

Ohio Advisory Council for Aging

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021

10:00am to 12:00pm

PRESENT:

Governor's Appointments: Chair Wengerd, Vice Chair Walton, David Bass, Semanthie Brooks, John Corlett, Misty Crosby, Stephanie Garrett, Marian Schuda, Denise Shockley

Ex-Officio Legislative Appointments: Senator Steve Wilson

Ex-Officio Cabinet Agencies: Kris Lintner (ODM), Adreana Tartt (MHAS), Stacy Collins (DODD)

ODA: Director McElroy, Assistant Director Carlson, Ombudsman Pettegrew, Tessie Pollock, Alex Lapso

ABSENT:

Governor's Appointments: Louis Borowicz, Diane Redden, Manish Srivastava

Ex-Officio Legislative Appointments: Senator Craig (excused), Representative Tim Ginter (excused), Representative West (excused)

Ex-Officio Cabinet Agencies: Heidi Turner (JFS), Mark Hamlin (ODH—excused)

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:14am. Chair Wengerd welcomed all to the meeting and provided an update. She also spoke about Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Task Force listening sessions and encouraged members to participate.

Council Procedures

Roll Call

Alex Lapso called the roll and a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Alex Lapso asked that the members review the minutes from the previous meeting. Vice Chair Walton moved to accept the meeting minutes. John Corlett seconded the motion. Without objection the minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting were approved. The approved minutes will be uploaded to the website.

Advisory Council Procedural Updates

Lori provided updates and background on recent advisory council leadership activity and discussions. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair is expected to take place during the first meeting of 2022.

The regular meeting cadence for Calendar Year 2022 will be quarterly:

- February 9
- May 11
- August 10
- November 9

John Corlett made a motion to adopt the 2022 regular meeting schedule. Misty Crosby seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular meeting schedule passed unanimously.

Lori proceeded to discuss the committee structure. Background was provided. There was discussion to combine the Education and Outreach Committee and the Policy Committee. Agreement was expressed to merge the committees, citing similar interests.

Misty Crosby provided an update on the Best Practices Committee. The committee met frequently and had good discussions, but there is a desire to restructure the committee in the interest of efficiency.

Vice Chair Walton made a motion to merge the Policy and Education and Outreach Committees to become the Policy and Advocacy Committee. The motion was seconded by Denise Shockley. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- Director McElroy announced that Dr. John Weigand has joined ODA as the first Medical Director for the department. He also serves as the Medical Director for ODH.
- Jackie DeGenova has joined the department as the new Chief of the Division for Community Living.
- The Director announced current awareness campaigns:
 - December 5-10 is Older Driver Safety Awareness Week. Governor DeWine helped mark the observance with a video message. The Ohio Departments of Aging, Transportation, and Public Safety joined with AAA Ohio to issue a news release with

tips and highlighting web resources for older drivers and families from ODOT and ODA.

- December 5-11 is also National Influenza Vaccination Week, reminding everyone six months and older that there's still time to get a flu vaccine.
- The Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in May 2022 at the Ohio Statehouse. Director McElroy asked the advisory council be engaged in the review of nominations and selection of hall-of-famers.
- The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force is hosting listening sessions across the state.
- Director McElroy provided background on federal stimulus investments that the department has received. Strategic discussions continue to direct federal relief to the Aging network and long-term services and supports continuum.

Legislative Report

Alex Lapso provided a written Legislative Report and reiterated key highlights, specifically the recent consideration and Senate amendments to HB 169. The Senate amendments seek to appropriate \$4.18 billion in federal stimulus funds, with specific investments being directed towards health care providers.

Senator Wilson provided background and additional insights into the Senate's work around appropriating federal stimulus dollars. It was expressed during the discussion that utilization of one-time funds must be used wisely. Senator Wilson asked that the advisory council help to educate his colleagues on the need to appropriate funds to the Aging network long-term care providers.

President Biden's Build Back Better package was discussed. Older Americans Act funding and waiver of ARPA state and local match requirements remains to be negotiated by Congress. It was announced that Director McElroy has been appointed to the ADvancing States Board of Directors.

ARPA Funding Proposals

Director McElroy led the conversation on the department's proposal for additional utilization of one-time ARPA investments. Director McElroy provided background and educated the advisory council on the following proposals:

- CAPABLE (Community Aging in Place – Advancing Better Living for Elders)
- Enhanced Community Living
- Golden Buckeye Connection
- PACE (Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)
- Adult Day Services and Senior Centers
- Villages
- Information Technology Modernization
- Nursing Home Quality Initiative
- Predictive Risk Modeling for Disease Outbreaks
- Referral Bridge
- Elder Justice
- Caregiver Center of Excellence
- State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- R3AP (Regional Rapid Response Assistance Program)

- Pipeline Programs

Advisory council members discussed ways to support the department's proposals. Drafting a letter of support was suggested along with furthering discussions with the legislature. It was asked that a survey be created for advisory council members to prioritize and rank the department's ARPA funding proposals.

Stephanie Garrett moved to adjourn. Misty Crosby seconded the motion. Having no further business, the advisory council meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.