

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING
OHIO ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2019
10AM to 12PM**

PRESENT:

Governor's Appointments: John Corlett, Dr. John Mattox, Marian Schuda, M.D., Phil Walton, Lori Wengerd

Ex-Officio Cabinet Agencies: Patrick Beatty - designee from Ohio Department of Medicaid, Kim Hall, Director - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Joseph Hill – designee from Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Leslie McGee – designee from Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Will McHugh – designee from Ohio Department of Health

ODA: Stacy Browning, Ashley Davis, Dan Fagan, Alex Lapso, Ursel McElroy, Jennifer Stires, Julie Trackler

Welcome

Director McElroy opened the meeting with roll call.

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

Council Briefing

Assistant Director read the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging By-Laws to the group.

- **Article I: Subject** – The name of this organization is the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging created in ORC, Section 173.03.
- **Article II: Purpose** – The purpose of the Council shall be to serve as the official state advisory council on aging for the State of Ohio. In this regard, the Council shall advise and assist the Department of Aging to:
 - Represent the interests of older persons;
 - Conduct public hearings;
 - Develop and implement the State Plan on Aging;
 - Review and comment on the state agency plans, budgets and policies which affect older persons;
 - Develop recommendations for administrative or legislative action;
 - Disseminate information concerning older persons; and
 - Serve as ambassadors for the Department at local organizations and senior centers by visiting, sharing and gathering information and ideas
- **Article III: Membership** – The Ohio Advisory Council for Aging shall consist of twelve (12) members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Only

those members appointed to the Council by the Governor shall have a right to vote on matters before the Council.

Two ex-officio members of the Council shall be members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall be members of two different political parties. Two ex-officio members shall be members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and shall be members of two different political parties. The Directors of the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Disabilities, Health, and the Office of Medical Assistance, or their designees, shall serve as ex-officio members of the Council. An ex-officio representative from any statewide organization representing or working with seniors may be invited to attend. Ex-officio members of the Council shall not have voting powers.

- **Article IV: Committees** – The Council may establish such standing committees as it deems necessary, e.g., Legislative Committee, Nominating Committee.
- **Article V: Meetings** – The Council shall schedule at least six (6) Council meetings annually. While additional meetings may be scheduled at the call of the Chairperson, the Council may hold fewer than six (6) meetings a year depending upon the number of active issues before the Council. Under no circumstances, however, shall the Council hold fewer than two (2) Council meetings annually. Notice of the meetings shall be sent to members ten (10) days in advance of each meeting. Any Council member may petition the Chairperson for an emergency meeting.

Meetings of the Council shall be open to the public. Non-members who wish to speak during a meeting shall notify the chairperson in advance of the meeting.

- **Article VI: Rules of Order** – Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to resolve any procedural conflict in the conduct of the meetings of the Council and its committees.
- **Article VII: Amendments to By-Laws** – These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that the amendment has been submitted, in writing, by an appointed council member at least ten (10) business days in advance of the meeting.

Director McElroy explained the order of the meetings, purpose, and expectations.

Financial Reimbursement

Julie explained that members of the Advisory Council are entitled for reimbursement electronically. ODA will distribute instructions. Parking, mileage, lodging, and other related expenses can be reimbursed. Watch for the email within the next 24 hours.

Ethics Laws

Jen gave an overview to the group on Ethics.

Main Topics

- Why Ohio's Ethics Laws were created
- Application and Intent
- What Ohio's Ethics Law Does
- Conflicts of Interest
- Public Contracts
- Nepotism
- Consequences of Violating the Ethics Law

Legislative Update

Three bills that affects the Department of Aging

- **SB 24** – SB 24 is a bill that was introduced by Senators Steve Wilson and Kenny Yuko to create an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementias Task Force.

Director of Aging serves as chair and Dept. of Health serves as vice-chair of this task force. The Task Force is required to submit a report 18 months after the effective date of the bill. Currently there are 27 members of this task force.

- **HB 213** – HB 213 is a bill that was introduced by Representative Steven Arndt. This bill seeks to make a couple of changes to the Board of Executives Long Term Services and Support (BELTSS).

This board issues temporary nursing homes administrator licenses and nursing home administrator licenses. What this bill seeks to do is also create a voluntary health services executive credential and the bill aligns that Health and Human Services credential with the temporary nursing home administrator licenses and the nursing home administrator licenses.

