would create a Cancer Drug Donation Program as a new part within the Public Health Code. It would be created within the Michigan Department of Community Health to allow for the voluntary donation of cancer drugs and supplies and the dispensing of those drugs to eligible persons. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 20 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 2-14-06. House substitute bill adopted 6-20-06. Passed by the House 6-22-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 6-27-06.

House Bill (HB) 5836 of 2006

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to refer to the person with authority under the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (proposed by HB 4870) rather than the next of kin, specific relatives, or a special administrator appointed by the probate court, in provisions of the Public Health Code. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 4870 of 2005 (which means neither of these bills can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 3-7-06. House substitute bill adopted 5-3-06. Passed by the House 5-4-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 5-9-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 6-22-06. Senate substitute bill concurred in as amended 6-28-06. Passed by the Senate and given immediate effect 6-29-06. Senate substitute bill concurred in by the House and given immediate effect 6-29-06. Bill ordered enrolled 6-29-06. Presented to the Governor 7-7-06.

House Bill (HB) 5962 of 2006

See Public Act (PA) 218 of 2006 (below).

House Bill (HB) 6032 of 2006

This bill would amend the Patient's Right to Independent Review Act. This act enables persons with health insurance to request a review by an independent review organization to resolve disputes over covered benefits. This bill would clarify that the term "health carrier" would exclude a state department or agency that administered a plan of medical assistance under the Social Welfare Act (Medicaid). Amends Public Act (PA) 251 of 2000. Sponsored by **Rep. Roger Kahn** (R-Saginaw Township) and co-sponsored by 13 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 5-4-06. Passed by the House 6-22-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 6-27-06.

Senate Bills that have Moved (June 19 – July 7)

Senate Bill **(SB) 65** of 2005, Senate Bill **(SB) 403** of 2005, Senate Bill **(SB) 701** of 2005 and Senate Bill **(SB) 1172** of 2006.

Senate Bill (SB) 65 of 2005

This bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to allow a local governing body to exempt certain nonprofit-owned single family dwellings or duplexes from the property tax for a maximum of two years. Under the bill, the governing body of a local tax-collecting unit could adopt a resolution to exempt eligible nonprofit housing property from the tax collected under the Act. The bill would define "eligible nonprofit housing property" as a single family dwelling or duplex owned by a charitable nonprofit housing corporation which the organization intended to transfer to a low-income person after construction or renovation of the dwelling or duplex was completed to be used as that person's principal residence. Amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Sen. Ron Jelinek** (R-Three Oaks) and co-sponsored by four others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 1-25-05. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 6-20-06. Senate substitute bill as amended concurred in 6-21-06. Passed by the Senate 6-22-06. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 6-22-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 403 of 2005

This bill would establish a licensure framework for dietitians and nutritionists, establish minimum educational standards, set licensure fees, describe a scope of practice, and create the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Laura Toy** (R-Livonia) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health

Policy 4-21-05. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 2-21-06. Passed by the Senate 3-8-06. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-8-06. House substitute bill adopted 6-28-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 6-29-06. Returned to the Senate 6-29-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 701 (2005)

This bill would amend the uniform crime reporting Act to require law enforcement agencies to enter information into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) when a person who was believed to be unable to return to his or her residence without assistance was reported missing. Amends Public Act (PA) 319 of 1968. Sponsored by **Sen. Cameron Brown** (R-Sturgis). Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 8-31-05. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 6-22-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1172 of 2006

See Public Act (PA) 249 (below).

