

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Adult Services Agency
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy.; Lansing, MI**

August 21, 2015 @9:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commissioner Ortega.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, Michael Burri, Douglas Chalgian, Sibyl Ellis, Kathleen LaTosch, Joan Ilardo, Harold Mast, Donna Murray-Brown, Richard Ortega, Reneé Reid-Smith, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan and Kristi Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Gerald Irby (on the phone).

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Leslie Shanlian, Eric Berke, Steve Betterly, Dan Doezema, Carol Dye, Sherri King, Phil Lewis, Laura McMurtry, Wendi Middleton, Becky Payne, Sarah Slocum and Scott Wamsley.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Mary Ablan, Executive Director of AAAAM, Jon Mead, Executive Director, UPCAP, Region 11 AAA, Paul Bridgewater, President & CEO, Faiz Eshaki, Ann Holmes-Davis and Letty Azar of Detroit AAA, Region 1-A, Julie Wetherby, Executive Director and Margaret O'Malley of Region 2 AAA, Karla Fales, Executive Director and Stacy Wines of Region 3-B AAA, Bob Brown, Executive Director and Nicole Jeffrey of Region 1-C AAA, Tina Abbate-Marzolf, Executive Director and Ann Langford of Region 1-B AAA, Drew Orvosh, Executive Director, Annette Jenske, Stacy Dudewicz and Julia Heilig of Region VII AAA, Bob Clingenpeel and Uneil Smith, RSVP of Community Social Services.

Director Sederburg acknowledged and thanked Commissioners Newport and Rencher for their service, as well as Commissioner Mast for his time as chair, and for his continued service to the CSA, and she wished him well in his new role as Commission Chair of Network 180 in Kent County. She also welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Kathleen LaTosch and Commission Chair Dona Wishart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart requested an amendment to the agenda, and asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Schade seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Wishart requested an amendment to clarify a business item in the minutes, and asked for a motion to approve the amended July 17, 2015, minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to approve the amended minutes. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart welcomed commissioners, staff, AAA members, leaders and service providers, and thanked them for their interest and attendance.

Commissioner Wishart thanked Commissioner Sheehan for agreeing to continue his role as the State Advisory Council on Aging Chair.

Commissioner Wishart stated the legislative and financial updates will remain as standing agenda items going forward.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Sederburg thanked the staff for their time and effort put into the AIPs and the Commissioners for their careful review of the plans.

Director Sederburg stated AASA is still in the process of the merger, and looking at long term supports and services and how they will be arranged in the new department. AASA asked MDHHS Director Lyon for additional time to continue the work of the LEAN process to streamline long term supports, services, policies and systems. The draft recommendations will be presented to the CSA once they are finalized.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA's Public Affairs Specialist, shared information on the road funding bill.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scott Wamsley, AASA staff, provided a financial update, and handout and overview on AASA's quarterly services expenditure report.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging (AAA)/UPCAP Services, Inc., Region 11

Dan Doezema introduced Jonathan Mead, Chief Executive Director of the UP AAA/UPCAP Services, Inc., Region 11, and highlighted their ongoing activities, noting there were no special conditions.

Mr. Doezema requested approval of the FY 2016 AIP for AAA/UPCAP Services, Inc., Region 11.

Mr. Mead provided a brief history, background and current and ongoing efforts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve the FY 2016 AIP for AAA/UPCAP Services, Inc., Region 11, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of FY 2016 AIP for Region 3-B AAA

Steve Betterly introduced Karla Fales, CEO of the Region 3-B AAA, and highlighted their ongoing activities, noting there were no special conditions.

Mr. Betterly requested approval of the FY 2016 AIP for Region 3-B AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid-Smith to approve the FY 2016 AIP for Region 3B AAA, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

Ms. Fales provided a brief history, background and current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of FY 2016 AIP for Region 1-B AAA

Steve Betterly introduced Tina Abbate-Marzolf, Executive Director of the Region 1-B AAA, and highlighted their ongoing activities, noting there were no special conditions.

Mr. Betterly requested approval of the FY 2016 AIP for Region 1-B AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schade to approve the FY 2016 AIP for Region 1-B AAA, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Ms. Abbate-Marzolf provided a brief history, background and current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

The CSA took a break from 11:00 AM to 11:09 AM.

Request for Approval of FY 2016 AIP for The Senior Alliance, Inc., AAA Region 1C

Laura McMurtry introduced Bob Brown, Executive Director of The Senior Alliance, Inc., Region 1-C AAA, and highlighted their ongoing activities, noting there were no special

conditions.

