



*Empowering Elders.
Strengthening Communities.*

Mike DeWine, Governor
Ursel J. McElroy, Director

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING
OHIO ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2019
10AM to 12PM

PRESENT:

Governor's Appointments: Louis Borowicz, Marian Schuda, M.D., Manish Srivastava, M.D., Phil Walton

Ex-Officio Legislative Appointments: Senator Hearcel Craig, Representative Thomas West

Ex-Officio Cabinet Agencies: Patrick Beatty - designee from Ohio Department of Medicaid, Leslie McGee – designee from Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Will McHugh – designee from Ohio Department of Health, Adreana Tartt – designee from Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Ex-Officio Member Representative: Larke Recchie

ODA: Stacy Browning, Dan Fagan, Alex Lapso, Erin Pettegrew, Jennifer Stires, Julie Trackler

Welcome

Roll Call and Introductions –

Assistant Director Trackler opened the meeting with introductions and had everyone introduced themselves around the room. Stacy Browning did the roll call.

Announcements –

The Council of Aging has 12 members appointed by the Governor to be in that role for a term of three years. To this date, there are four vacancies. We are actively searching for future appointees. If there are people you know that have the compassion for older adults, please notify Dan Fagan. Dan will be the lead point of contact for the Advisory Board.

Membership Process – Submit application. Governor's Office will review and approve

John Urbanski has retired and moved to the state of Delaware to do some consulting work.

Advisory Council Member Dr. John Mattox passed away on July 17, 2019. Flowers were sent to the Mattox family.

Old Business

Review of May meeting minutes – No additions or objections were made. A few typographical errors were corrected (page 4: based changed to base and 2 instances of exploration were changed to exploitation)

Dan reviewed the minutes with the group and reminded that the minutes along with the attachments can be found on the share drive <https://aging.sharefile.com>

Follow up/Recap items from May's meeting –

- **Frequency of meetings** – Bylaws state the Council shall schedule a least six (6) Council meetings annually however, the Council should hold no fewer than two (2) meetings annually. The topic of future meetings can be discussed at the next meeting in October.
- **Travel Reimbursement** – Travel Reimbursement instructions can be found on the share drive.
- **Ethics Training** – Jen Stires did an Ethics Training presentation at last meeting. Dan will send an online version link to the share drive for the ones that missed the Ethics training. It will take approximately 30-minutes to complete the online course. Once training is completed, a certificate will be generated. Please forward that certificate to either Jen or Dan.
- Copies of the following were added to the share drive;
 - The MetLife Study of Elder Financial Abuse
 - An Analysis of Senior Tax Levies in Ohio – The Center for Community Solutions
 - Older Ohioan Health Profile – Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey
 - Advisory Council Roster
- Chair and Vice Chair position – Plan is to hold election of Officers at the October 9, 2019 meeting. The below paper ballot will be distributed at the next meeting. *You can nominate yourself.*

Ohio Advisory Council for Aging
Chair and Vice Chair Election Ballot

Nominated	Chair	Vice Chair	Council Member	Nominated	Chair	Vice Chair	Council Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Louis M. Borowicz Delaware County Worthington, OH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. John Corlett Cuyahoga County Cleveland, Ohio
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Diane C. Redden Hamilton County Evendale, OH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Marian K. Schuda, M.D. Franklin County Columbus, OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Denise Ann Shockley Gallia County Gallipolis, OH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Manish Srivastava, M.D. Hamilton County Cincinnati, OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Phil Walton Wood County Perrysburg, OH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Lori Wengerd Franklin County Upper Arlington, OH

- **Director's Priorities** –
 - Strengthen Ohio's paid and informal caregiver infrastructure; enhance workforce development across the continuum.
 - Protect the independence and vitality of older adults through increased abuse and fraud prevention and education.
 - Expand options for older adults to access nutritional foods and make healthy choices for better health outcomes.

- Coordinate with partners and stakeholders to address the multiple impacts of the opioid crisis on older adults.

Council Briefing

Director's Report –

- Budget Process – Thanks to the legislators' support, we are ready to implement some of the initiatives that were approved.
 - The expansion of the Senior Farmers' Market – the current program is only operational in 45 counties
 - Ombudsman Program – to create and expand the capacity at the regional and localize level to get volunteers in place
- Grateful for the support of the existing programs we have;
 - Keeping older adults independent and healthy...living in their home surroundings as long as possible.
 - Quality support in the transition stage of moving from a facility to the community.
- Expansion of systems with Medicaid and our HHS partners.

Legislative Update – Alex Lapso

State Legislation:

Am Sub HB 166 (The SFY 2020-2021 Operating Budget)

<https://www.lsc.ohio.gov/pages/budget/current/CurrentGA.aspx?Budget=MainOperating&ID=MainOperating&Version=contentIN>

- The Department of Aging secured \$19.3 million for FY20 and \$20.8 million for FY 21 in GRF, with an all-funds budget of \$97.7 million for FY20 and \$99.3 million for FY21.
- The GRF appropriations supports proven effective programs administered by the department.
 - This budget provides \$3.7 million to continue to align case management systems for administrative efficiencies, support a single IT system, and house a universal assessment tool for all Ohioans seeking facility and home and community-based services.
 - The budget includes an increase in funding of \$2.7 million over the biennium to expand the capacity of the regional offices to more fully support and advocate for Ohio's vulnerable citizens.
 - We are investing \$2.4 million over the biennium to expand the popular and successful Senior Farmer' Market Nutrition Program statewide and link more older adults with locally grown, fresh fruits and vegetables.

