

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING (CSA) MEETING

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Aging and Adult Services Agency

Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center

500 W Fletcher Street Alpena, MI 49707

9:00 AM, Friday, October 20, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Laurie Sauer, Executive Director of the Region 9 AAA.

CSA ROLL CALL

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

CSA MEMBERS PRESENT

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

CSA MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Peter Lichtenberg, Donna Murray-Brown, Margot Roedel and Amy Tripp.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT

Richard Kline, Scott Wamsley, Dan Doezema, Carol Dye and Phil Lewis.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Lisa Bolen, NEMSCA Executive Director, Yvette Smigelski, Elizabeth Kowalski, Connie McQuarrie, Kelly Robinette, Rebecca Hawks, Heidi Powers, Susan Bowen, Gina Bey, Sara Socia and Laurie Sauer, Executive Director of Region 9 AAA, Mayor of Alpena, Matt Waligora and Alpena City Manager, Greg Sundin, and Merianne Tappan, Oscoda Co. CoA.

Commissioner Wishart asked Alpena Mayor Matt Waligora to address the CSA.

Mr. Waligora welcomed the CSA, introduced Alpena City Manager, Gregg Sundin, and he provided a brief overview on the city and community.

Mr. Sundin welcomed the CSA, and provided a brief overview of the city's role, housing situation and programs related to seniors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart requested a motion to approve the CSA agenda.

Commissioner Wishart noted Sara Socia, representing Region 9 AAA, will present on the topic of "Bullying" funded by the PREVNT grant, under Informational Items, Other.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ilardo 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 September 15, 2017 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the minutes. Commissioner Strohl seconded the motion.

Commissioner Wishart noted on page three of the minutes, the legislative updates work is underway as discussed with Phil Lewis.

Commissioner Wishart requested Tri-County Office on Aging survey results from their Area Implementation Plan be sent to all commissioners.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CSA CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart thanked Commissioners for their time and expertise they bring. She also thanked Laurie Sauer and her associates, as well as local community partners.

Commissioner Wishart stated AASA staff have been working on meeting site comfort and safety, along with cost savings, and noted announcements will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Wishart stated AASA staff Wendi Middleton, and Sally Steiner were recently recognized and received awards for their good work, as well as Commissioner Donna Murray-Brown, who received an award for her great work in advocacy and non-profit efforts.

Commissioner Wishart stated Commissioners' meeting stipends will be reinstated.

Commissioner Wishart thanked the SAC review committee and AASA SAC lead staff, Lauren Swanson-April, noting additional information would follow today.

Commissioner Wishart stated Commissioner Sheehan resigned his position as SAC Chair. To celebrate his accomplishments, she presented him with a signed letter from Governor Snyder in appreciation of his service over the past 15 years, as well as a certificate of thanks and appreciation for his work as SAC Chair on behalf of the CSA, SAC, and AASA.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Kline thanked Laurie Sauer, Heidi Powers and Yvette Smigelski for hosting him during his Region 9 AAA site visit, recognizing they just received their CQA Accreditation, and he thanked them for visiting some of their local programs and providers.

Director Kline gave kudos to the advocacy groups that are forming with the CSA and AAA Association to look at the issues and discuss how AASA can fit into these advocacy efforts.

Director Kline stated he and Mr. Wamsley attended a regional Administration for Community Living meeting, and the big take away was how well Michigan is doing, compared to the 10 other states that were there, in meeting or exceeding initiatives, especially with funding cuts they've had, and with Mr. Wamsley's tracking and monitoring software they wanted to know more about, and discussed the AAA business acumen session that was presented, as well.

Director Kline stated AASA had a staff retreat based on the statewide employee survey, and a lot of ground was covered, and the focus was on communication, transparency in AASA, training and cross-training opportunities, and how the grant process is being handled.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, provided a report and detailed overview of AASA's appropriation history, noting fiscal year 2018 began October 1st.

Commissioner Ilardo asked if it makes sense to compare this information with the growth of the 60 plus population, and Mr. Wamsley said it would, and she requested details to be able to get a per capita view over the past 10 years.

Mr. Wamsley said he would build that data into the next NAPIS report.

Discussion followed on the need for providers and contractors to step up fundraising efforts.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA's Public Affairs Specialist, provided an update on the Federal budget and continuing resolution for fiscal year (FY) 17 levels until December 8th, and will monitor that.

The US House passed a FY 2018 budget, and the US Senate is still working on it.

Mr. Lewis stated President Trump signed an executive order called Promoting Healthcare Choice and Competition, which should not directly impact Medicaid or Medicare, but will impact the healthcare system as a whole.

Mr. Lewis stated US Federal Bill, S.178, Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, is on its way to President Trump for signature and enactment.

Mr. Lewis stated US Senate Bill, Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act, intended to support more than 40 million family caregivers, passed.

Mr. Lewis stated State HB4994 and HB4995 were introduced and will amend the Older Americans Act, and will allow AASA to conduct campaigns related to preventing elder abuse through reporting, and potential ways to mitigate it.

Mr. Lewis provided additional background on other related bills currently in progress.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Ilardo, in Commissioner Murray-Brown's absence, introduced Advocacy Committee members, Commissioners LaTosch, Newsome and Mast, and provided an

overview of their guiding principles, noting they predominantly look at statewide issues, and they look at issues that have tremendous impact on older adults.

Commissioner Ilardo stated they continue to educate themselves through discussions with the public and from within the CSA, with Commissioner Tripp who lent her expertise in detailing some of the issues she sees in her law practice dealing with Medicaid and the issues of strict spend down requirements, and difficulties of those barely over the income threshold not being able to qualify, as well as Waiver issues and elder abuse.

Commissioner Ilardo stated during their last meeting, they talked with Jim McGuire and the Silver Key Coalition, and discussed the No-Wait State issues, and determining what the ask should be of the Legislature.

Commissioner Ilardo talked about whether they could, as a system, identify a dedicated funding stream that could go toward issues like the direct care workforce pay disparities.

Commissioner LaTosch discussed other topics they're considering, like isolation and how to connect with stronger or multiple voices, among other issues they're working to prioritize.

Commissioner Newsome stated the Silver Key would like to replicate their level of success at the Federal Level for Title III-B services, that have had no increase in a number of years.

The CSA took a break at 10:26 AM, and resumed business at 10:38 AM.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Approval of State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) Appointment and Re-Appointment Recommendations

Commissioner Zamora, SAC Chair, thanked Commissioners Briggs, Strohl and Wishart for their thoughtful review of and comments on the SAC applications, and she provided their recommendations for two reappointments and four new appointments to the SAC.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaTosch to approve the SAC appointment and re-appointment recommendations, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded this motion.

This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Request for Approval for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Grant for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration (MIPPA ADRC)

Mr. Wamsley stated AASA received the final federal notice, which resulted in a reduction of grant funds, and he requested approval of the final amounts for four grantees. As well, he requested approval to allow AASA's Senior Deputy Director to adjust the FY 2018 grant by five percent of the grant award, based on program fund availability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newsome to approve the FY 2018 grant for MIPPA ADRC, as presented. Commissioner Briggs seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with an 11-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Strohl asked for an estimated amount of how many fewer people will be reached because of this decrease.

Mr. Wamsley stated he will return to report on the potential impact of reduced service levels.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Grant for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, State Health Insurance Program (MIPPA SHIP) and Area Agency on Aging (MIPPA AAA)

Mr. Wamsley stated AASA received the final federal notice, which resulted in a reduction of grant funds, and he requested approval of the final amounts for the grantee. As well, he requested approval to allow AASA's Senior Deputy Director to adjust the FY 2018 grant by five percent of the grant award, based on program fund availability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve FY 2018 grant MIPPA SHIP and MIPPA AAA, as presented. Commissioner Sheehan seconded this motion.

Commissioner Newsome asked what the impact of receiving almost a \$100,000 less is, and Mr. Wamsley stated he would provide that information.

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

Request for Approval of Creating Confident Caregivers® (CCC) Master Trainer Re-Certification

Mr. Wamsley stated Master Trainers in the CCC program are required to be re-certified every two years, so with the concurrence of the CSA's review panel and Master Trainers having met all requirements, he requested approval to re-certify 13 CCC Master Trainers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve the CCC Master Trainer re-certifications, as presented. Commissioner Newsome seconded this motion.

Commissioner LaTosch commended AASA staff member Sally Steiner, who has worked extensively on the CCC program, noting volunteer Master Trainers go through a rigorous training process, including a multiple choice written test with a hefty essay section.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2016 NAPIS Report Presentation

Mr. Wamsley provided a handout and comprehensive overview on the 2016 NAPIS report.

Presentation on Bullying, Funded by PREVNT Grant

Sara Socia of the Region 9 AAA, provided a PowerPoint and informational presentation on the topic of bullying funded by the PREVNT grant they received from AASA, with the original target audience of long term care facilities, to train staff to identify different types of bullying that could be considered abuse, and what to do about it. This won Region 9 an Innovation in Aging award from the N4A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Wishart stated there will be a public hearing at 1:00 as this same location immediately following lunch.

Commissioner Wishart stated the meeting scheduled for November 17, 2017, has been canceled, noting these meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to attend may do so. Those needing accommodations should contact Carol Dye at (517) 284-0146 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Commissioner Wishart stated the next State Advisory Council meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, and she will attend to represent the CSA, and Commissioner Zamora will chair this meeting.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.