

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING
St. Clair Council on Aging
600 Grand River Avenue; Port Huron, Michigan 48060
July 18, 2014 @10:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mast called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. He thanked and introduced Laura Newsome, director of the St. Clair Council on Aging, who provided an overview of her CoA and local senior center. 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, Matthew Adeyanju, Michael Burri, Douglas Chalgian, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Donna Murray-Brown, Donald Newport, Richard Ortega, Renee' Reid-Smith, Michael Sheehan and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Sibyl Ellis, Patricia Rencher and Jeffery Schade (excused).

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Leslie Shanlian, Wendi Middleton, Scott Wamsley, Eric Berke and Dan Doezema.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Laura Newsome, Executive Director, St. Clair Council on Aging, Scott Crawford, Port Huron Senior Center Supervisor, Jyme Hagar, Associate Administrator, Brian Larson, Program Director, Starpath Adult Day Service, Mary Taylor, Assistant Director, Kathy Sharp, Corporation for National & Community Service Field Office Director, Jim McGuire, Valarie Pierson, and Ryan Cowmeadow of AAA 1-B, Julia DeGuise and Kirk Glezen, Adult Well-Being Services.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Ortega 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 June 20, 2014, CSA minutes.

Commissioner Reid-Smith asked for a correction on page three, to change her noted maiden last name Parnell to her current last name, Reid-Smith.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve the amended minutes. Commissioner Reid-Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS

Commissioner Mast asked Jim McGuire to address the commission.

Mr. McGuire welcomed the commission to Region 1-B, and stated he is with AAA 1-B and he is there on behalf of the Silver Key Coalition, and Ryan Cowmeadow is his associate at AAA 1-B, and Valarie Pierson, an intern with the University of Michigan, School of Social Work is also joining them.

Mr. Cowmeadow stated the SilverKey Coalition has worked on a three-year campaign to increase funding for in-home services to make Michigan a no-wait state. He presented the Office of Services to the Aging with a token of their appreciation for their outstanding leadership that, for the first time, helped to bring all the aging providers in the state together to have a unified voice.

Director Sederburg thanked them for their willingness to advocate for the funding, through a partnership between OSA and the Coalition.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Mast congratulated Commissioners Zamora, Irby, Schade and himself on being reappointed to the Commission by the Governor, and welcomed Commissioner Matthew Adeyanju.

Commissioner Adeyanju stated he came to the United States from Nigeria 34 years ago. He earned his PhD at the University of Illinois, and then served as a professor for 17 years in Kansas. Then in 2001, he served as a professor and chair for the Department of Social and Public Health in the College of Health Sciences and professions at Ohio University, and in 2012, served as the dean of Ferris State University's College of Health Professions.

The Commissioners introduced themselves and provided a bit of background.

Commissioner Sheehan provided an update on the SAC report, to study baby boomers and the effect that they'll have on services in Michigan. The report was broken down into five aspects: 1) financial; 2) options counseling; 3) caregiving; 4) understanding the positives of aging; and 5) supportive services. The report is in draft form with information from five committees and will be brought together and integrated to a single narrative, which will be brought to the Commission in October.

Commissioner Irby stated the Gatekeeper workgroup has been discussing how to expand the Gatekeeper program, and will bring a report to the Commission on the fall.

Commissioner Mast shared a letter of thanks from Amy Duff, Executive Director of Branch County Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Mast stated the new CSA By-Laws should replace the ones in the manuals.

OSA Director Report

Director Kari Sederburg thanked Laura Newsome and her team for hosting the meeting, thanked Tina Abbate-Marzolf of AAA 1-B for the dinner reception the evening before, and she thanks the Silver Key Coalition for their work and success on OSA's state budget.

Director Sederburg congratulated the commissioners who were reappointed and the newly appointed commissioners, and she thanked Commissioner English for her time served.

Director Sederburg congratulated AAA Regions 4, 1-B, 9 and 10 on national innovation awards they received.

Director Sederburg stated OSA is taking the lead on the LEAN Process Improvement initiative to bring together state government departments and offices who have a role in long term supports and services, to develop a centralized cross-departmental system to streamline the eligibility process with a continuous improvement process that focuses on the individuals being served, for the most effective and efficient way to access the system.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval to Re-Allocate Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) State Funds

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff, requested approval to re-allocate OSA funds originally granted to Bedford Schools RSVP. The Bedford Schools grant ceased on April 1st, so in an effort to avoid leftover funds from lapsing, it is requested that they be reallocated to Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, AAA Region 9, to support their RSVP project.

Additional discuss followed and a motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve the re-allocation of FY 2014 RSVP state funds, as presented. Commissioner Murray-Brown seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Funding Increases

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, stated funding previously intended for branding and marketing strategies was not needed, and requested approval to reallocate this funding to four ADRC grantees to find and enroll additional eligible beneficiaries for the Medicare Part D, Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy program, and the Medicare savings program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve the FY 2014 MIPPA funding increases, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and the motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Federal Volunteer Program Grant Process

Cathy Sharp, is the director of the Detroit office of Corporation for National & Community Service, a federal agency that runs national service programs across the country.

Ms. Sharp provided background information and history on the Senior Corps agency.

With the reauthorization of the Serve America Act in 2009, it stated that eventually Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs would have to compete for their grants. With the reduction in funding and in the difficult decisions Congress made, they had to be better stewards of these Federal funds. Into the third year of competitive bidding, the letter of intent for RSVP programs in Michigan has only select areas competing for the grant funds, and Ms. Sharp asked commissioners to encourage those in their areas to compete for the grant funding. The letters of intent are due August 8, 2014, and applications are due September 9, 2014.

Commissioner Zamora asked since the competition process has changed, what efforts have been made for recruiting potential grantees and those hosting the programs, if there are workshops offered on how to apply, and what the grant review process is?

Ms. Sharp stated when she received the notice of funding availability (NOFA) information, she sent it to OSA, networks, listserves, the Michigan Community Service Commission, and Government Affairs Office sent information to federal representatives and requested it be disseminated to their networks. She also sent it to all of Michigan's existing CNCS award grantees.

There are four webinar opportunities that discuss the grant writing process, as well as training on performance measures at the national level.

The grant review process entails developing peer review panels, and applications are distributed amongst them. There's a rubric on their website that shows what questions were reviewed the prior year. Each grant takes three to four hours to review, and from there, they are graded. Some required clarification questions to give applicants an opportunity to answer questions not fully understood, and based on scores, awards are determined and granted. Review feedback is sent to the applicants after the award process is complete.

Commissioner Murray-Brown asked what the current status of the funding is for the senior programs, and how can the commission best support those applying at the state level.

Ms. Sharp stated she can't say much about the proposed FY 15 budget, but there doesn't seem to be much strong support. The National RSVP and FGP have been advocating, and if the commission is willing to advocate, to please do so.

Commissioner Mast stated the Commission has received a lot of public comments about the senior volunteer and foster grandparent programs, and they sent an advocacy letter to our national congressmen and senators.

Corporation for National & Community Service website is <http://www.nationalservice.gov/>.

Update on State Long Term Care Ombudsman (SLTCO) Request for Proposal (RFP)

Leslie Shanlian, OSA Deputy Director, and Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, were asked to present an update on the SLTCO RFP.

Ms. Middleton provided background, timelines and the SLTCO RFP process.

Additional discussion followed, and it was explained that if no bids are received, or if bids received do not score at the required levels, the SLTCO will remain housed within OSA. The proposed winning bid will be brought before the CSA at the August 15, 2014, meeting for review and approval.

Overview of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Annual Implementation Plans (AIP)

Eric Berke and Dan Doezema, OSA staff, were asked to provide an overview of the AIP process.

Mr. Berke & Mr. Doezema provided handouts and detailed information on the AIP process for the Area Agencies on Aging's FY 2015 area plan presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Newsome invited the Commission to take a tour after the lunch.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ilardo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Mast adjourned the meeting at 12:12 PM.