

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING (CSA) MEETING
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA)
Conrad Community Center
585 N. Main St., Capac, MI 48014
June 15, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. She asked Commissioner Peter Lichtenberg 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, Joan Ilardo, Peter Lichtenberg, Kathleen LaTosch, Donna Murray-Brown, Laura Newsome, Michael Sheehan and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Linda Strohl and Amy Tripp.

AASA STAFF PRESENT

Scott Wamsley, Carol Dye and Phil Lewis.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Crawford, Executive Director, St. Clair Council on Aging, Laura Nestle, Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) director and Senior Project FRESH Program Manager, Jason Crawford, FGP Program Assistant, Jeanette Wilamowski, Ken Barker, David Hughes and David Robinson, FGP Volunteers, Katie Wendel, Jim McGuire, Mary Kay Kramer and Autumn Luginberl of Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1-B, Debra Peck, 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 Adeyanju 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 May 18, 2018, CSA minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Duncan to approve the CSA minutes. Commissioner Murray-Brown seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Wishart invited the local Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) members to address the CSA.

Laura Nestle, Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) director and Senior Project FRESH Program Manager, Jason Crawford, FGP Program Assistant, Jeanette Wilamowski, Ken Barker, David Hughes and David Robinson, FGP Volunteers, each shared stories of the kids they provided assistance to, and they thanked the CSA for their continued support.

SAC Chair Report

Commissioner Zamora stated the SAC will meet next week to review their bylaws, elect co-vice chairs, and to continue their work on the volunteerism report.

Commissioner Zamora asked commissioners to begin thinking about charge ideas for the SAC to report on next.

Commissioner Sheehan drafted a list of SAC charges last year and said he would like to hear what the SAC's thoughts are on the possibilities, and Commissioner Wishart requested he send the list to the CSA.

Commissioner Zamora stated they did discuss some SAC charge report options at their last meeting and will revisit them at their next meeting, as well as discuss advocacy efforts.

Advocacy Committee Chair Report

Commissioner Murray-Brown stated they've been active in the last few months advocating for what's best for seniors. The four items they've focused on are transportation, direct care worker wages, elder abuse and exploitation, and the wait list, with SAC members assisting in these efforts, and she welcomed all commissioners to also assist.

CSA CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart reminded commissioners AAA Annual Implementation Plans will be presented in August and September, and these will be longer meetings.

Commissioner Wishart thanked the St. Clair Council on Aging and all involved for their hospitality in hosting the CSA in their beautiful newer building.

Commissioner Wishart stated the governor's office contacted her on CSA appointments and reappointments, and they hope to have notifications out by the end of the month, noting Commissioner Mast resigned because of incompatible office policies and he had to make a decision to either remain on this commission or remain an AAA board member. He is being considered to serve on another commission, and she expressed appreciation of his work that the CSA can continue to build upon.

AASA DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Deputy Director Scott Wamsley stated AASA received a final federal funds award notice, which included increases, noting the state fiscal year 2019 budget is still going through committee, and there's been no word yet on the fiscal year 2019 federal budget.

Mr. Wamsley stated Senior Deputy Director Richard Kline attended the Developmental Disabilities Council recently for a two-day training and shared what he learned related to integration and work AASA can collaborate on with the disability network.

Mr. Wamsley stated MDHHS is piloting a performance evaluation system at the end of the month with managers, and AASA is one of the pilot testers where staff provide management experience, feedback on how they're doing, and expectations.

Mr. Wamsley stated he attend a Leading Age conference, which supports long-term care non-profit providers like PACE, MI Choice Waiver agents and nursing homes, and he presented an overview and update on how AASA operates.

Mr. Wamsley stated auditors are conducting a performance audit on AASA's programs and monitoring programs, noting a financial audit was completed and there were no findings.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA's public affairs and legislative liaison, stated today is Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Day, and the governor put out a proclamation on this, noting AASA worked with MDHHS to put out a news release on recognizing signs of elder abuse.

Mr. Lewis stated last Tuesday was the final session before legislators went out on summer break, and about 150 bills are pending with a few related to seniors and housing, which he will add to the 25-30 bills AASA is tracking, noting he welcomes the CSA's input on any other related bills they may hear about.

Mr. Lewis provided an overview and details of AASA's fiscal year 2018 state budget.

Commissioner Duncan made a motion to send thank you letters to the governor and the Legislature's Appropriations Committees for AASA's increased funding. Commissioner Ilardo seconded this motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Wamsley provided AASA's preliminary Quarterly Grant & Services Expenditures Report and a second quarter update that ended March 31, 2018.

Mr. Wamsley also provided the FY 2017 National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) Expenditures and Appropriations Summary Report and detailed overview, which he will share with the CSA.

The CSA took a break at 10:28 AM and resumed business at 10:48 AM.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Request for Approval of Program Year (PY) 2018-2019 Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Allocations

Mr. Wamsley provided an overview of SCSEP and stated the US Department of Labor has not yet issued final allocations for the PY 2018-2019, and will not until after this meeting, noting the PY begins July 1, 2018. Mr. Wamsley requested approval to allocate funding based on previous year funding levels, and to allow AASA's Senior Deputy Director the

authority to adjust the subgrantee grant awards by up to five percent based of final funding allotments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve the PY 2018-2019 SCSEP allocations, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

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

Request for Approval of Updated Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 – State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (SLTCO) Program Grant Funds

Mr. Wamsley requested approval of updated FY 2018 STLCO Program grant funds to provide full year funding and include FY 2017 carryover funding due to an unfilled position. As well, approval was requested to allow AASA's senior deputy director the authority to adjust the grant funds by up to five percent, based on final project fund availability to the Michigan Advocacy Program for the SLTCO to provide leadership, training and technical assistance to local LTCO and systems advocacy for residents of licensed long-term care facilities.

Commissioner Sheehan made a motion to approve the updated FY 2018 SLTCO program grant funds, as presented. Commission LaTosch seconded this motion.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CSA will hold a public hearing after this meeting at this same location at 1:00 PM.

The next CSA meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, July 20, 2018, at the Alger Parks and Recreation Gymnasium at 413 Maple Street in Munising, with a public hearing to follow this meeting at this location at 1:00 P.M. These meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to attend may do so. Those needing accommodations to attend should contact Carol Dye at (517) 284-0146 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.

The next SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 9:30 A.M. at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy. in Lansing, and she thanked Commissioner Duncan for volunteering to attend this meeting to represent the CSA.

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 Ilardo. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.