

**Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) Meeting
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services (BPHASA)
Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS Bureau)**

**Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency
Avery Square Center, 510 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Friday, July 21, 2023**

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Interim Commission Chair Kristie Zamora.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commission roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Welcome

Region 11 – Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP) welcome and overview

Emily DeSalvo, Director of Operations, and Becky McIntyre, QA Specialist and MMAP Regional Coordinator, welcomed the commission and gave an overview of the service area, programs, and challenges.

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency welcome and overview

Joe Nolan, Executive Director; Toni Phillips, Senior Services Director; and Lyndsey Flygare, Elder Empowerment Specialist of United Way, welcomed the commission and gave an overview of the agency, programs and services, and challenges.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Bomberg, Jimmy Bruce, William Bupp, Walid Gammouh, Jennifer Lepard, Guillermo Lopez, Joy Murphy, Michael Pohnl, Dennis Smith and Kristie Zamora

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Nancy Duncan, Cassie Lopez-Jeng, Tene Milton-Ramsey, Bob Schlueter, and Shirley Tuggle

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Cooper, Shanna Hammond, Jen Hunt, Cindy Masterson, and Scott Wamsley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Interim Chair Kristie Zamora requested a motion to approve the CSA meeting agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion; agenda was approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CSA MEETING MINUTES

Interim Chair Kristie Zamora requested a motion to approve the June 16, 2023, CSA meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bomberg and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion; minutes were approved by voice vote.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Interim Chair Kristie Zamora provided the following updates:

- Thanked commissioners and staff for attending and thanked the CLMCAA for hosting the meeting.
- Reminded commissioners that the next two commission meetings in August and September are very important meetings as all 16 Area Agencies on Aging will be presenting their Annual Implementation Plans. She encouraged all to make every effort to be in attendance, noting that we are currently at only 14 members, and a quorum is required at all meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO THE STATE PLAN ON AGING OR ACLS BUREAU PROGRAMS, SERVICES, POLICIES, OR ISSUES IMPACTING OLDER AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Donn Riley, board member for Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency, urged the commission to advocate for all states to work together on a federal level to meet the needs of an aging population (over 65) that is expected to reach approximately 40% of the total population by 2030. He emphasized that the needs are increasing and the Older Americans Act funding and programming is not keeping up with the increase in the older adult population and growing needs.

CSA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Bomberg, Advocacy Committee member, provided an update on the work of the committee:

- Advocacy Committee members - Commissioners Bomberg, Duncan, Lopez, Murphy, and Tuggle. Chair Schlueter; Adam Burck, State Advisory Committee (SAC) member liaison; and Jen Hunt, ACLS Bureau liaison, also attend meetings.
- Reminder that at the last CSA meeting, a motion was made to support advocacy for some changes to the Senior Project Fresh Farmers Market Nutrition Program. After further discussion, the decision was made by the CSA to table this motion to conduct further research and meet with the ACLS Bureau to get more details about the program and related requirements. This was a very informative meeting and the committee thanked the bureau for their input.
- Based on the information received, and upon further Advocacy Committee discussion, a new motion was made by Commissioner Bomberg for the following: “Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging supports efforts to increase utilization of the Senior Project Fresh Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The CSA supports an expansion of the qualified commodities to include nuts, wild rice, and maple syrup, and an increase in the per person allowance from \$50 to \$100 as funding permits. The CSA also supports IT improvements to the program to improve efficiency, flexibility, and utilization.” Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and the motion was approved by voice vote.

BUREAU OF AGING, COMMUNITY LIVING, AND SUPPORTS DIRECTOR REPORT

ACLS Bureau Director, Scott Wamsley, shared the following updates:

- Thanked the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency and UPCAP for hosting the commissioners and staff.
- Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwind updates:
 - For Medicaid programs, June was the first month of restarting eligibility redeterminations that were suspended during the PHE. These included anyone with a June redetermination date from the last three years. Once some of the June and July data has been compiled, updates will be provided to the CSA on how the redeterminations are going.
- The State Plan on Aging was submitted to the Administration for Community Living after approval by the CSA on June 16, 2023. It is currently under review and updates will be provided as they become available.
- The bureau recently renewed the contract with GetSetUp for another year – in Michigan, there have been 1.15 million attendees; 267,000 unique users; and 3,414 classes. Top programs accessed in Michigan are indoor walking and workout, cardio dance, low impact aerobics, Tai Chi, technology, and food and nutrition classes. As a reminder, this program started as a way for older adults to connect socially in safe manner during the pandemic. Michigan was one of the flagship states to contract with GetSetUp and is also one of the largest users of the platform.
- Governor’s State Budget included the following:
 - \$1.2 million included in the FY 2023 supplemental for Senior Project Fresh - work will begin on exploring IT improvements to increase efficiency, flexibility, and utilization of the coupons. Currently, the coupons involve a largely manual process and the IT improvements will help both staff, community partners, and markets that participate in the program.
 - Funding for expansion of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) programs to add to their facilities or add the number of enrollees they can serve. Additionally, this funding will support the work to open a new PACE program in the Alpena area.
 - Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was included in the FY 2023 supplemental. This plan will provide some significant investments into HCBS, which will benefit the aging population. These funds are only available until March of 2025. The commission has received a copy of the plan with details.
- The ACLS Bureau has started to look at how we can better connect with veterans in Michigan to be sure they are aware of aging network programs and the veteran’s programs that are available to older adults.
- We will be hosting a Nutrition and Wellness Summit on September 26, 2023, at the Ralph A. MacMullen Center in Roscommon, MI.
- Guidance was recently released to review the Older Americans Act (OAA) regulations. There will be a public review and comment period and the bureau will send that information to the CSA for their consideration. Comments are required by to be submitted by August 15, 2023.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Cindy Masterson, Director of the Operations & Aging Network Support (OANS) Division, provided information related to ACLS Bureau financial updates.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Request for Approval to Waive the Fiscal Year 2024 Request for Proposal Process for the Carry-out Meal Service Standard

Cindy Masterson, OANS Division Director, provided an overview stating the request is for approval to waive the required RFP process for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to secure nutrition providers for the FY 2024 COM Service Standard.

Due to the ending of the Public Health Emergency and Major Disaster Declaration and the approval of the COM Service Standard in May, AAAs are in the process of assessing their nutrition providers' capacity to continue this service. Approval of this request would allow AAAs to complete their assessments and develop appropriate policies and procedures related to COMs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce to approve the request and Commissioner Lepard seconded the motion. Additional discussion followed and the motion was approved by roll call vote 10-0-0.

b. Request for Approval to Amend Fiscal Year 2023 Senior Volunteer Program (SVP) Grants

Shanna Hammond, SVP Program Manager in the Health Promotion & Active Aging (HPAA) Section, provided an overview stating the request is to amend grant awards for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Senior Companion Program (SCP), and Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) grantees for the agreement period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The funding amounts were originally approved at the September 16, 2022, CSA meeting.

The following programs have requested budget reductions: Family Service Agency of Mid-Michigan - FGP and SCP and the Methodist Children's Home Society - FGP. These programs are rebuilding after the disruptions caused by COVID-19, including re-establishing volunteer service stations and recruiting volunteers. The Human Development Commission has requested a termination of their FGP and RSVP agreements. The agency attributes rising costs and static funding for its decision to discontinue these programs. The funding amendments will support local volunteer program activities and will be expended by September 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruce to approve the request and Commissioner Bupp seconded the motion. Additional discussion followed and the motion was approved by roll call vote 10-0-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Jen Hunt, Technical Assistance & Quality Improvement Section Manager, presented an overview of the Annual Implementation Plans for Area Agencies on Aging that will be presented in August and September for commission approval.

Shanna Hammond, SVP Grant Manager in the HPAA Section, presented an overview of the Senior Volunteer Programs (attached to minutes).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Commission on Services to the Aging meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 633 N. Canal Road, Lansing, MI.

Please note, these meetings are open to the public, and anyone wishing to attend may do so. Those needing assistance should contact Kelly Cooper at cooperk6@michigan.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.

ADJOURN

Interim Commission Chair Zamora adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Working session/lunch followed and Public Hearing began at 1:00 p.m.