Ms. McMurtry requested approval of the FY 2016 AIP for The Senior Alliance, Inc., AAA Region 1C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve The Senior Alliance, AAA Region 1C, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Mr. Brown provided a brief history, background and current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of FY 2016 AIP for the Detroit AAA, Region 1A

Ms. McMurtry introduced Paul Bridgewater, President and CEO of the Detroit AAA, Region 1-A, and highlighted their ongoing activities, noting there were no special conditions.

Ms. McMurtry requested approval of the FY 2016 AIP for the Detroit AAA, Region 1-A.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray-Brown to approve the FY 2016 AIP for the Detroit AAA Region 1-A, as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion.

Mr. Bridgewater provided a brief history, background and current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

The Commission broke for lunch from 12:03 PM to 1:00 PM.

Request for Approval of FY 2016 AIP for Region 2 AAA

Sherri King introduced Julie Wetherby, Executive Director of the Region 2 AAA, and highlighted their ongoing activities, noting there were no special conditions.

Ms. King requested approval of the FY 2016 AIP for Region 2 AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the FY 2016 AIP for Region 2 AAA, as presented. Commissioner Burri seconded the motion.

Ms. Wetherby provided a brief history, background and current and ongoing efforts.

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

Request for Approval of FY 2016 AIP for Region VII AAA

Eric Berke introduced Andrew Orvosh, Chief Executive Director of the Region VII AAA, and highlighted their ongoing activities, noting there were no special conditions.

Mr. Berke requested approval of the FY 2016 AIP for Region VII AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the FY 2016 AIP for Region VII AAA, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

Mr. Orvosh provided a brief history, background and current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval to Send out Request for Proposals (RFP for the Ombudsman Program)

Commissioner Wishart asked to table this agenda item to a future meeting.

Request for Approval of State Advisory Council (SAC) on Aging Appointments and Recommendation

Commissioner Sheehan thanked Commissioners Ortega, Reid-Smith and Zamora, who joined him to review the SAC applications, noting almost every region will have enough representation that fairly cover all regions. They reviewed four applications and recommended Patricia Rencher to represent Region 1-A and David Caudle to represent Region 5, for a term of three years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid-Smith to approve the SAC appointments, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Sheehan stated a SAC member is switching their residency from Region 1-C to 1-A, and requested to have the region they represent change, but to do so would bump another SAC member from the new region, or there would be too many representing that region, and he asked for guidance and input on his recommendation: If a current SAC member wishes to shift to represent a different region than the one they currently represent, then that person must apply again to be considered as an applicant for the new region.

It was asked if the bylaws would be affected, and Commissioner Sheehan stated not at this time, but the language could be added the next time it comes up for review in three years.

It was stated that if this isn't addressed now, it could set a precedence and would have to be dealt with every time this situation occurred.

It was noted that in the review process, there were two other applicants who were being considered for appointment, and they checked a box denoting they would like to go on a "wait list," so they do have applicants from other regions on waiting lists, as there is more interest in serving on the SAC.

It was decided that Commissioner Sheehan's recommendation is fair and should be handled as such.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Update Previously Approved Funding/Grants on Associated Ongoing Activities

None provided.

History of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman (SLTCO) Program

Sarah Slocum, SLTCO provided a handout and overview on the history and timeline of the SLTCO office, which operates a program of local ombudsmen who provide advocacy to people who live in nursing homes, homes for the aged and adult foster care homes.

Ms. Slocum stated this information is intended to guide the CSA on discussions related to the consideration of making revisions to how the program is structured, and where it should be located, noting a request for approval to send a Request For Proposal (RFP) will come before the CSA soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Wishart stated AASA is working on a new website and asked Commissioners to come prepared for photos to be taken at the next meeting for the website.

Director Sederburg stated she will not be at the next meeting and Leslie Shanlian, AASA Deputy Director, will step in.

The next CSA meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, September 18, 2015, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center located at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., in Lansing. It was noted that this meeting will run longer than usual due to the consideration and approval of nine of the 16 AAA FY 16 AIP presentations and other possible grant allocations. Those needing accommodations to attend meetings should contact Carol Dye at (517) 373-8268 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

The next SAC meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center located at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., in Lansing. Commissioner Wishart asked for a volunteer to attend this meeting to represent the CSA, but no one was readily available, so this request will continue to be worked on.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 2:08 PM.