

# **MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING**

**Office of Services to the Aging  
300 E. Michigan Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor; Lansing, MI  
November 21, 2014 @10:00 AM**

## **FINAL MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Michael Sheehan called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. and this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COMMISSION ROLL CALL**

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

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Sheehan, Matthew Adeyanju, Michael Burri, Douglas Chalgian, Sibyl Ellis, Joan Ilardo, Richard Ortega and Kristi Zamora. Harold Mast and Gerald Irby joined by phone.

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT** (excused)

Donna Murray-Brown, Donald Newport, Renee Reid-Smith, Patricia Rencher and Jeffery Schade.

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

Kari Sederburg, Leslie Shanlian, Scott Wamsley, Sarah Slocum, Dawne Velianoff, Phil Lewis, Laura McMurtry, Lauren Swanson, Sally Steiner and Carol Dye.

### **VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT**

Dona Wishart, OCCA, Joel Ackerman, BeBloomIn, MN, Pat Everett, John Murphy, SAC Member, Joyce Murphy, Kaye Scholle, Karen Courney, Saginaw COA.

### **INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS**

Dona Wishart, Executive Director of the Otsego County Commission on Aging (OCCA), addressed the Commission regarding her need for assistance with technology and aging.

The SAC focused their yearly project on Technology and Aging last year, and produced a survey. The OCCA in collaboration with MSU researched this topic and their work was published worldwide. They learned older adults are most comfortable learning technology from other older adults. Following this, the OCCA created a peer tutor model that continues today, and she provided some articles on this project.

At the November hearing, the Commission heard from Jack Udebrock, who is one of their peer tutors with technology and aging, and his desire and plea to continue this effort so older adults have opportunities to bring curriculum and learning to other older adults. They've worked hard to build in efficiencies around technology, and have learned from other leaders in the field of aging that technology is beyond learning and efficiencies, it's become an effective intervention that can add to their quality of life.

Ms. Wishart is working to get her board's approval on a platform she feels will be an effective intervention in Otsego County and beyond. She hopes to start a pilot project that can be shared throughout Michigan. One of the necessary elements to make this work is the strength of the broadband system and its infrastructure. With Governor Snyder's interest in technology, he is helping to push the importance of broadband.

Ms. Wishart asked for support from the Commission to garner the strength needed, as well as their endorsement and participation to suggest ways she may be able to strengthen her platform and to use this across Michigan.

Ms. Wishart introduced Joel Ackerman from Minnesota, the President of BeBloomin. This new technology platform provides easy to use computer-assisted capabilities to support seniors, families and communities to help keep them connected with each other and with the organizations they rely upon. BeBloomin promotes health and safety, among other issues related to helping seniors thrive in place. Mr. Ackerman provided additional detailed background on his BeBloomin program.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Sheehan requested changes to the agenda as follows: to make Business item H) Request for Approval of the Grant from Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA); to make Business item I) Request for Approval of Fiscal Year 2015 Elder Abuse Prevention, and change current Business items from H to J, and from I to K.

Commissioner Sheehan asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adeyanju to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Commissioner Sheehan asked for a motion to approve the October 17, 2014 minutes.

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

### **OSA Director Report**

Director Sederburg gave kudos to Commissioner Sheehan for how he led the energetic group of participants, while going through topics of positive aging and what it all means.

Director Sederburg displayed a major award the Silver Key Coalition received from AARP for their role in advocating for aging services funding increases for FY15.

Director Sederburg stated FY 16 budget conversations have begun and she is pushing for more dollars for aging programs, as well as to more fully fund the Ombudsman program.

Director Sederburg stated 459,000 people have enrolled in the Medicaid Expansion so far.

Director Sederburg stated the Reinventing Retirement events that happened on October 20<sup>th</sup> around the state were part of the Governor's special message on aging, and provided

tools and resources as people think about retirement, noting these booklets are available online at [www.michigan.gov/reinventretirement](http://www.michigan.gov/reinventretirement).

