

# **MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING**

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA)  
South Grand Tower, Grand Conference Rooms 1K & 1L  
333 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933  
May 18, 2018**

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Wishart called the joint meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. She asked Commissioner Linda Strohl to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COMMISSION ROLL CALL**

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

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, John Briggs, Nancy Duncan, Peter Lichtenberg, Kathleen LaTosch, Donna Murray-Brown, Laura Newsome, Michael Sheehan, Linda Strohl and Kristie Zamora.

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT** (excused)

Joan Ilardo, Harold Mast and Amy Tripp.

### **AASA STAFF PRESENT**

Richard Kline, Scott Wamsley, Shirley Bentsen, Eric Berke, Steve Betterly, Kelly Cooper, Carol Dye, Annette Gamez, Phil Lewis, Wendi Middleton, Becky Payne and Lauren Swanson-Aprill.

### **VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT**

Ryan Cowmeadow, AAAAM Executive Director, Dana Pearson, Gary Hegedus, Gabrielle Dunn, Consuelo Gomez, Terry Dedoes and Joe Funke of Consumers Energy, Iqbal Singh, Bob Servick, Shannon Servick, Kenneth Behme and Mark Houston of DTE, and several other members of the public.

### **APPROVAL OF CSA AGENDA**

Commissioner Wishart requested a motion to approve the CSA agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newsome to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF CSA MINUTES**

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve the April 20, 2018, CSA minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the CSA minutes. Commissioner LaTosch seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **CSA CHAIR REPORT**

Commissioner Wishart welcomed and thanked the CSA for their time, talents and commitment to the work at hand.

Commissioner Wishart stated Older Michiganians Day was a success, and she thanked commissioners who came, staff who assisted, and Director Richard Kline, who presented awards and governor-signed letters to two Senior Citizens of the Year winners.

Commissioner Wishart asked when advocacy issues arise, to please e-mail concerns to Advocacy Committee Chair, Commissioner Murray-Brown, with a copy to Phil Lewis, which will better enable them with communication efforts.

### **SAC Chair Report**

Commissioner Zamora stated the SAC has had several meetings. They continue to be very active in their "Volunteerism For and By Seniors" report, and are getting close to completion.

Commissioner Zamora stated the SAC Application Review Committee, consisting of Commissioners Briggs, Strohl and Wishart, reviewed and reworked the SAC application packet, along with AASA staff, Lauren Swanson-Aprill and Kelly Cooper, and she provided the updated form.

Commissioner Zamora stated the next SAC meeting will be held on June 21, 2018, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel, at which time they'll review the draft volunteerism report and will take into consideration input and feedback.

### **Advocacy Committee Chair Report**

Commissioner Murray-Brown stated the letters related to the budget and Medicaid-related issues on work requirements went out and was a great process that allowed them to go out in real time, noting she appreciated the added input and talents of partnering with the SAC.

### **AASA SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT**

Senior Deputy Director Richard Kline stated he attended an MDHHS leadership meeting with leaders at all levels taking a role in their plan to foster a culture that values diversity, equity and inclusion throughout MDHHS to achieve the highest potential for the diverse communities they serve through training and professional staff development. "Leading in a Crisis" was another topic where they were shown examples of crises, tragedies, and quick, important responses that proved to be effective, noting he'd share the handout from this event with commissioners.

Director Kline noted a book entitled, "*Five Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace*" to assist in recognizing staff, noting Deputy Director Scott Wamsley received well deserved recognition from MDHHS Director Nick Lyon, and his Chief Deputy Director Nancy Vreibel, for his excellence in everything he does.

Director Kline stated he and Mr. Wamsley were on a conference call with 10 other states with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to discuss the fiscal year 2019 budgets and initiatives, including proposals in our state that will affect the aging network's role, while emphasizing changes to managed long term supports and services, as well as state units on aging's involvement in the opioid epidemic. They heard from the ACL undersecretary about the state's federal budget, noting Michigan is in far better shape fiscally compared to other states, with much thanks to immensely effective advocacy efforts.

Director Kline stated when there are communications between AASA staff and the CSA, he's advised staff to keep their supervisor involved to help guide, direct and reprioritize.

Director Kline stated there was a new grant announcement called the Michigan Mobility Challenge. Michigan has passed laws that encourage the development and deployment on connected and automated vehicles (CAV). As public transit and private providers align services, this \$8 million grant's intent is to resolve transportation issues. AASA will be heavily involved and at the table to discuss initial planning, and was asked to submit AAAs, disability networks, and veterans to be considered.

Commissioner Briggs asked if this grant is going to be competitive in nature, by invitation or selective, and Director Kline stated he would find out and return an answer.

Commissioner Strohl asked for additional information on this, and he agreed to send it.

Director Kline stated the MiAIMS software that was developed to assist those in the field is completed and will help to aggregate data to measure efficiency and effectiveness.

Director Kline stated AASA has been selected to participate in a leadership development pilot process with emphasis on improving supervisor's skills and competencies with tools to help sustain staff retention.