2005 Public Acts

Public Act (PA) 24 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4188 of 2005

This bill amends the General Property Tax Act to increase from \$25,000 to \$35,000 the maximum household income of a taxpayer 62 years old, or older, who may defer the collection of summer property taxes, and to remove the income limit for other taxpayers eligible for the summer tax collection deferral. Amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Rep. Tory Rocca** (R-Sterling Heights) and co-sponsored by 72 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-23-05, and assigned PA 24 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 72 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4434 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to provide that pharmacies that shared a real-time, online database or other equivalent means of communication, or pharmacies that transferred prescriptions pursuant to a written contract for centralized prescription processing services, would not have to follow the procedure established in the Code to refill a copy of a prescription from another pharmacy. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt) and co-sponsored by 82 others, this bill was tie-barred with SB 352 (which meant neither could take effect unless both did). It was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-19-05, and assigned PA 72 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 73 of 2005

Senate Bill (SB) 352 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to allow a pharmacy to perform centralized prescription processing services or outsource those services to another pharmacy if certain conditions are met. Amends Public Act 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Bill Hardiman** (R-Kentwood) and co-sponsored by 23 others, this bill was tie-barred with HB 4434 (which meant neither could take effect unless both did). It was **approved by Gov. Granholm 8-31-05, and assigned PA 73 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 85 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4405 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to eliminate the authority of a disciplinary subcommittee to impose sanctions against a pharmacist for employing the mail to sell, distribute, or deliver a drug that requires a prescription when the prescription for the drug is received by mail. Amends Public

Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gretchen Whitmer** (D-East Lansing) and co-sponsored by 63 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-20-05, and assigned PA 85 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 109 of 2005
House Bill (HB) 4436 of 2005

Appropriations; zero budget; supplemental appropriations; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005. This bill increases private funds authorization for OSA \$75,000 to recognize private contributions for administering the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for Seniors, or Project FRESH. Federal funds support the food costs, and the administrative costs must be supported by the state and other contributors. Creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt) and co-sponsored by no others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 9-15-05, and assigned PA 109 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 114 of 2005
Senate Bill (SB) 348 of 2005

The General Property Tax Act requires local tax collecting units that collect a summer property tax to defer the collection, at the taxpayer's request, until the following February 15 for the principal residence of taxpayers with a household income of \$35,000 or less. To be eligible for the deferment, a taxpayer must be totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or an eligible serviceperson or an eligible veteran (or be the widow or widower of such a person). The deferment is also available to taxpayers who are at least 62 years of age, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was at least 62 years of age at time of death. This bill eliminates the income requirement for these taxpayers, except for taxpayers who are at least 62 years of age, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was at least 62 years of age at the time of death. For those taxpayers, the income threshold will increase to \$37,500 for the 2006 tax year and to \$40,000 for the 2007 tax year and beyond. Amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Sen. Nancy Cassis** (R-Novi) and co-sponsored by four others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 9-21-05, and assigned PA 114 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 147 of 2005
Senate Bill (SB) 271 of 2005

Appropriations; Family Independence Agency (now the Department of Human Services); provide for fiscal year 2005-2006. Creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by one other, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-5-05 with line-items vetoed, and assigned PA 147 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 154 of 2005
House Bill (HB) 4831 of 2005

Appropriations; other; zero budget appropriations bill; provide for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt) and co-sponsored by no others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-5-05 with line items vetoed, and assigned PA 154 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 161 of 2005
House Bill (HB) 4996 of 2005

Under provisions of the Public Health Code, dental hygienists, under the supervision of a dentist, can now provide dental hygiene services to patients who have not first been examined by a dentist as part of a program for "dentally underserved" patients conducted by a local, state, or federal grantee health agency. This bill amends the Public Health Code to revise the criteria for designation as a grantee health agency to include, for example, a public or nonprofit entity, or a school or nursing home that administers a program of dental care to a dentally underserved

population. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 36 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-4-05, and assigned PA 161 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 187 of 2005
House Bill (HB) 5055 of 2005

This bill modifies the nursing home and hospital Quality Assurance Assessment Programs (QAAPs) to extend sunsets, reflect the amount of tax retained by the State, and changes the way the nursing home QAAP is assessed. The QAAP includes county-owned nursing homes for the first time. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale) and co-sponsored by no others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-27-05, and assigned PA 187 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 338 of 2005
Senate Bill (SB) 529 of 2005

