

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

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Aging and Adult Services Agency  
Turner Senior Resource Center  
2401 Plymouth Road, Suite C; Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
June 19, 2015 @9:00 AM**

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Mast called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. 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, Sibyl Ellis, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Donna Murray-Brown, Donald Newport, Richard Ortega, Patricia Rencher, Jeffery Schade and Michael Sheehan.

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

Reneé Reid-Smith and Kristie Zamora.

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

Kari Sederburg, Dan Doezema, Carol Dye, Phil Lewis, Laura McMurtry, Wendi Middleton, Sarah Slocum and Scott Wamsley.

### **VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT**

Rachel Dewees, Director, Senior Wellness Program at Turner Senior Resource Center, Scott Roberts, Associate Professor, Department of Health Behavior & Health Education, University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Jill Castro, Aging Coordinator, Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Neil Alexander, Director and Christine Cigolle, MD, Research Scientist, Veterans Affairs Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center, Karen Courneya and Jessica Kirn, Saginaw Co. COA, Jim McGuire and Ryan Cowmeadow of AAA 1-B.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the 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 May 15, 2015, minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to approve the minutes. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Mast thanked Rachel Dewees for hosting the CSA meeting. Ms. Dewees provided a brief welcome and overview of programs housed within the Turner Senior Resource Center that help promote the wellbeing among seniors.

Commissioner Mast also thanked Ryan Cowmeadow for the pre-meeting activities.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Part 1)**

**Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center**

Commissioner Ilardo introduced Dr. Scott Roberts of the University of Michigan's Alzheimer's Disease Center. Dr. Roberts, along with Christine Cigolle, MD, provided an overview and presentation on the Center, who's main focus is on Alzheimer's Disease investigative research, and helping to facilitate research by supporting others conducting dementia research; to provide clinical care and wellness services for those affected by memory loss, and their care partners; and to raise awareness about dementia, and provide education about Alzheimer's Disease.

**Certificate in the Psychology of Aging and Adult Well-being**

Dr. Jill Castro, a clinical psychologist and Assistant Director of Clinical Training and Aging Certificate coordinator at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology, a small non-profit graduate school in Farmington Hills, provided a presentation, handouts and an overview of their program and certificate in the psychology of aging and adult well-being.

**COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**

Commissioner Mast mentioned the elder abuse PREVNT initiative, and encouraged Commissioners to attend the June 30<sup>th</sup> presentation and luncheon.

Commissioner Mast stated he'd like the AIP meetings in August and September to be more meaningful, and will provide more input next month on how to accomplish that.

**AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Sederburg thanked Rachel DeWees for hosting this month's meeting, and to Dr. Castro and Dr. Roberts for their presentations. She thanked Ryan Cowmeadow and Jim McGuire for the Commissioner's activities the evening before the meeting.

Director Sederburg thanked Commissioner Sheehan for running a great SAC meeting the day before, where they honored Council Member Regina Allen, who was selected to be Michigan's representative for 50 Fabulous People in 50 States for 50 years, a national publication that will highlight one person from each state.

Director Sederburg noted Ms. Allen was on the Older Michiganian's Day event planning committee, which drew almost 1,000 people, and she thanked Commissioners Mast and Ilardo for attending.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor signed the budget, and AASA did not receive any cuts, noting enhancements received last year are still included for elder abuse prevention, home and community-based MI Choice waiver, and expansion of the PACE programs.

Director Sederburg announced Jewish Senior Life, an awardee of some of the PREVNT grant funding, created a shelter for older adults who are victims of abuse.

Commissioner Newport requested AASA draft a letter to Jewish Senior Life on behalf of the CSA to thank them for their unique venture in an area that is huge.

Director Sederburg stated the BTBQ training modification project that was presented to the Commission and approved was put out for bid. Two organizations applied and a four-person review committee awarded Chris Curtain Associates this project.

Commissioner Newport asked to add updates on approved grants to help close the loop on any associated, ongoing activities in the Financial Update section in future agendas.