Director Kline stated he gave the opening speech for the Mental Health & Aging conference at the Kellogg Center with 450 in attendance; provided remarks for Older Michiganians Day at the Capitol, with thanks to Shirley Bentsen in her role of selecting the two Senior Citizens of the Year; a welcome speech for the Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Day at the House Building; and he attended a centenarian luncheon to celebrate 35 people who turned 100 years of age or better in attendance at Schuler's in Marshall.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Phil Lewis, AASA's public affairs and legislative liaison, provided an overview of the state's budget that continues going through the process as it makes its way to the Governor's desk, with the House and Senate passing their version of the budget.

Mr. Lewis stated there is a \$155-6 million budget surplus derived from the recent consensus revenue estimating conference for this fiscal year, and an additional \$72 million surplus for the next fiscal year. The debate continues on how to allocate the additional revenue, with the Governor and House and Senate Appropriations chairs announcing roads, school safety and paying down debt would take priority.

Mr. Lewis stated the Medicaid Senate Bill 897 legislation received quite a bit of testimony on both sides of this bill, and additional updates will be provided as this moves forward.

Commissioner Duncan asked if there was an analysis from both the House and Senate on this legislation, and she requested a copy. Mr. Lewis agreed to provide that.

The CSA took a break at 10:47 AM and resumed business at 11:05 AM.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, provided a quarterly grant and services expenditure report and update on fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

Mr. Wamsley stated until final budget figures are provided by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), AASA will work with the AAAs to determine expenditures.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **Request for Approval of SAC By-Laws Proposed Changes**

Commissioner Zamora, SAC Chair, thanked Commissioners Briggs, Strohl & Wishart for their review and work on the SAC Bylaws.

Commissioner Zamora highlighted the proposed updates to the SAC Bylaws, including changes so they are aligned with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Commissioner Zamora requested approval of the updated SAC Bylaws, as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strohl to approve the updated SAC Bylaws, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

#### **Review of Intra-State Funding Formula (IFF) & Proposed Next Steps**

Commissioner Sheehan thanked IFF workgroup members consisting of Commissioners Lichtenberg, Adeyanju, Newsome and Briggs, for their work and diligence.

Commissioner Sheehan stated they discussed the IFF, guided by the Older Americans Act (OAA), and they took care to ensure decisions covered all Michigan citizens. They studied summaries of all 50 states and the factors they used, as all had variations in determining their IFFs; some used a rotational basis to aid an increase of funding, which seemed complicated, some used factors for those with limited English; those with disabilities; those living alone; and those who are medically underserved, among many other factors.

After much deliberation and consideration of the most recent information and developments, the IFF committee recommends that the CSA: 1) retain the existing IFF and weights in place; 2) update the formula using the 2012-2016 American Community Survey (every five years) in addition to the 10 year federal census; and 3) phase in the application of the formula percentage shares and related allocations over a two-year period.

Commissioner Murray-Brown requested approval to amend and add to the motion to put out

the IFF workgroup recommendations for a 30-day review and comment period beginning on May 18, 2018, and to implement the IFF in fiscal year 2019, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded this motion.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 voice vote.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Director Kline stated AASA met with the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, and AASA is looking to pilot some innovative programs and ideas around supporting caregivers.

### **National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) Report**

Mr. Wamsley provided a draft NAPIS report and detailed overview, noting he would return once it's finalized with an update.

### **BOLD Council Update**

Wendi Middleton, Director of the Continual Quality Improvement Division, originally known as Program & Partnership Development Division, introduced staff Annette Gamez, Quality Analyst, and Steve Betterly, Quality Specialist.

They provided a PowerPoint and detailed overviews on the BOLD Council and their efforts toward positive process changes with the goal of improving access to services through coordination, integration and streamlining, with the larger goal of creating a system of long term supports and services.

The BOLD Council did 18 difference value stream maps that had 1,800 process steps, 500 barriers, problems and issues, and 722 ideas for improvement. Their intent is to make State programs more effective and efficient by getting rid of waste, saving money, serving more people, and to funnel saved funding back into services and the people who provide them.

Ms. Middleton stated she would provide the PowerPoint presentation to the CSA.

### **Update Previously Approved Grant Funds on Associated Ongoing Activities**

Mr. Wamsley stated the CSA approved tentative funding in the amount of \$1,327,133 for the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), and the final amount awarded was \$1,367,180, a three percent increase over what was originally approved. The CSA had also approved AASA's senior deputy director the authority to adjust the final grant award amount by up to five percent.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Kline recognized Ryan Cowmeadow, the new executive director of the Area Agency on Aging Association of Michigan.

Commissioner Wishart asked for a volunteer to attend the next June 21, 2018, SAC meeting in Lansing, and she encouraged those who hadn't yet, to consider doing so.

Commissioner Wishart asked commissioners to let Carol Dye, CSA Secretary, know about their travel plans for the June and July CSA meetings.

Commissioner Wishart stated the CSA will honor the two 2017 Gatekeepers of the Year Award winners from Consumers Energy and DTE Energy with an awards luncheon and presentations following this meeting.

Commissioner Wishart stated the next CSA meeting will be held on Friday, June 18, 2018, at 9:00 AM at the Conrad Community Center located at 585 N. Main Street in Capac. There will be a public hearing following this meeting.

Commissioner Wishart stated these meetings are open to the public, and anyone wishing to attend may do so, and those needing accommodations to attend should contact Ms. Dye at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner LaTosch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murray-Brown. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 11:58 AM.