This bill makes homestead facilities eligible for residential tax abatements under the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act. Before this bill became law, the act applied only to newly constructed and rehabilitated residential housing. This bill applies to other existing residences purchased since December 31, 1997. The homestead facility will receive a property tax abatement equal to one-half of the property taxes levied for operating purposes on the building by the local unit and the county. Amends Public Act 147 of 1992. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Highland Park) and co-sponsored by no others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 12/31/05, and assigned PA 338 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 339 of 2005
Senate Bill (SB) 530 of 2005

This bill makes homestead facilities eligible for residential tax abatements under the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act. Before this bill became law, the act applied only to newly constructed and rehabilitated residential housing. This bill applies to other existing residences purchased since December 31, 1997. The homestead facility will receive a property tax abatement equal to one-half of the property taxes levied for operating purposes on the building by the local unit and the county. Amends Public Act (PA) 147 of 1992. Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Thomas III** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by no others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 12-31-05, and assigned PA 339 with immediate effect.**

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Public Act (PA) 24 of 2006
House Bill (HB) 4670 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to allow an individual who is retired from the active practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine, and who wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and needy individuals or individuals in medically underserved areas of the state, to obtain a special volunteer license to practice by submitting an application to the applicable board. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 22 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-06, and assigned PA 24 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 25 of 2006
House Bill (HB) 5375 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to provide for civil immunity for retired physicians who volunteer their services at a health facility or agency serving the medically indigent. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by

17 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-06, and assigned PA 25 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 26 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5168 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to require an applicant for a health profession license or registration, or for reinstatement or reclassification of a license or registration, to undergo a criminal background check. In addition, the bill allows a licensing board for good cause to request a licensee or registrant to have a criminal background check. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Paula Zelenko** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by 50 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-05, and assigned PA 26 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 27 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5448 of 2005

This bill amends the mental health code to require criminal history checks on individuals seeking employment, an independent contract, or clinical privileges with a psychiatric facility or immediate care facility for people with mental retardation. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Tie-barred with HB 5168, SB 621 and SB 622. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 47 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-05, and assigned PA 27 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 28 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 621 of 2005

This bill expands the requirements for criminal background checks for new employees at health facilities and agencies, as well as individuals seeking clinical privileges and independent contracts. It adds two sections to the Public Health Code that applies to a health facility or agency that is a nursing home, county medical facility, hospice, hospital that provides swing bed services, home for the aged, or home health agency. In each case, a request will be made to the Department of State Police to conduct a criminal history check and to forward fingerprints into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database, and to forward fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The State Police will have to request the FBI to make a determination of any national criminal history pertaining to an applicant for employment. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. It is tie-barred with HB 5168, HB 5448 and SB 622. Sponsored by **Sen. Patricia L. Birkholz** (R-Saugatuck) and co-sponsored by six others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-21-06, and assigned PA 28 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 29 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 622 of 2005

This bill expands the requirements for criminal background checks for new employees at foster care facilities, as well as individuals seeking clinical privileges and independent contracts. It amends the Adult Foster Care Facility. In each case, a request will be made to the Department of State Police to conduct a criminal history check and to forward fingerprints into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database, and to forward fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The State Police will have to request the FBI to make a determination of any national criminal history pertaining to an applicant for employment. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1979. Tie-barred with HB 5168, HB 5448 and SB 621. Sponsored by **Sen. Tony Stamas** (R-Midland) and co-sponsored by six others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-21-06, and assigned PA 29 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 38 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 4606 of 2005

The bill amends the Public Health Code to require a health facility's or agency's policy describing

patient or resident rights and responsibilities to include references to the Medical Records Access Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Stephen Adamini** (D-Marquette) and co-sponsored by one other, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 3-2-06, and assigned PA 38 of 2006.**

Public Act (PA) 133 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 4423 of 2005

