

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING
Conference Call Meeting

Michigan Office of Services to the Aging
300 E. Michigan Avenue, 3rd Floor; Lansing, MI 48933
January 21, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jerutha Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and wished everyone a happy New Year. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Mary P. Gardner.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Peggy Brey, Bonnie Graham, Dan Doezema, Carol Dye, Sally Steiner, and Andrea Mayes Krueger, student.

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Andrea Layman, Region 1-B Area Agency on Aging.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pawelski seconded the motion and made a correction to the agenda stating the State Advisory Council meeting starts at 9:30 A.M. instead of 10:00 A.M. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the December 17, 2010 meeting minutes. Commissioner Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OSA DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Kennedy introduced Deputy Director Peggy Brey.

- ❖ Ms. Brey stated Olga Dazzo, the Department of Community Health Director, was appointed as acting director for OSA until a permanent director can be appointed. Ms. Dazzo officially delegated Ms. Brey to act on her behalf for this Commission meeting, and plans on attending the next Commission meeting in February.
- ❖ Ms. Brey has had a number of meetings with Ms. Dazzo, who has been very supportive of OSA. OSA has also participated in strategic planning activities, as well as the 2012 State budget development process.
- ❖ Ms. Brey stated Ms. Dazzo has asked the department to review its work and functions to develop dashboards and metrics. OSA will list its functions and identify what's federally or statutorily mandated, what's quality oriented, what's consumer oriented, and what's appropriate metrics for our dashboard to move to an accountable, measureable approach to the work we do. The goal is to improve outcomes and customer access; address what the consumer's interests are; and, provide cost effectiveness and efficiency without compromising quality.
- ❖ Ms. Brey stated OSA will continue "with business as usual" and she thanked the Commissioners for their support during this time of transition.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of FY 2011 Grants for Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE)

Dan Doezema, OSA staff, requested approval of FY 2011 Grants for TCARE.

Mr. Doezema stated TCARE is a way to comprehensively assess caregivers at risk and link them with optimal local services that fit their specific needs and choices.

Mr. Doezema stated TCARE is an evidence-based model based on 30 years of research. It has been developed in five states, including Michigan. These grants will primarily support training related expenses for training care managers in TCARE.

Mr. Doezema detailed the allocation of the six grants totaling \$32,940 for the TCARE Master Trainer partner agencies: UPCAP, Inc., AAA of Northwest Michigan, Region 1-B AAA, Region 1-C AAA, Evergreen Commons and The Caregiver Corner. The grants are being funded with OSA's Systems Transformation grant dollars. Mr. Doezema stated this process will help match the best local services to caregivers. TCARE has been shown to be effective in reducing caregiver stress burden, depression, relationship burden, and increasing caregiver uplifts. More importantly, the program has helped reduce the intention of a caregiver to place the care receiver into an institutional setting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bieber to approve the FY 2011 Grants for TCARE as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pawelski.

Additional discussion followed.

Mr. Doezema will send the Commissioners materials detailing the TCARE training.

The Commission approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition Grant: Creating Confident Caregivers

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested approval of the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition Grant: Creating Confident Caregivers.

Ms. Steiner stated this \$8,000 grant will be used to contract with a Creating Confident Caregiver Master Trainer who will assist in coordination of fidelity meetings across all projects, future trainings, and assist the VA project trainers in their master trainer certification application and fidelity maintenance.

Ms. Steiner gave an overview of the projects. There were 21 sessions held in the past year in the VA project, and OSA has received 125 pre-surveys. In the evidence-based project, there have been 75 sessions held in the past two years, with 516 pre-surveys received. A total of 26 staff participated in the CCC Expansion project training in December, bringing the total number of trainers to over 50 in the state. All 16 AAAs now administer the Creating Confident Caregiver project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pawelski to approve the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition Grant: Creating Confident Caregivers as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newport.

Additional discussion followed.

The Commission approved with a 13-0-1 vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilson stated she is very pleased that her new state representative, Marilyn Lane has been assigned to the Family, Children and Seniors Committee.

Commissioner Talab stated she attend a tri-county state budget advocacy coalition meeting held by Adult Well Being Services. They asked her to share information with anyone who might be interested in participating. Commissioner Talab will send the information to the Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Kennedy noted the next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2011, via conference call and anyone can attend by coming to the OSA Office.

Commissioner Kennedy noted the next meeting of the State Advisory Council will be held via conference call on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 9:30 A.M. in the large

conference room of the Office of Services to the Aging, located at 300 E. Michigan Avenue, in Lansing.

Commissioner Kennedy noted these meetings are open to the public and anyone wanting to attend can do so at the Office of Services to the Aging. It was also noted the conference call in information is reserved for the Commissioners and the Area Agencies on Aging.

ADJOURN

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

The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:50 A.M.