Director Sederburg stated the departmental merger is still being organized, noting five staff members who oversee policies and procedures for adult protective services, home help and independent living services within the Office of Adult Services, have physically moved into our office. Discussions are still ongoing for placement of the Medicaid Long Term Supports and Services, like MI Choice Waiver, PACE and other programs.

Director Sederburg noted the Governor's appointments office requests meeting minutes and tracks attendance records, and considers anyone who calls in as being in attendance.

Director Sederburg stated the White House Conference on Aging is scheduled for Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and attendance was very limited, noting she is on a waiting list should someone cancel. She invited Commissioners to view a live streaming of the conference at AASA.

The Commission took a break from 10:00 to 10:15 AM.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Phil Lewis, AASA's Public Affairs Specialist, provided information on current and ongoing legislation, including the CARE Act and the Governor's final omnibus budget bill.

Director Sederburg stated Mr. Lewis monitors House and Senate committees and will continue to provide current and ongoing policy issues of interest. If additional information is needed, he can provide updates at the meetings should anyone want to advocate on specific issues with their legislators. Commissioner Mast encouraged Commissioners to advocate with their legislators on issues of interest to them

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Scott Wamsley, AASA staff, provided handouts and a summary of AASA's expenditure levels of Older American's Act Federal and State revenues through the second quarter of the current fiscal year.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE®) and Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC®) Training**

Dan Doezema, AASA staff, provided a handout and requested approval to grant funding from the AASA State Escheats Respite funding for service agreements for TCARE Master Trainers Refresher Course; to train 10-16 aging network organization staff to become certified TCARE Assessors; and to train 12-20 aging network organization staff to become PTC Class Leaders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve the FY 2015 TCARE and PTC Training service agreement, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

### **Program Year (PY) 2015-2016 Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Allocations**

Laura McMurtry, AASA staff, requested approval to allocate funding, as authorized under Title V of the Older Americans Act, to community service agencies to provide part-time employment and training opportunities for low-income adults, 55 years of age and older.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve the PY 2015-2016 SCSEP allocations, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

Director Sederburg asked Ms. McMurtry to pull together a map showing where the current positions are, according to where the Department of Labor directs us to do so.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

### **Approval of Revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Senior Volunteer Program (SVP) Grants**

Scott Wamsley, AASA staff, requested approval to revise grant awards in support of a sponsorship transfer from Gerontology Network to Senior Neighbors, Inc. for the Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the revised FY 2015 SVP grants, as presented. Commissioner Murray-Brown seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Part 2)**

### **Veterans Affairs Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center**

Neil Alexander, MD, Director & Christine Cigolle, MD, Research Scientist, provided an overview and handouts on his program, whose main focus is on mobility assessment enhancement and physical activity enhancement based in the home, as well as developing a tele-health program in rural communities. Dr. Alexander noted U of M is one of ten sites participating in a falls injury reduction project funded by the National Institute of Aging and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

### **NAPIS Presentation**

Scott Wamsley, AASA staff, provided the NAPIS statewide report, and Commissioner Mast asked commissioners to review the report and pick out a few items of particular interest to discuss with Mr. Wamsley at the next meeting.

### **Ombudsman Data & Overview**

Sarah Slocum, State Long Term Care Ombudsman Director, provided a presentation and overview of Long Term Care Ombudsman responsibilities.

### **Ombudsman Federal Regulations Overview**

Ms. Slocum provided a presentation and overview of updated Federal regulations slated to go into effect July 1, 2016.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Following today's meeting, a Public Hearing on the Aging and Adult Services Agency to the Aging State Plan will be held at 1:00 PM at this same location.

The next Commission on Services to the Aging meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, July 17, 2015, at Ferris State University at the University Center in Room 202A, located at 805 Campus Drive in Big Rapids. A public hearing on Aging and Adult Services Agency's state plan will be held at that same location at 1:00 PM.

The next State Advisory Council on Aging meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., in Lansing.

### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Commissioner Mast adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM.