

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Office of Services to the Aging – Conference Call
300 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
January 18, 2013 @10:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Mast welcomed the Commissioners. 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

Harold Mast, Michael Bartus, Owen Bieber, Shannon English, Gerald Irby, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Donna Murray-Brown, Donald Newport, , Patricia Rencher, Michael Sheehan, Janice Wilson, James Wright and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Renee Parnell and Jeffery Schade.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Carol Dye, and Scott Wamsley.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Jim McGuire of Area Agency on Aging, Region 1-B.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rencher requested discussion on the General Accounting Office Reports she previously sent be added to the agenda in the information section.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Rencher seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the November 16, 2012 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the minutes. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Mast stated Senate Bill 975, known as “religious liberty and conscience protection act,” that was brought to the attention of the Commission and discussed, did not make it through lame duck.

OSA DIRECTOR REPORT

Commissioner Mast asked Director Kari Sederburg for her report.

Director Sederburg thanked Commissioner Mast for attending the OSA holiday party and next year OSA will work with the Commissioner’s schedules so more can attend.

Director Sederburg stated she sent out her talking points in advance, detailing OSA’s budget and expanded on the Governor’s State of the State message that focused on initiatives related to jobs, people and good government.

Commissioner Newport asked about the Blue Cross Blue Shield legislation that was vetoed by the Governor, and Director Sederburg stated as additional information becomes available, she will send it to the Commission.

Director Sederburg stated once the Governor announces the new proposed budget sometime in mid to late February, Commissioners are encouraged to advocate with their legislators to support an increase in OSA’s funding.

Director Sederburg stated the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced Michigan will have four regions to move the demonstration project forward intended to integrate services and funding for people dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, to provide improved quality and access to care. Director Sederburg stated she will send a four-page overview on the Integrated Care demonstration project.

Director Sederburg stated the State Plan process has been accelerated by the Administration on Aging with the first draft going out in April, and updates will be sent between now and then. Staff met to update the four State Plan Goals and those will also go out for input.

Commissioner Irby requested an item be added to the March meeting agenda to review the Older American’s Act as it relates to the State Plan.

Commissioner Mast suggested this discussion be held prior to the meeting in the morning to make best use of everyone's time.

BUSINESS ITEMS

None

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Needs Assessment

Commissioner Mast asked Kari Sederburg to provide an update on Needs Assessment.

Director Sederburg stated many have been invited to participate in the seven Needs Assessment workgroups, and thanked those Commissioners who agreed to participate, noting Rhonda Powell will send out meeting dates the following week.

Discussion on the Government Accountability Office Reports

Director Sederburg provided a summary of the two reports prepared by Scott Wamsley.

Mr. Wamsley explained the Federal Administration on Aging allocates funds to State Units on Aging based on a formula related to each state's share of the 60+ population, and the GAO report makes suggestions on how the AoA could change the way in which funds are allocated by using various factors like daily activity limitations, for example.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Sederburg announced there will be an Age Friendly Communities conference in Ann Arbor on February 28th on what communities can do for an aging population.

Commissioner Mast announced a webinar on the funding formula will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013, from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, with materials and information to go out soon.

Commissioner Bieber announced his resignation effective immediately and he asked consideration again be given to the UAW for his replacement on the Commission.

Commissioner Mast asked if anyone was able to volunteer to represent the Commission at the Wednesday, February 13, 2013, SAC Webinar, to please let Carol Dye know.

Commissioner Mast announced the next CSA meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 15, 2013, via conference call.

Director Sederburg asked if the Commission would like her to send her Director's report in advance of the meetings, and the Commission agreed they would like her to do so.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Newport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Mast adjourned the meeting at 11:24 PM.