This bill would amend the public act which regulates home solicitation sales to provide that it would be an unfair or deceptive act or practice and a violation of the act for a telephone solicitor to misrepresent in a message left for a consumer on his or her answering machine or voice mail that he or she had a current business matter or transaction, or a current business or customer relationship with the solicitor or another person, and request that the consumer call the solicitor of another person to discuss that matter, transaction or relationship. Amends Public Act (PA) 227 of 1971. Sponsored by **Rep. Lisa Wojno** (D-Warren) and co-sponsored by 12 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-10-06, and assigned Public Act (PA) 133 of 2006.**

Public Act (PA) 137 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5336 of 2005

This bill would add Part 25 (Health Information Technology) to the Public Health Code to create the Health Information Technology Commission within the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to facilitate and promote the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of an interoperable health care information infrastructure in Michigan. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 39 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-10-06, and assigned Public Act (PA) 137 of 2006.**

Public Act (PA) 144 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 838 of 2005

This bill amends the Social Welfare Act by eliminating the provision that defines caretaker relatives and 19 and 20 year-olds who meet certain requirements as medically indigent, and therefore, categorically eligible for Medicaid. This bill replaces references to categorical Medicaid eligibility for 19 and 20 year-olds, and caretaker relatives with language that eligibility would be subject to Title XIX eligibility standards for optional groups, subject to limitations imposed by the Director according to Title XIX. Amends Public Act 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Sen. Robert L. Emerson** (D-Flint) and co-sponsored by no others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-22-06, and assigned PA 144 of 2006.**

Public Act (PA) 157 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5631 of 2006

This bill amends the Public Health Code to require the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) to assist the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) in any review or update of the pandemic influenza plan, and cooperate with the MDCH Director in his or her response to certain epidemics. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5630 of 2006 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Richard Ball** (R-Laingsburg) and co-sponsored by 12 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-25-06, and assigned PA 157 of 2006** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 163 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5630 of 2006

This bill amends the Public Health Code to require the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to establish and maintain a pandemic influenza plan. MDCH would have to review and update the plan at least annually. The MDCH would have to make the plan and any updates to it available to the public through the MDCH website. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie

barred with HB 5631 of 2006 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Leslie Mortimer** (R-Horton) and co-sponsored by 23 others, it was approved by **Gov. Granholm 5-25-06, and assigned PA 163 of 2006** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 218 of 2006
House Bill (HB) 5962 of 2006

This bill amends the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Act, which regulates Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBS). The Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Act requires BCBS to use reasonable care to secure records from unauthorized access to ensure the confidentiality of records containing personal information, and to collect only personal data necessary for proper review and payment of claims. This bill applies this restriction to personal data necessary for health care operations, treatment and research. The Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Act also prohibits BCBS from disclosing records containing personal data that may be associated with an identifiable member, or concerning a member, without that members written consent. This bill makes an exception for health care operations, treatment, research, payment, and health oversight activities. This bill also specifies that compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) and regulations promulgated under that act, would satisfy the confidentiality requirements. Amends Public Act (PA) 350 of 406. Sponsored by **Rep. Joe Hune** (R-Hamburg) and co-sponsored by three others, it was approved by **Gov, Granholm 6-27-06, and assigned PA 192 of 2006** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 249 of 2006
Senate Bill (SB) 1172

This bill amends the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act to require the State 911 Director, by December 1, 2006 to delay the Act's 12-31-06 sunset until 12-31-07; issue to the Legislature and the Governor a report making recommendations for stable, equitable long-term funding of the State's 9-1-1 system, as well as recommendations for the establishment of standards for the training and response time of 9-1-1 personnel; and require that the report contain a recommendation that any 9-1-1 fees collected from communications providers be assessed in a competitively neutral manner. Amends Public Act (PA) 32 of 1986. Sponsored by **Sen. Cameron Brown** (R-Sturgis) and co-sponsored by no others, it was approved by **Gov. Granholm 6-28-06, and assigned PA 249 of 2006** with immediate effect.

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