

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING**  
**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Aging and Adult Services Agency**  
**Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, The Deltas**  
**7501 W. Saginaw Hwy.; Lansing, MI 48917**  
**May 19, 2017 @ 9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Wishart called the joint meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. . This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commissioner Zamora.

**COMMISSION ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, John Briggs, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Kathleen LaTosch, Harold Mast, Laura Newsome, Margot Roedel, Michael Sheehan, Linda Strohl and Kristie Zamora.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT** (excused)

Peter Lichtenberg, Donna Murray-Brown and Amy Tripp.

**AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT**

Scott Wamsley, Wendi Middleton, Eric Berke, Shirley Bentsen, Carol Dye and Phil Lewis.

**VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT**

Jim McGuire of AAA 1-B, Cindy Lozon of Wayne Community Social Services, Heather Clifford, Karen Hood, Micah Clack, Paul Nicklowitz, Chad Miller, and Terry Dedoes of Consumers Energy, Paul Collins, Noreen Collins and Mary Adamini of Marquette Board of Light & Power, Karen Irby, Rachel Adeyanju, 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 Irby to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sheehan 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 21, 2017 CSA minutes.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **CSA CHAIR REPORT**

Commissioner Wishart stated appointments and reappointments will come at the end of July, and she asked those who wish to reapply, to please submit your application soon.

Commissioner Wishart stated Scott Wamsley will present on behalf of Richard Kline, the AASA Deputy Director Report.

### **AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT**

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, provided AASA updates in Mr. Kline's absence.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Mr. Wamsley provided AASA's Quarterly Grant & Services Expenditures Report, an update on AASA's federal & state funding, and additional discussion followed.

Commissioner Wishart stated if commissioners want to express concerns at the Federal level on heavier congregate meal allocations vs Home Delivered Meal allocations, she asked Mr. Wamsley to provide talking points.

Mr. Wamsley stated Federal requirements allow the transfer of up to 40 percent between Title III-C-1 funds for congregate meals, and Title III C-2 funds for Home Delivered Meals (HDM), and is a congressional allocation process. The State funding is allocated more heavily for HDM, and the rest is appropriated to congregate meals, noting funding can be shifted and transferred however best fulfills the AAA's service needs.

Commissioner Irby stated he would like to see this issue to go to the Advocacy Committee to research how Federal funding can be shifted more towards HDMs.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Phil Lewis, AASA's public affairs and legislative liaison, provided an update on the State's budget, while negotiations continue.

Mr. Lewis provided boilerplate language to implement an MDHHS pilot program in south eastern and western counties and the Upper Peninsula requiring individuals receiving home- and community-based services through the Medicaid fee-for-service program to transition to a long-term service and support program administered by an integrated care organization, while some commissioners expressed opposing views on this.

Mr. Lewis encouraged Commissioners to voice their concerns to their legislators, and will provide additional information and facts to aid in their advocacy efforts.

### **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Wishart read Commissioner Murray-Brown's report, noting Commissioner Newsome joined this committee. They met and agreed to invite Commissioner Trip to share her experience and expertise on critical issues impacting older adults, and to invite Jim McGuire of AAA 1-B to share their Silver Key Coalition legislative agenda. The report also noted Commissioner Sheehan will address how SAC members will be able to interface with the work of the committee soon.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **State Plan Overview, Questions and Comments**

Shirley Bentsen, AASA staff, extended thanks and gratitude on behalf of Gwen Tulk, the Senior Citizen of the Year, for the wonderful honor.

Ms. Bentsen thanked those commissioners who provided comments. She provided a detailed overview on the State Plan, AASA's three-year plan which is a moment in time, and a continual work in progress, noting if circumstances change, such as opportunities that may not have been anticipated, the plan can be adjusted accordingly per federal guidelines.

Eric Berke, Manager for the AASA Field Services and Support Unit, provided answers to questions on transportation, and direct care worker shortage and competitive wage issues.

Commissioner Sheehan stated transportation was addressed in a recent SAC report, but the issue they've found is transportation services need to be regional instead of local, as those needing transportation services across county lines run into difficulties. As well, there's a lack of funding to support all aspects of it.

Additional discussion followed and suggested the aging network should be encouraged to find more opportunities to share best practices on how to make this a reality in all areas.

Commissioner Irby suggested the Department of Transportation Director should be invited to discuss and address transportation issues.

Ms. Bentsen stated AASA's State Plan will return in June for review and final approval.

### **Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF) - Future Direction of Funding Discussion**

Kari Sederburg, MPA, Michigan Health Endowment Fund Senior Program Officer, provided a brief history and overview on the MHEF, as well as two handouts, Healthy Aging RFP Development, and Healthy Aging Grantees, that had projects funded by MHEF.

Ms. Sederburg asked for feedback and thoughts on the current funding categories, what they see may be missing, and what they would love to see for the next funding round.

Commissioner Sheehan suggested transportation and affordable housing as topics.

Ms. Sederburg stated unfortunately they do not fund bricks and mortar, which makes the housing discussion more challenging, but they could fund the supportive services that go into housing. She would encourage other suggestions around housing, outside of development and building of the housing.

Commissioner Ilardo stated co-housing and intergenerational models are something that can be looked at as innovative ways to approach affordable housing, as well as buildings that have been abandoned, such as schools and churches in good locations that could be repurposed, and perhaps a study to look at this type of model as housing options.

Commissioner Irby suggested adult care facilities as a gathering place where those with Dementia and Alzheimer's and their caregivers, can come together, which could work, but is a matter of lack of funding.

Ms. Sederburg requested any additional feedback by the end of the next week.

The CSA took a break at 10:45 a.m., and resumed business at 10:57 a.m.

#### **Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1-B Update**

Mr. Wamsley stated since AASA placed the AAA 1-B on probation, AASA staff has been assisting their staff on federal and state grant requirements. They've been very receptive, committed and engaged in working to return to compliance to remove their probation status.

Jim McGuire of AAA 1-B agreed and supported Mr. Wamsley's report, noting AASA staff have been instrumental in helping them to address and work through challenges they had, and appreciates AASA's assistance as they demonstrate they have adequate staff to fulfill their responsibilities.

#### **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) Orientation - Part 1**

Mr. Berke provided context on AIP's origin, background and highlighted AIP processes on recent updates to the reporting requirements, and the commission requested this outline.

#### **National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) 2016 Fiscal Year Report**

Mr. Wamsley provided the FY16 NAPIS Report and brief overview, a collection of data from the AAAs and service providers to help build information for Federal government reports.

#### **Information on Project with Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI)**

Wendi Middleton, Division Director of the AASA Program and Partnership Development Division, provided background on a project AASA will be working with MPHI on to address nursing home culture change through improving resident quality of life and quality of care.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Wishart stated following this meeting, there will be a luncheon celebration to honor the 2016 Gatekeeper of the Year at this same location.

Commissioner Wishart stated the next CSA meeting is scheduled for at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 16, 2017, at McFarlan Home, 700 E. Kearsley St., in Flint, with a public hearing to follow at 1:00 p.m. at this same location, noting meetings are open to the public. Anyone needing accommodations should contact Carol Dye at least five days prior to the meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sheehan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roedel. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.