HB 287

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA133-HB-287>

- Introduced by Representatives Russo and Perales and referred to House Health on June 25, 2019.
- Requires Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers reserve a portion of their capacity for spouses and children of military members that transfer to Ohio, if they are receiving such services in another state.

Federal Legislation:

H.R. 2740 (Older Americans Act Reauthorization)

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2740?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+2740%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1>

- Titled the *Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020*.
- Passed the House on June 19 and referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

S. 1536

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1536?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S.+1536%22%5D%7D&s=4&r=1>

- Titled the *Age-Friendly Communities Act of 2019*.
- Introduced on May 16, 2019.
- Amends the Older Americans Act to provide supports for age-friendly communities and generally support healthy aging.

H.R. 3253

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3253?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+3253%22%5D%7D&s=5&r=1>

- Titled the *Sustaining Excellence in Medicaid Act of 2019*.
- Signed into law on August 6, 2019.
- Contains a provision that extends funding for Money Follows the Person Program through FFY 2024.

H.R. 1955

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1955/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+1955%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=6>

- Titled the *Understanding Appropriate Alzheimer's Care Act of 2019*.
- Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means on March 28, 2019.
- Requires CMS to conduct a study on antipsychotic prescribing practices for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease in home and community-based settings under Medicare.

S. 1376

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1376?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22s.+1376%22%5D%7D&s=9&r=1>

- Introduced by Sen. Sherrod Brown and referred to the Committee on Finance on May 8, 2019.
- Titled the *Family First Transition and Support Act of 2019*.
- Supports child welfare and kinship care.
- An identical bill was introduced (H.R. 2702) by Rep. Bass of California and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means on May 14, 2019.

S. 1323

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1323?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22s.+1323%22%5D%7D&s=10&r=1>

- Introduced by Sen. Rob Portman and referred to the Committee on Finance on May 6, 2019.
- Titled the *UNDERSTAND Act*.
- Requires the Secretary of HHS to issue a rule allowing the collection and publication of information related to social determinants of health for Medicaid and CHIP (children's health insurance program) beneficiaries.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Expansion

- **Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Expansion Presentation** – Dan did an overview of the Senior Farmers' Market. Dan will provide a summary that explain Senior Farmers' Market to the group.

New Business

At the Federal level, there were two Acts that passed last year. Both had to do with caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren.

- RAISE Act – Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act
- Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (SGRG) Act.

Both Acts called for the creation of councils to study and submit recommendations to United States Congress so that further action can be taken on both topics.

We submitted 7 people for these councils. 2 out of 7 were chosen to serve (Ohio voices)

Dr. Toni Kleckley, Reynoldsburg, OH

Dr. Toni Kleckley is a 10-year Chaplain licensed and ordained, having obtained her Doctorate in Theology and M.A. in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Toni is a published author and as an entrepreneur, is the founder and Executive Director of Trans4mation Now Inc. and the G.E.M.S. (Grandparents Educating Minds) program. She works as the Faith Community Relations Liaison for a local hospital. Ambassador for (C.O.A.A.C.C.) – Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer American Red Cross, Central Ohio Chapter Spiritual Care Division and, serves on the Board of (O.G.K.C.) Ohio Grandparents Kinship Coalition. Kin Raised: one grandchild.

Patrick Donavan, Zanesville, OH

Mr. Donavan holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and started his career in adult and child protective services in 2002 and transitioned to the role of Kinship Navigator in 2004. He currently supervises both the kinship and Adult Protective Services units at the Muskingum County Adult and Child Protective Services. Mr. Donavan is past president of the Ohio Grandparent-Kinship Coalition and currently serves on the board of directors.

Meeting in Washington, DC - The first meetings of the advisory councils established by the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act and the Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (SGRG) Act will be held on August 28 - 29 at the Holiday Inn—Washington Capitol, located at 550 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. The meetings will be open to the public (registration required) and will be live streamed.

At the State level SB 158 became effective March 2019. Senator Steve Wilson was the primary sponsor of the legislation. It is designed to develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation, to modify the membership of the elder abuse commission, and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. This legislation creates the expectation that the Ohio Dept. of Aging, Ohio Dept. of Commerce, Ohio Jobs and Family Services, and Ohio Attorney General, along with banking and security experts develops best practices and recommendations that are due to the General Assembly and Governor by December 1, 2019.

The four prongs are:

- The creation of best practices and standards to help combat elder fraud and financial exploitation
- Creation and implementation of education-based programs

- Services that are available to older adults
- Creation of the report of best practices and standards that will be submitted by December 1, 2019

Action Items to review

- More information on the Ohio HOME Choice Program
- Looking for members of Southeast Ohio and Appalachia to serve on Advisory Council
- Dan will be sending SharePoint login instructions and the Federal poverty level charts that are used to determine eligibility for the Senior Farmers' Market programs.
- News Release for the Advisory Councils to support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and the two experts that were identified
- Provide a map of the AAAs that includes the breakdowns by counties and include this in a standing manual/book for Council members
- SB 158 electronically
- For future Advisory meetings...Rep. Thomas West would like a summary list of the Bills discussed to accompany Legislative updates

Next Meeting, October 9, 2019 - Possible EMA Building Tour (towards the end of the meeting).

Meeting adjourned at 11:50a.m.