



Older Adult Advisory Committee

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AGENDA

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 3:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Older Adult Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Commissioner Barbara Zinner

LOCATION: Administration Building, One South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance Roll Call
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a) dated June 25, 2024
6. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker related only to issues on the agenda)
7. Presentations
 - a) AgeWays: Update - State and Federal Funding / Julie Lowenthal, Program and Advocacy Specialist
8. Committee Items
 - a) OAAC 2024 Second Quarter Report
 - b) BOC Monthly Updates: July 2024
 - c) OAAC Action Item Tracker
9. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)
10. Comments from Members
11. Adjournment



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DRAFT MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 03:00 PM in the Administration Building, 1 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Attendance Roll Call

Present: Rochelle Fuqua, Jennifer Hammel, Tom Matthews, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Carol Weidenbach, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner

Absent: Betty Bishop, Suzanne Ostosh, Vito Pianello, Philip Randazzo, Carol Thompson, Kathy Western

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Tuesday, June 25, 2024. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Marcia Relyea

Seconded by: Rochelle Fuqua

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Rochelle Fuqua, Jennifer Hammel, Tom Matthews, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Carol Weidenbach, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

5. Approval of Minutes

a) dated May 28, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes dated May 28, 2024. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Jennifer Hammel

Seconded by: Carole Wiseman

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Rochelle Fuqua, Jennifer Hammel, Tom Matthews, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Carol Weidenbach, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None
Abstain - None

6. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker related only to issues on the agenda)

None

7. Presentations

- a) SEMCOG: Macomb County Senior Demographics / Sirisha Uppalapati, Demographic Coordinator, SEMCOG

Motion to receive and file the presentation from SEMCOG regarding Macomb County Senior Demographics. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Barbara VanSyckel
Seconded by: Tom Matthews

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Rochelle Fuqua, Jennifer Hammel, Tom Matthews, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Carol Weidenbach, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner
Nay - None
Abstain - None

8. Committee Items

- a) BOC Monthly Updates: June 2024

b) OAAC Action Item Tracker

Motion to receive and file the BOC Monthly Updates for June 2024 and the OAAC Action Item Tracker. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Barbara VanSyckel
Seconded by: Tom Matthews

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Rochelle Fuqua, Jennifer Hammel, Tom Matthews, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Carol Weidenbach, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner
Nay - None
Abstain - None

9. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)

None

10. Comments from Members

Speakers

Carole Wiseman
Barbara VanSyckel
Carol Weidenbach

Carole Wiseman
Tom Matthews
Kathleen Rubino
Joe Silbernagel

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the June 25, 2024 meeting at 04:21 PM. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Marcia Relyea
Seconded by: Carple Wiseman

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Rochelle Fuqua, Jennifer Hammel, Tom Matthews, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Carol Weidenbach, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner

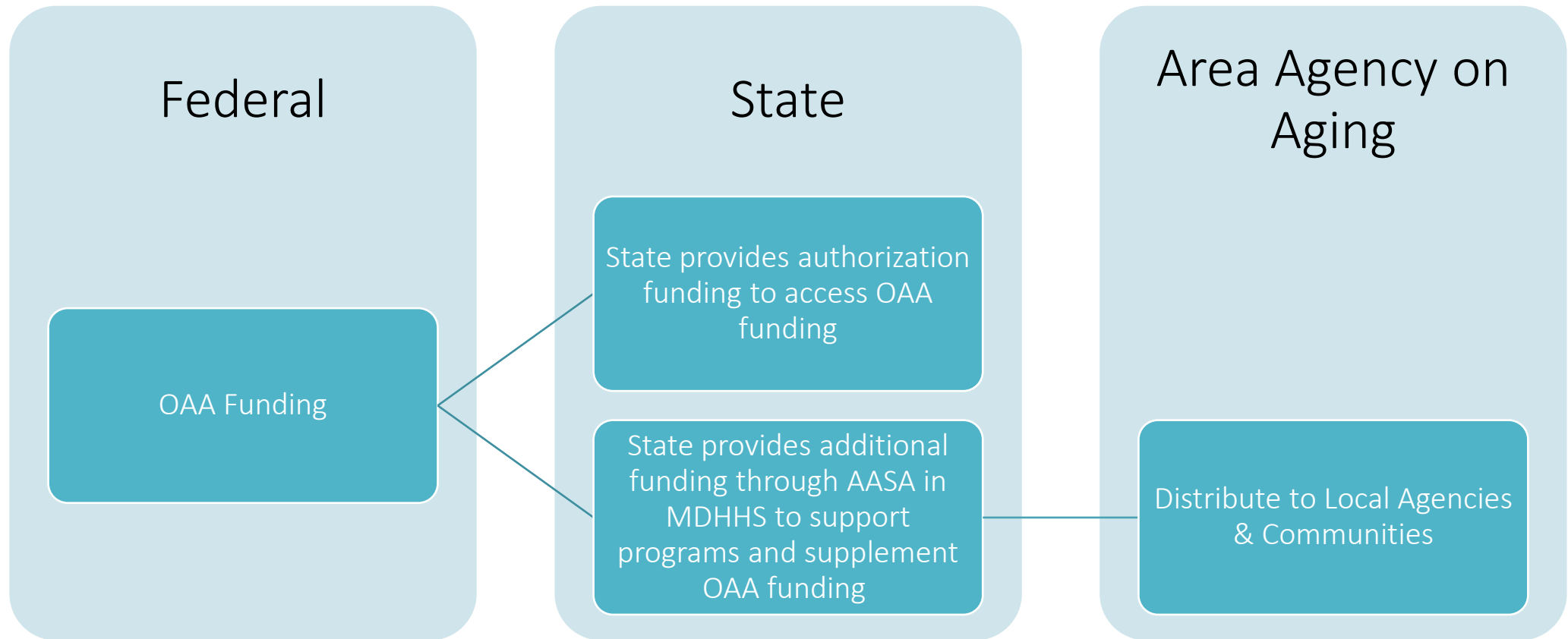
Nay - None

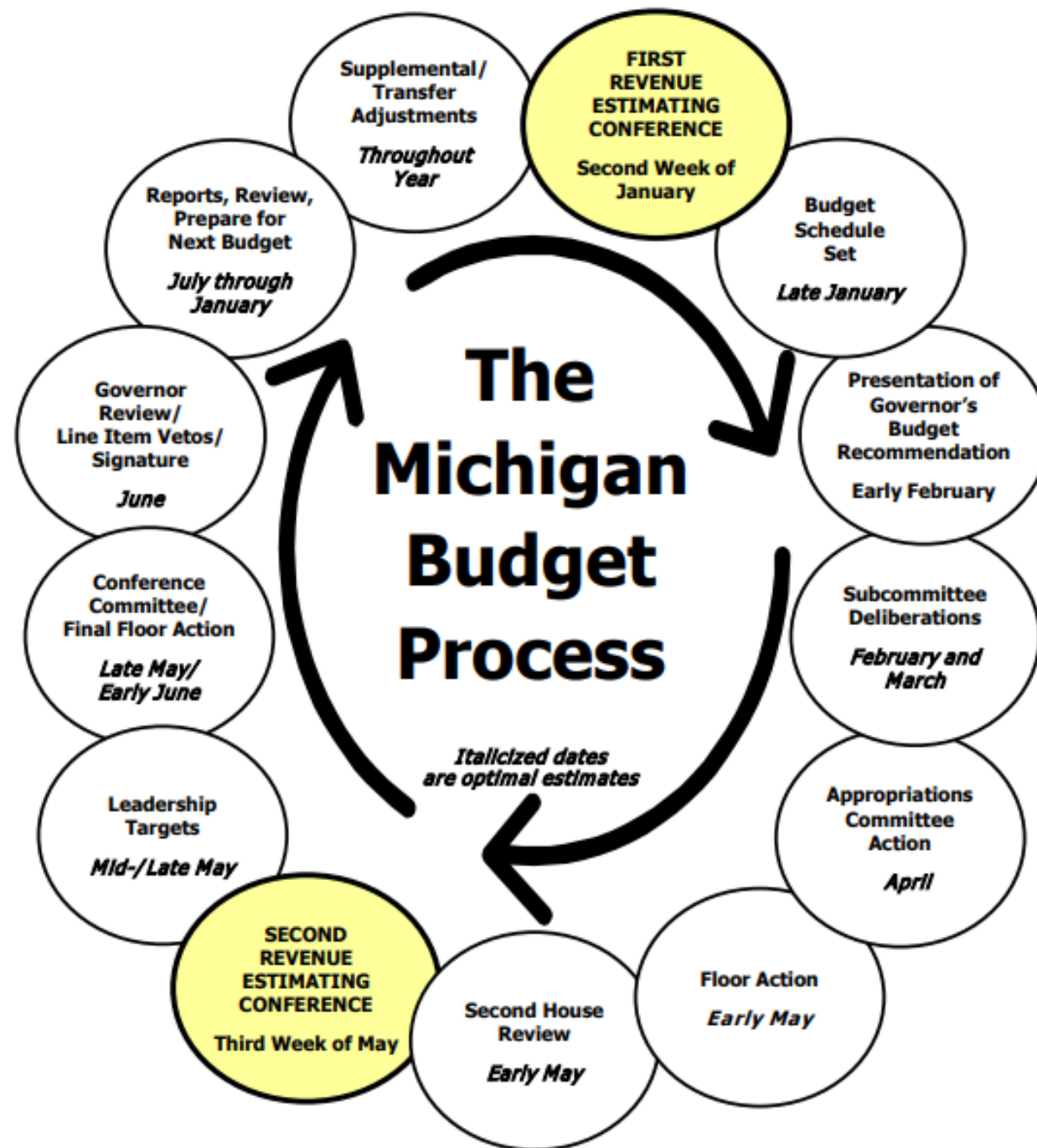
Abstain - None

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2024 Funding for Senior Services: Federal and Michigan State Overview

OAA Funding Flow





Federal Funding for Senior Services

Increases over prior year final funding noted in **BOLD**. Decreases Noted in **RED**.

Older Americans Act and Other Key Aging Programs	FY 2024 Final Bill 3.22.24	FY 2025 President's Budget 3.11.24
III.B: Supportive Services & Centers	410000	410000
III.C1: Congregate Meals	565342	621692
III.C2: Home-Delivered Meals	381342	447692
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	112000	80069
III.D: Preventive Health	26339	26339
III.E: Family Caregivers Support	207000	205000

Health and Aging Services Budget by Program

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	Concurred Budget FY24	FY25	FY24-FY25	% Change 24-25
Commission								
OSA/AASA Administration*	\$ 6,389,200	\$ 7,600,700	\$ 10,904,100	\$ 9,344,100	\$ 9,515,300	\$ 9,629,400	\$ 114,100	1.2%
Community Services	\$ 36,614,400	\$ 39,013,900	\$ 39,013,900	\$ 41,663,900	\$ 55,506,900	\$ 61,047,200	\$ 5,540,300	10.6%
