

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING

Little Bear East Community Center

275 Marquette Street, St. Ignace

May 19, 2006

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chairperson Kennedy reinforced the purpose and primary role of the Commission.

Chairperson Kennedy welcomed everyone and thanked Little Bear East Community Center for the use of the facility for today's meeting and public hearing.

Chairperson Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerutha Kennedy, Owen Bieber, Cheryl Bollinger, Sonia Harb, Chun-Keung Leung, Ramesh Verma, William Walters IV, Janice Wilson, and James Wright

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Herman Dooha, Rose Gill, Annette Guilfoyle, Albert Lewis, Thomas Rau, and Alberta Wilburn

OSA STAFF PRESENT

Bonnie Graham, Cindy Albrecht, Eric Berke, Sharon Gire, Laura McMurtry, and Julia Thomas

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Theresa Nelson, Kathy Herrala, Jackie Boxer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Walters made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2006 Commission meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None

OSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gire welcomed everyone to the meeting and also thanked Little Bear East Community Center for allowing the Commission and OSA to host these meetings today. Director Gire updated the group on the following:

Meetings:

Director Gire stated she is continuing to make presentations to local UAW groups and educating them on Michigan's aging network.

Director Gire attended the Traverse City Senior Summit on Aging and stated it was a very informative conference.

Director Gire announced that the first conference on Michigan's Intergeneration Network was held on May 18 and she was honored to give the welcoming remarks at the conference.

Director Gire also spoke to the Michigan State Council of Senior Citizens on May 3 at their annual conference.

Director Gire also had an opportunity to address the service providers for the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (AAA).

Elder Abuse Task Force:

Director Gire noted that the Elder Abuse Task Force held three public hearings in May. They were held in Detroit, Grand Rapids, and St. Ignace. Director Gire stated that the Task Force is continuing to meet and they are getting closer to issuing recommendations to the Governor.

Senior Health and Fitness Day:

Director Gire announced that May 31 is Senior Health and Fitness Day. Director Gire also stated that OSA will be participating in its first ever Senior Health and Fitness Day. Director Gire noted that the area agencies on aging will be partnering with local experts in the field of health and fitness to hold events in each of the 16 planning and service areas. If you would like more information about local events, please contact Sherri King at OSA.

Budget FY 2007 Update:

Director Gire stated the Revenue Estimating Conference was held May 17 and the budget is looking good. Director Gire stated that she is not expecting any changes to the originally purposed budget recommendations.

Single Point of Entry (SPE)

Director Gire stated that she is expecting the announcement of 4 SPE's within the next 2 weeks. Director Gire stated that the contracts for those 4 SPE's should be completed by July 5.

Office of Long Term Care Support Services

Director Gire stated that final interviews for the director of Office of LTC Support Services has been completed with 4 being chosen to go forward to the Department of Community Health for final interviews.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Proposed Revisions to the State Operating Standards for Area Agencies on Aging

Eric Berke, OSA staff, presented to the Commission the changes, which were requested by the Commission at the March 17 meeting., to the State Operating Standards for Area Agencies on Aging. The first change added protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation to the contracting for service provision standard in item 9r, on page 14 (attachment A). The second change was to delete the last two sentences of item 4a on page 7 (attachment B) in the area agency on aging mission standard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walters to take the Proposed Revisions to Operating Standards for Area Agencies on Aging off the table and added to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and approved unanimously by voice vote

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollinger to approve the proposed Revisions to the State Operating Standards for Area Agencies on Aging and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Commission approved with a 9-0-0 vote.

No discussion followed.

PY 2005 Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Reallocation to One Stops

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of PY 2005 Title V SCSEP funding for a grant to the Macomb/St. Clair Michigan*Works One Stop Center. The request is a follow-up to action taken by the Commission at the April CSA meeting in which PY 2005 Title V SCSEP funds were re-programmed for negotiations with Michigan*Works One Stop Centers for Title V enrollee wages, benefits and administration. During the April meeting, the Macomb/St. Clair One Stop Center was identified as the primary beneficiary of the re-programmed funding, but the actual grant amount had not yet been determined. Commission approval of the grant requested would finalize this action. Ms. McMurtry stated that the Macomb/St. Clair would receive \$84,903 of the \$151,632 available funding. Approval of the grant will result in \$66,720 in un-obligated funds. The grant to the Macomb/St. Clair One Stop will run from May 1 through June 30, 2006.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the PY 2005 Title V SCSEP grant to the Macomb/St. Clair One Stop and seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. The Commission approved with a 9-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed with Commissioner Leung requesting clarification as to what would be done with the \$66,720 in un-obligated funding. Ms. McMurtry responded the un-obligated funds would be addressed during discussion of the next business item.

PY 2005 Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Reallocations

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, requested Commission approval of the reallocation of PY 2005 Title V/SCSEP funds to current SCSEP grantees as presented in the memorandum prepared for the CSA. Ms. McMurtry stated that OSA has received notification from the US Department of Labor regarding Michigan's PY 2006 funding and slot allocation. Ms. McMurtry also stated that some AAAs would be experiencing a significant increase in the number of SCSEP slots allocated to their planning and service area. As a result, Ms. McMurtry is requesting Commission approval of an additional \$2,428 to Region V AAA for 4 additional temporary slots and administration. The additional funding will provide Region V AAA with the ability to enroll additional people prior to the beginning of the new program year. Ms. McMurtry indicated the award would be effective June 1 through June 30, 2006.

Ms. McMurtry also presented a request to reallocate an additional \$39,600 to Operation ABLE. Ms. McMurtry state the additional funds will provide 12 enrollees with an 8-week computer training class offered through Operation ABLE. Ms. McMurtry stated the computer training would enhance the enrollees' skills in the area of computer technology and assist with job preparation as they move towards unsubsidized employment. Ms. McMurtry also stated a balance of \$24,701 in PY 2005 Title V/SCSEP funding will remain un-obligated at OSA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the PY 2005 SCSEP Re-Programming to Current Grantees and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Commission approved with a 9-0-0 vote.

No discussion followed.

Approval of the State Advisory Council Annual Report

On behalf of Chairperson Annette Guilfoyle, Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, requested the Commission approval of the State Advisory Council (SAC) Annual Report and recommendation as presented at the April meeting of the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the State Advisory Council Annual Report and recommendation and seconded by Commissioner Walters. The Commission approved unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Walters indicating they had shared the SAC Annual Report with their local community mental health boards. Chairperson Kennedy stated she had also shared the report with individuals in the mental health field and received very good feedback regarding the annual report.

State Advisory Council Membership Nomination

On behalf of Chairperson Annette Guilfoyle, Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, asked for approval of Ms. June Clark from Region 1-A as a new member of the SAC. The appointment is necessary given the resignation of a current SAC member since Chairperson Kennedy and Commissioner Guilfoyle are putting Ms. Clark's nomination forth given the resignation of a current SAC member after the 2006 membership roster was approved at the March meeting. Ms. Graham stated that Ms. Clark's term would be for two-years, ending April 20, 2008.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walters to approve the appointment of June Clark as a SAC member and seconded by Commissioner Wright. The Commission approved unanimously by voice vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

2006-2007 SAC Charge

Bonnie Graham, OSA staff, made a presentation to the Commission regarding the 2006-2007 charge to the SAC. Ms. Graham explained that it is the role of the Commission to determine what issue the SAC will address in the coming year. As in past years, a list of options has been presented to commissioners in a memorandum for their consideration. Ms. Graham requested that each commissioner rank their top 3 choices, with 1 being their highest priority and return it to Cindy Albrecht, OSA staff when complete. Ms. Graham stated that OSA staff will compile the results and SAC Chairperson, Commissioner Guilfoyle, would announce the new charge at the June 22 SAC meeting.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Bollinger requesting clarification on what is meant by "In-Home Services: Infrastructure." Ms. Graham stated she would seek clarification and get the information back to the Commissioners.

Chairperson Kennedy stated she received a letter from Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Chairperson Kennedy stated a copy of the letter will be

distributed to all Commissioners. Chairperson Kennedy reinforced the fact that everyone should continue to contact their legislators regarding the federal budget as it relates to seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A copy of the April Corrective Plan of Action progress report from The Senior Alliance will be mailed to Commissioners.

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 2006 at the Country Inn & Suites, Lansing.

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council will be held on June 22, 2006, 9:30 a.m., at the Holiday Inn West Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Following the Commission meeting a public hearing for the development of the 2007-2009 State Plan will be held at Little Bear East Community Center from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.