The board is a standalone board; however, it is housed within the walls of the Department of Aging.

- **HB166** – HB166 is the Operating Budget. Passed the House last week

We also track bills that may not have a direct impact on the department but have a direct impact on the constituency. We track a lot of bills that falls more directly into the Department of Jobs and Family Services area...such as Kinship care related items.

Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act – May 8 the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2020 funding bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS). The bill allocates an approximate 2.3 billion dollars for the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

Department Priorities

- Strengthen Ohio's paid and informal caregiver infrastructure
- Enhance workforce development
- Protect the independence and vitality of older adults through increased abuse and fraud prevention and education
 - Elder abuse and financial exploitation...working with the Dept. of Health, Jobs and Family Services
- Expand options for older adults to access nutritional foods and make healthy choices for better health outcomes
 - Population Health – Focus on food insecurity
 - We spent 50 million dollars on home delivered meals
- Coordinate with partners and stakeholder to address the multiple impacts of the opioid crises on older adults
- Supporting Kinship Care

How the priorities ties into our budget?

- We talked about the alignment efforts with Medicaid; and how we requested funding to enhance our IT system.
- We are focused on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.

- The issue is the program is understaffed – the volunteer base has decreased. At one time, the volunteer based was 500...NOW, we are operating with 208
- A request has been made to increase our budget for the Ombudsman program

We asked for an increase in our Senior Farmers Market so that we can serve all the counties

Lori Wengerd asked about the caregiver infrastructure. Dept of Aging works with JFS; and JFS is one of the strongest connections for where changes can be made.

Director Hall's response – This will be an on-going topic that JFS will focus on. Workgroup development challenges - Figuring out how to be a partner and support with the Department of Health, Mental Health Addiction Services, and Department of Aging. *Partnerships with HHS.*

Discussion: Priority issues of concern to this Council

Ashley and Dan facilitators

- Have a presentation of security... what is the data (John Corlett)
- Food Insecurity
 - SNAP
 - Waiting Lists
- Institutional Care Review
 - Optimization of Medicaid \$
 - (Independence, Healthy)
- Assisted Living – increased dollars (greater and eligible) - Dr. Marian K. Schuda
- Paid workforce challenges (Low Wages) and challenges of workforce development
- Levy study (Supporting those not eligible for Medicaid– Larke Recchie
 - the impact on nursing home placement and long-term care expenditures
 - Inequitable distribution across the state
 - Cost share/sliding scale in levy funded programs
 - Policy implications
 - Nursing facility placements, Medicaid claims data, MN example
- Word matters!
 - Generations, terms refine narrative around
 - Example: Care partner
 - Lori Wengerd – Find other ways to find the different populations of seniors. Talk to different populations.
- Dementia
- Financial exploitation
 - extremely visible and measurable
 - Phil Walton – Senior financial exploitation is a concern (extremely visible and measurable)
- Strong Partnerships (ex. Police) – Lori Wengerd
- Abuse (Global Slope)
 - Trauma, Impact long term health and care
- Suicide among elderly and older adults – increasing and we need to work collaboratively to meet multi-systemic needs
- Multiple traumas experienced by older adults – concern for behavioral healthcare system
- Older adults are resilient, and we need to provide flexibility in standards and rules to support independence

Funding research projects in the next biennium – Any thoughts on funding research projects, please submit to Director McElroy.

Action Items

- Instructions on travel reimbursement will be emailed to the group
- Call for interest in serving as Chair and Vice Chair will be sent to the group
- Study entitled “An Analysis of Senior Tax Levies in Ohio” completed by John Cortlett and The Center for Community Solutions to be sent to council members
- Information from the Government Resource Center – Older Ohioans Health Profile (January 2019) using the Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey data will be sent to council members.
- “The MetLife Study of Elder Financial Abuse” (June 2011) will be sent to council members.
- Agenda and meeting minutes will be received in advance

Agenda items for the next meeting –

- Get a better understand of home care who are enrolled in PASSPORT program (John Mattrox)
- Workforce Development (Mental Health Services)
- Collaboration across organizations
- Income
- School teachers
- Support ways to collaborate with agencies

Director McElroy invited the group to the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame May 30.

Dan Fagan will be the contact person for the Advisory Council.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52a.m.