Director Sederburg stated Nick Lyon was appointed the new Department of Community Health director, and he appointed Tim Becker, the previous director of finance, as the new Chief Deputy Director.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **Request for Approval of Program Year 2014/2015 Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Reallocations**

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, requested approval to reprogram three SCSEP positions and funding from the Region 2 AAA to Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works to ensure remaining funds from these vacancies are expended in the best way possible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adeyanju to approve the Program Year 2014/2015 SCSEP reallocations, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

#### **Request for Approval of Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Project (ADSSP) No Cost Extension**

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, stated OSA received an ADSSP no cost extension, to continue providing programs, consultation and to hold additional trainings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega to approval the ADSSP No Cost Extension, as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

#### **Revisions to Grant to Demmer Center to Support No Wrong Door (NWD) Transformation Project**

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, stated a grant to the Demmer Center was approved at the last meeting to support the NWD Transformation project. In discussing with Demmer and their partner, the Sergeant Results Group, it was determined that a more efficient way would be to grant the funds directly to the Sergeant Results Group. Mr. Wamsley requested approval for this change, as well as to grant an additional \$10,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to revise the grant to Demmer Center to support NWD Transformation project, and grant the funds, along with an additional \$10,000, to Sergeant Results Group, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

#### **Request for Approval of FY 2015 Part B Sustainability No Wrong Door (NWD) Grants to Aging and Disability Resource Collaborations (ADRCs) to Support Person Centered Counselor (PCC) Training**

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, stated OSA submitted a request to retain some carry over

funds from last year's project grant that wasn't expended, to put those dollars out into the field so ADRCs can implement and support person-centered planning through PCC. They are person-centered counselors who work with individuals to identify what their needs are, what supports are in place and what services might be available so they can make the best decisions possible for their situation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adeyanju to approve FY 2015 Part B Sustainability NWD grants to ADRCs to support PCC training, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

**Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Grant for Medicare Improvements and Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration's (ADRC) No Cost Extension**

Dawne Velianoff, OSA staff, provided a detailed overview of MIPPA, noting they provided one grant that was funneled down into three funding streams.

Ms. Velianoff stated this no cost extension grant from the Administration on Community Living will be allocated to ADRCs, and must be expended by December 31, 2014. This grant will be used to continue locating and providing enrollment assistance to eligible participants in Medicare Part D and Medicare Savings Program, as well as to educate beneficiaries about Medicare preventative health and wellness services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve the FY 2015 grant for MIPPA ADRC No Cost extension, as presented. Commissioner Burri seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

**Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Grant for Medicare Improvements and Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) No Cost Extension**

Dawne Velianoff, OSA staff, stated this no cost extension funding is left over from last year's grant to AAA's where the grant was not fully expended. These funds are housed within OSA, and Request for Proposals are requested from the AAAs to increase outreach and enrollment activities, implement new marketing methods, and to identify more potential enrollees. This funding will also support their staff to provide technical support to MIPPA partners, and to meet program reporting requirements. OSA will contract the funds to MMAP, Inc., who will fund the AAAs without duplication of individuals or work conducted under the MIPPA FY 2014 projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chalgian to approve the FY 2015 grant for MIPPA AAAs No Cost extension, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

**Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Grant for Medicare Improvements and Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), State Health Insurance Assistance Program**

**(SHIP) and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)**

Dawne Velianoff, OSA staff, requested approval to reallocate this funding to MMAP, Inc., who operates Michigan's SHIP, and who will allocate funding to the AAA's for enrollments that were done in the field. OSA waited for federal guidelines on how to allocate the funds, so Ms. Velianoff requested this funding be approved retroactively back to October 1, 2014, so payments can be made for enrollments already completed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve FY 2015 grant for MIPPA, SHIP and AAAs, retroactively back to October 1, 2014, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

Commissioner Adeyanju noted a \$30,000 discrepancy in the memo, and Ms. Velianoff stated this is funding that will be held back for OSA administrative costs.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

**Request for Approval of FY 2015 Grant for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Aging & Disability Resource Collaborations (ADRCs)**

Dawne Velianoff, OSA staff, stated OSA did a Request for Proposal (RFP) and sent it to 17 ADRCs. This year, eight submitted RFPs, and OSA selected four for the purpose of continuing to coordinate outreach and enrollment efforts to beneficiaries eligible for the Medicare Part D low-income subsidy, and the Medicare Savings Program, as well as to educate them on Medicare preventative health and wellness services. OSA waited for federal guidelines on how to allocate the funds, so Ms. Velianoff requested this funding be approved retroactively back to October 1, 2014, so payments can be made for enrollments already completed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora to approve the FY 2015 grant for MIPPA ADRCs, retroactively back to October 1, 2014, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

**Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Elder Abuse Prevention**

Dawne Velianoff, OSA staff, stated the Michigan Legislature appropriated \$1 million to OSA for FY 2015 to fund elder abuse prevention activities. Ms. Velianoff requested approval to allocate this funding to the 16 AAAs through the Interstate Funding Formula for specifically targeted activities related to elder abuse and fraud. OSA sent an RFP with specific objectives to the aging network and received six responses. Three of the six were chosen based on their statement of work consisting of a project description, geographic area, objectives, collaboration and sustainability, and also on their budget, to ensure it matched the plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to approval FY 2015 Elder Abuse Prevention, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with an 8-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Mast was on the phone, and he requested updates on how the funding will be utilized be included in future discussions. Director Sederburg assured him that would be the case, and she will also report to the Legislature during budget appropriations and to the Governor's office directly.

**Request for Approval of State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) Report**

Commissioner Sheehan presented on the 2014 SAC report entitled, *Baby Boomers Now and in the Future*, and requested approval of this report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burri to approve the SAC Report, as presented. Commissioner Chalgian seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Irby was on the phone and requested OSA give some thought to draft a synopsis of the report, disseminate it to the media, and ask them to seek comments from baby boomers within their communities to start dialogue using this report as a basis.

Director Sederburg stated OSA will continue to send news releases, and will do one on the report, and add it to OSA's website. She encouraged commissioners to take advantage of opportunities to talk with their local media using the report as a tool.

**Discuss, Develop and Approve the SAC's Next Charge to Report on**

Commissioner Sheehan provided a "*Guidance to the CSA as it Chooses the 2015 Research Charge to the SAC*" document. He provided additional guidance, and asked to take into consideration the pressing problem of adequate pay for healthcare workers, especially those who go into the home. He noted that this is a major issue, and some suggested this be the focus for the 2015 report, but this is a legislative matter. The second suggestion was to report on transportation, which is a major problem for those needing a ride to the doctor or other non-emergencies. Again, this requires money the CSA cannot marshal, so as ideas come to the table, a distinction needs to be made with what is legislative, or someone else's venue, and what we can do.

Director Sederburg stated she and Commissioner Mast discussed topics they've been hearing about. She provided topics of areas the commission may want to learn more about, or get more involved in. Some examples are the White House Conference on Aging - if the Commission wants a role, and what that might look like; and oral health.

Commissioner Sheehan stated the CSA received an adjunct report on Technology from the 2012 SAC report, and noted there will be another adjunct report on the Boomer Report, which will be presented at the April 2015 joint meeting. It will FOCUS on positive aging, which was one of the five components of the 2014 SAC report. They divided into four groups to discuss education, volunteerism, media and Veterans.

Commissioner Sheehan asked for a motion to table this business item to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to table the Discuss, Develop and Approve the SAC's Next Charge to Report on to the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Sheehan encouraged the Commission to think about what they want to hear about from this research group, and try to come up with something that is not legislative nor political.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Director Sederburg stated at the December meeting, she'll bring some helpful items and requested discussion on the following:

- A list of 2014 aging network accomplishments, which is a good way to celebrate all that has happened this past year in the world of aging.
- Information on the elder abuse prevention grant, specifically what's going to be done.
- In discussions with Commissioner Mast, it was suggested that grants be presented prior to OSA applying for them to see if they make sense, and what it means to the network, as opposed to seeing and approving them after they are received.

In early 2015, she will bring OSA's thoughts on updating our state plan.

Commissioner Sheehan stated the CSA must revisit the SAC bylaws every three years, and requested a subcommittee be formed to review them in 2015.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next CSA meeting will be held at the Office of Services to the Aging, 300 E. Michigan Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor large conference room in Lansing on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

The next SAC meeting will be held at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at the Ramada Hotel located at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., in Lansing.

### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Sheehan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Adeyanju. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ortega. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Sheehan adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM.