

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING (CSA) MEETING

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Adult Services Agency
Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, Deltas
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy.; Lansing, MI
9:00 AM, Friday, August 18, 2017**

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 Mr. Bob Brown, Executive Director of Region VII 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, Peter Lichtenberg, Harold Mast, Donna Murray-Brown, Laura Newsome, Margot Roedel, Linda Strohl, Amy Tripp and Kristi Zamora.

CSA MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Michael Sheehan.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) STAFF PRESENT

Richard Kline, Scott Wamsley, Eric Berke, Phil Lewis, Tari Muniz, Sally Steiner, Steve Betterly, Carol Dye, Sherri King, Laura McMurtry and Becky Payne.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Bob Brown, Executive Director of Region VII AAA, Margaret O'Malley and Julie Wetherby, Executive Director of Region 2 AAA, Faiz Esshaki, Anne Holmes Davis, Charisse Ross and Paul Bridgewater, President and CEO of DAAA Region 1-A, Jason Maciejewski, Kishori Gandhi and Tamera Kiger, Executive Director of Senior Alliance Region 1-C AAA, Pamela Kahanek and Pat Arter of Region IV AAA, Lacey Charboneau and Jackie O'Connor, Executive Director of AAAWM, Region 8 AAA, Yaushica Aubert and Pamela Reid of VAAA Region 5, and a United Methodist Retirement Communities representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart requested a motion to approve the CSA agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adeyanju 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 July 21, 2017 CSA minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CSA CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Wishart thanked commissioners and staff for their time and expertise in reviewing the area agency on aging's area implementation plans. She also thanked the State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) for their Creative Aging report, noting their next report will be on "Volunteerism."

Commissioner Wishart stated the AASA budget has been reviewed, and will allow for the SAC to hold an additional face-to-face in the coming year.

Commissioner Wishart stated they are working on bringing a presentation on transportation from a state level expert to address difficulties and concerns that's been expressed recently.

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY (AASA) ACTING EXEC. DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Kline stated he participated in an event in Ypsilanti titled, The Legislative Coalition for Affordable Housing, and 10 legislators were present, along with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and some AAA Directors. The discussions focused on housing solutions for seniors, and as these meetings continue, he will bring additional information to share.

Director Kline stated the Adult Services MiAMES project has started their pilot and is going well, and is slated to go live across the state on October 23, 2017.

Director Kline stated the AAA directors are going to be adding an advocacy group, which Phil Lewis will serve as a liaison to this effort.

Director Kline stated he and Scott Wamsley are watching the MIChoice Medicaid Waiver plan closely, and they continue to meet and partner with Medicaid folks to be sure AASA is in good understanding of what the needs of this program are, and to support and be involved in this effort.

Director Kline stated he will get Ombudsman and BOLD Council programs update reports.

Director Kline stated Wendi Middleton was a recipient of the Joe D. Sutton Award from Elder Law of Michigan for recognition of her years of work and collaborative efforts.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, provided a report and detailed overview on AASA's grants and services expenditure for the fiscal year's third quarter.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis, AASA's Public Affairs Specialist, provided a National Area Agency on Aging Association handout and overview of current and ongoing legislative and budget issues.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Murray-Brown stated committee members Commissioners Ilardo, Newsome, Mast and LaTosch met. They plan to invite guest speakers to address current and ongoing advocacy issues, and she provided an update on issues they're focusing on, specifically the possibility of the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) funding being eliminated. She discussed a draft letter to the congressional delegation detailing the CSA's support to restore the SHIP funding.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve a draft letter to the congressional delegation of the CSA's support to restore the SHIP funding.

Commissioner Irby requested a motion to send a letter in support of restoring SHIP funding to the congressional delegation, as presented. Commissioner Roedel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mast asked to add that even the 1-800-MEDICARE help line does not provide personalized services like SHIP does, that has served millions of beneficiaries.

This motion was amended to edit the draft letter, and was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Lichtenberg stated 37 states have changed laws regarding elder abuse and there's a lot of good information out there, and asked the advocacy committee to consider adding elder abuse legislation to their agenda, and he would be happy to serve as ad hoc.

Request for Approval of Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) Year Two Funds

Sally Steiner, AASA staff, requested approval to allocate year two ADSSP funding for grantees and consultants to implement the Developing Dementia Dexterity project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve ADSSP year two funds, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded this motion.

This motion was approved with a 14-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Substantive Amendment to the 2017-2019 Multi-Year Plan (MYP) for Region VII Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Sherri King, AASA staff, stated Region VII AAA requested approval of a substantive amendment to add transportation as a direct service in their ten-county area.

Ms. King requested approval of a substantive amendment to the 2017-2019 MYP for Region VII AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strohl to approve a substantive amendment to add transportation as a direct service, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Bob Brown, Region VII AAA executive director, requested the CSA work with MDOT to funnel transportation funding for seniors through the AAAs, as they know the population and can serve them better than bus stops.

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

General Information and Conditions of Approval for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs)

Eric Berke, AASA staff, provided a detailed overview of the general information and requirements of the AIPs, and of the CSA's review and approval process.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region VII Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Sherri King, AASA Field Representative, introduced Bob Brown, Executive Director of the Region VII AAA, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. King requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region VII AAA, and their appendices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Briggs to approve the FY 2018 AIP for Region VII AAA, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Mr. Brown provided a detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

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

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region 2 Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Sherri King, AASA Field Representative, introduced Margaret O'Malley and Julie Wetherby, Executive Director of Region 2 AAA, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. King requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region 2 AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tripp to approve the FY 2018 AIP for Region 2 AAA, as presented. Commissioner Roedel seconded the motion.

Ms. Wetherby provided a detailed overview and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

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

The CSA broke at 10:52 AM, and resumed business at 11:01 AM.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), Region 1A

Laura McMurtry, AASA Field Representative, introduced Paul Bridgewater, President and CEO of DAAA Region 1-A, Faiz Eshaki, CFO and COO, Charisse Ross, Chief Community Service Officer, and Anne Holmes Davis, Director of Planning. Ms. McMurtry provided

handouts and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. McMurtry requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for DAAA, Region 1-A, and their appendices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lichtenberg to approve the FY 2018 AIP for DAAA, Region 1-A, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

Mr. Bridgewater provided a detailed overview and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

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

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for The Senior Alliance, Inc., Region 1C Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Laura McMurtry, AASA Field Representative, introduced Tamara Kiger, Executive Director of Region 1C AAA, Kishori Ghandi, Deputy Director and CFO, and Jason Maciejewski, Chief Information and Planning Officer, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. McMurtry requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for The Senior Alliance, Inc., 1C AAA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve FY 2018 AIP for The Senior Alliance, Inc., 1C AAA, as presented. Commissioner LaTosch seconded the motion.

Ms. Kiger provided a detailed overview and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

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

The CSA broke for lunch at 11:57 AM, and resumed business at 1:00 PM.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region IV Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Eric Berke, AASA Field Representative, introduced Pam Kahane, Community Services Director, and Pat Arter, Senior Volunteer Programs Director of Region IV AAA, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Berke requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region IV AAA, and their appendix.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray-Brown to approve FY 2018 AIP for Region IV AAA, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Ms. Kahane and Ms. Arter provided detailed overviews, and they highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

Additional discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 12-0-1 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. (AAAWM), Region 8

Steve Betterly, AASA Field Representative, introduced Jackie O'Connor, Executive Director of AAWM, Region 8, and Lacey Charboneau, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and he highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Mr. Betterly requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for Region 8 AAA, and their appendix.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mast to approve FY 2018 AIP for Region 8 AAA, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Ms. O'Connor provided a detailed overview, and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

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

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Valley Area Agency on Aging (VAAA), Region 5

Laura McMurtry, AASA Field Representative, introduced Yaushica Aubert, Vice President of Operations for VAAA, Region 5, and Pamela Reid, Planner, and noted there were no outstanding issues, no areas of concern and no special conditions, and she highlighted their current and ongoing activities.

Ms. McMurtry requested approval of FY 2018 AIP for VAAA, Region 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora to approve FY 2018 AIP for VAAA, Region 5, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion.

Ms. Aubert provided a detailed overview and highlighted their current and ongoing efforts.

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

The CSA broke at 2:01 PM, and resumed business at 2:11 PM.

Request for Approval to Reprogram Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Senior Volunteer Program Grants

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, provided a memo detailing the Retired Senior Volunteer, Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs, and of one grantee's inability to expend their funding due to staff shortages, and included a list of grantees who are able to use the reprogrammed funds to support local volunteer program activities.

Mr. Wamsley requested approval to reprogram FY 2017 senior volunteer program grants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve reprogramming FY 2017 senior volunteer programs, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval to Revise Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation & Neglect Today (PREVNT) Grants

Scott Wamsley, AASA Deputy Director, requested approval to reprogram FY 2017 PREVNT funds to Sixty Plus Law Clinic Inc. to support work they initiated to expand the distribution of elder abuse prevention materials in Spanish and with videos, and will partner with Elder Law of Michigan. Mr. Wamsley also requested approval for AASA's Senior Deputy Director to adjust these grants by five percent, based on project fund availability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newsome to revise the FY 2017 PREVNT grants, as presented. Commissioner LaTosch seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

Commissioner Ilardo stated community-based workshops, like PATH, have resource tables and suggested it would be a good idea to coordinate with them to help distribute.

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

Commissioner Zamora requested approval of two new members to the SAC, for an appointment of three-year terms beginning in September 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora to approve the SAC appointment recommendations, as presented. Commissioner Mast seconded the motion.

This motion was unanimously approved with a voice vote.

Informational Items

Commissioner Wishart stated the SAC will meet on Thursday, October 26, 2017, will be a face-to-face meeting, and if anyone wants to attend to represent, to please let her know, or if there are future SAC meetings they'd like to attend. Commissioner Wishart requested the 2017-2018 SAC meeting schedule be shared with the CSA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Mast asked if the CSA could send condolences to Commissioner Briggs in the loss of his son, and everyone agreed to do this, along with a card and contribution, and Carol Dye, CSA Secretary, agreed to handle.

Commissioner Wishart stated the next CSA meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, September 15, 2017, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, in the Deltas conference room, located at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy. in Lansing, with the remaining nine AAA AIP presentations.

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.

Commissioner Wishart stated the next SAC meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at this same location.

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 2:26 PM.