Nutrition Services	\$ 37,244,000	\$ 39,044,000	\$ 39,044,000	\$ 39,044,000	\$ 48,054,200	\$ 50,004,200	\$ 1,950,000	4.2%
Senior Volunteer Programs			\$ 4,465,300	\$ 4,465,300	\$ 4,765,300	\$ 4,765,300	\$ -	0.0%
Employment Assistance	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ -	0.0%
Respite Care	\$ 5,868,700	\$ 5,868,700	\$ 5,868,700	\$ 5,868,700	\$ 6,468,700	\$ 7,268,700	\$ 800,000	12.4%
TOTAL	\$ 94,081,600	\$ 99,492,600	\$ 169,084,500	\$ 103,886,000	\$ 127,810,400	\$ 136,214,800	\$ 8,404,400	6.8%

*Major structural changes limit ability to compare AASA/OSA Admin over time

Michigan FY25 Budget

The final budget was released on 6.27.24.

Ombudsman

- \$3 million expansion of the LTC Ombudsman program was included in the budget.

Direct Care Workforce

- \$.20/hour wage increase for direct care workers was included. It applies to the same workers that were covered by previously appropriated increases (\$10 million GF, \$28.7 million gross).
- \$35 million (GF) was added to replace expiring federal funds supporting previously appropriated federal funding levels for DCW wage increases.

MI Choice

- 4 percent actuarial soundness budget assumption was included for MI Choice.
- MI Choice Structured Family Caregiving (\$5 million gross, \$1.7 million GF) was included.

Nutrition

- \$2 million authorization increase for nutrition.

HCBS

- \$2.2 million authorization increase for HCBS.

Friendly Reassurance

Kinship Caregivers

Family Caregivers

- \$800,000 authorization increase for senior respite services.

Dementia Unit

Senior Grants

Michigan FY25 Budget

ACLS In-Home Services (Silver Key)

PACE

- PACE site expansions were funded in the following locations – Huron Valley, Traverse City, Genesee County, Wayne County and Central MI (\$3.1 million gross, \$1.1 million GF).
- The PACE enrollment cap was raised from 7,553 to 8,543. This is a thirteen percent increase.

Dental

Options Counseling

Other

- Private duty nursing rates were increased by twenty-five percent (\$5.3 million gross, \$2.8 million GF).
- A \$200,000 fitness campaign for seniors was included. This is a one-time appropriation. There is little background information on this appropriation item currently.

Michigan FY25 Budget

ACLS In-Home Services (Silver Key) Cont.

Supporting Family & Informal Caregivers

The FY2024 MDHHS budget includes an appropriation of \$5 million in one-time state (GF) funding for caregiver support activities at Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). No caregiver support funding is included in the FY2025 executive budget.

Supporting Family & Informal Caregivers

The \$5 million appropriation is being deployed by AAAs in several ways:

Outreach, marketing,
and advertising to
caregivers about
available resources.

Staff training.

Staff salaries to support
outreach, education,
and expanded caregiver
support.

Development of focused
website pages, PSAs,
social media posts.

Newsletters, brochures,
other written materials
such as caregiver
resource guides.

Physical Caregiver
Resource Center space.

Developing internal
workflows to better
identify and link
caregivers to resources.

Utilizing licensed
educational materials.

Licensed caregiver
platforms such as
Trualta.

Expanding respite care.

Scholarships for kinship
caregiver activities such
as camps,
extracurricular
activities.

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Supporting Family
& Informal
Caregivers

Support family and informal caregivers by making the current year \$5 million one-time appropriation a permanent part of the AAA funding base in FY2025.

MI Choice

MI Choice is a home and community-based services (HCBS) program focused on supporting Medicaid beneficiaries age 65 and over and persons with a disability age 18 and over in their own homes and local communities.

MI Choice

Current MI Choice rates do not cover current operating costs.

- MI Choice capitated rates, certified by the state actuary, do not reflect recent high inflation and labor costs. An independent actuarial analysis has documented that current year rates are 5-7 percent below what is needed to cover program costs.

The participant asset limit (\$2,000) has not been adjusted since the program began in 1992.

- Increasing the asset limit will improve beneficiary access to MI Choice services. We urge that spend-down coverage, like nursing home spend-down, be extended to MI Choice beneficiaries.

Administrative adjustments to the MI Choice program are long overdue including:

Improved communication between waiver agents and the MDHHS Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS).

Review effectiveness of quality measures.

Impact of high-cost cases on waiver sustainability

Tracking and reporting of the direct care workers wage pass through.

OMD PLATFORM FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

ACTION:

- Urge the Legislature to adequately staff Michigan's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program by appropriating a \$3 million permanent increase in the MDHHS budget to staff 33 new full-time positions.

ACTION:

- Support the Commission on Services to the Aging in continuing to work on avenues to update the Ombudsman Funding Formula with current data and formula factors to distribute increased funds more equitably.

OMD PLATFORM FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

SUPPORT FAMILY AND INFORMAL CAREGIVERS

ACTION:

- Urge policymakers to support a permanent \$5 million appropriation in the FY25 budget distributed to AAAs to support continued development of AAA Caregiver Resource Centers, caregiver educational opportunities, services and supports with a focus on health equity.

ACTION:

- Urge policymakers to pass the Caring for MI Family Tax Credit to provide tax relief of up to \$5,000 per year for family caregivers.

OMD PLATFORM FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

EXPAND ACCESS TO MI CHOICE

ACTION:

- Urge the legislature to support an increase of the participant's asset limit (currently \$2,000) in the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver Program that reflects inflation that has occurred since the current rate was established.

ACTION:

- Urge the legislature to bring equity between HCBS and institutional care by rebalancing Medicaid LTSS funding to at least the national average of 53%.

OMD PLATFORM FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

INCREASE ACCESS TO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

ACTION:

- Support the Silver Key Coalition's request for a \$7 million increase for ACLS in-home services.

ACTION:

- Support the Silver Key Coalition's request to make the \$1 million increase for home delivered meals in ACLS' FY24 budget permanent



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OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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2024 Second Quarter Report

Meetings

- 3 total meetings - April, May, June
- Members also attended a special livestream viewing and discussion of the Older Michiganian's Day Event held in Lansing by the Area Agencies on Aging
 - This advocacy event helped to spotlight critical areas impacting older adults in Michigan while expanding on the proposed Platform for Legislative Action for FY 2024-2025
- Meetings held at the Macomb County Administration Building

Highlights

- Created and adopted a Mission Statement for the OAAC
- Selected Senior Volunteer of the Year, Dick Grabowski, from 13 exceptional volunteer nominations
- Welcomed new At-Large member
 - Kathleen Rubino (St. Clair Shores) was appointed at the April 18, 2024 Full Board meeting by Board Chair Don Brown
- Created an Action Item Tracker for follow up and tracking purposes
 - Updated monthly as a regular committee item
- Received monthly updates from the Board of Commissioners, per Resolution 17-500, 3.D.
- Received OAAC brochures – updated brochures reflecting recent changes are currently in production
- Members participated in Yoga At the Hill

Committee Function

- Relative to its function, as stated in Resolution 17-500, 3.A.2, the OAAC:
 - Received information from the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) regarding senior programming opportunities including group self-guided visits and docent-led tours, free group transportation, Melodies at the Museum and Behind the Seen
 - The Committee is planning a group bus trip which will allow members to spread awareness of these opportunities
 - Received statistical data regarding Macomb County demographics, specific to the senior population, from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

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BOC MONTHLY UPDATES

Per 3.D. from Resolution No. R17-500: Resolution Establishing Macomb County Older Adult Advisory Committee:
The Commission will provide monthly updates to the Committee concerning any Commission actions that may affect senior adult

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION	BENEFITS (WHO AND HOW)	ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS	COMMITTEE	FULL BOARD	STATUS
Budget Amendment: Office of Senior Services - Home Help Adult Day Services Respite Program (\$15,480)	Office of Senior Services has been awarded a contract from Ageways to accept referrals and voucher payments through the State of Michigan's new Caregiver Respite service to attend adult day program.	Participants will be provided a voucher for \$3,000 to attend the adult day program at the private pay (non-subsidized) rate.	Eligible individuals, participants on the Home Help Grant, will benefit from attending an adult day program, will receive vouchers to pay for service.	Premature nursing home placement due to caregiver burnout.	Health & Human Services - 4/9/2024	4/18/2024	Approved
Budget Amendment: Office of Senior Services - Area Agency on Aging 1-B Contractor Agreement Caregiver Meals (\$126,000)	Requesting approval for budget amendment to increase Office of Senior Services 2024 budget in the amount of \$126,000. The Area Agency on Aging 1B has issued a new contract to provide meals to caregivers age 55 and older for the period of January - September 2024.	The Area Agency on Aging 1B has issued a new contract to provide meals to caregivers age 55 and older for the period of January - September 2024. AAA1B has received funding from the Michigan Health Endowment and Ralph C Wilson Foundation to support caregivers in the community.	This is a newly funded service that will provide support to Macomb County caregivers age 55 and older.	Pay full cost for caregiver respite services.	Health & Human Services - 1/22/2024	1/25/2024	Approved
Correspondence - Letter to BOC re: Casual Day	Thank you letter from the Office of Senior Services to the BOC	This correspondence thanked the BOC for the monetary donation of \$164 collected through the BOC's Casual Day Program.	Friendly Caller Program	N/A	N/A	3/21/2024	Correspondence
Secretary of State Update	Presentation by Michigan SOS Jocelyn Benson	Update regarding customer service including self-service stations, mini clinics, mobile offices and elections.	Michigan residents and voters	N/A	N/A	5/16/2024	Presentation
Budget Amendment: AgeWays (Area Agency on Aging 1-B) Nutrition Services (\$213,086)	Requesting approval for a budget amendment to increase funding for the Office of Senior Services - Nutrition Services (Congregate - Dining Senior Style and Home Delivered Meals - Meals on Wheels) in the amount of \$117,984.	This funding will increase the federal funding and requires an increased match. This match requirement will be met with volunteer hours and in-kind donated space; no additional general fund requested.	Increase number of seniors serviced through the Home Injury Control program. Support transition to paperless processes through purchase of technology for increased efficiency.	Purchase at full price from for-profit business	Health & Human Services - 7/15/2024	7/18/2024	Approved

OAAC ACTION ITEM TRACKER

ACTION ITEM	DATE	SUGGESTED BY	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS	NOTES
Presentation by MORE	2/27/2024	Kathy Western	BOC Staff	Completed	Scheduled for the March 26, 2024 OAAC Meeting.
Older Michiganiaan's Day Count	2/27/2024	BOC Staff	BOC Staff	Completed	BOC Staff needs notification by 4/1/2024 of members interested in attending OMD in person in Lansing.
Consider underrepresented area for At-Large Vacancy	2/27/2024	Kathy Western	BOC Board Chair	Completed	St. Clair Shores was identified as a potential area. At-Large member from SCS appointed in April, 2024.
Creation of OAAC Mission Statement	2/27/2024	Barbara Zinner	OAAC Chair/BOC Staff	Completed	Draft Mission Statement was discussed at the February 27, 2024 meeting. Final Mission Statement expected to be adopted at the March 26, 2024 meeting. Mission Statement postponed to the April 23, 2024 meeting. Adopted at the April 23, 2024 meeting and sent as a receive and file to the BOC.
Older Michiganiaan's Day Livestream Viewing Count	3/26/2024	BOC Staff	BOC Staff	Completed	BOC Staff needs notification by 4/29/2024 of members planning to attend the livestream viewing at the BOC Office.
Allow public comment on website specific to OAAC	2/27/2024	Tom Matthews	BOC Staff	Completed	The BOC has a new online tool which will allow the contact form to indicate it is specifically regarding the OAAC. These will be monitored by BOC Staff (Adriana).
OAAC Cards/Handouts	11/28/2024	Don Brown Tom Matthews	BOC Staff	Completed	Brochure has been printed - please let staff know if you'd like some.
Presentation regarding demographics (PED was suggested)	2/27/2024	Joe Silbernagel	BOC Staff	Completed	SEMCOG representative presented at the June 25, 2024 meeting.
Presentation by AgeWays	2/27/2024	Tom Matthews	BOC Staff	Completed	AgeWays representative is presenting at the July 23, 2024 meeting.
Increase social media posts	2/27/2024	Tom Matthews Kathy Western	BOC Staff	Ongoing	BOC Staff (Communications Specialist, Mary Hare) will be doing a monthly post with highlights from that month's meeting.
Creation of OAAC Quarterly Reports	11/28/2024	BOC Staff	BOC Staff	Ongoing	Quarterly Reports will be provided on the agenda the month following the end of each quarter to be approved to forward to the BOC.
Share upcoming OAAC meeting information with local cable stations.	3/26/2024	Tom Matthews	OAAC Members to work with their Commissioner	Ongoing	Staff will continue to share flyers for offsite meetings. OAAC Members are encouraged to meet with their Commissioner in their local communities to learn the best way to get meeting information out. Flyers can be provided as needed.
Support for a Senior Center for the City of Warren	2/27/2024	Suzanne Ostosh	BOC Board Chair	In Progress	Owen Jax has reopened and has begun the reapplication process for Meals on Wheels.
Presentation by OSS	2/27/2024	Kathy Western Marcia Relyea	BOC Staff	In Progress	OSS is on the list to be scheduled for an upcoming meeting.
Prepare questions ahead of time for OSS presentation	3/26/2024	Barbara VanSyckel	Agenda Item	In Progress	Members discussed topics including how to help homebound seniors and also the Friendly Caller program. Staff has not received any further questions/suggestions.