

Ohio Advisory Council for Aging

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2022

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 Craig

Ex-Officio Cabinet Agencies: Kris Lintner (ODM), Adreana Tartt (MHAS), Stacy Collins (DODD), Heidi Turner (JFS), Mark Hamlin (ODH)

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

ABSENT:

Governor's Appointments: Diane Redden

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

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am. Chair Wengerd welcomed all to the meeting. The Chair expressed appreciation and eagerness for the advisory council moving forward.

Director McElroy spoke and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Director thanked everyone and addressed expectations. The approval of the bylaws and leadership elections will occur

during a special, upcoming meeting. Alex Lapso will survey members to determine the best date for the special meeting. Alex will also share information about the nominations process and commenting period for the draft bylaws.

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. John Corlett moved to accept the meeting minutes. Misty Crosby seconded the motion. Without objection the minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved. The approved minutes will be uploaded to the website.

Review of Amended Bylaws

Background on the draft amended bylaws were provided. The new draft aligns with federal and state law and clarifies the role of the advisory council and its members. Members will have an opportunity to comment on the bylaws. An updated version of the bylaws will be shared prior to the special meeting for final review and consideration. Alex Lapso is the point of contact.

PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Presentation

Assistant Director Carlson introduced Dr. Applebaum from Miami Scripps Gerontology Center. The Assistant Director indicated PACE is a priority and that the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) American Rescue Plan Act Plan submitted by the state for federal approval contains a \$50 million proposal to expand PACE.

Dr. Applebaum provided a presentation on Ohio's HCBS and long-term care services and supports environment with an emphasis on PACE and its benefits.

Robust dialogue occurred during Dr. Applebaum's presentation:

- Reinforcing the importance of healthy living and healthy aging. The longer we live, we experience increased disability rates as we age.
- Nursing home industry has been significantly impacted during the pandemic—higher costs due to COVID-19 and lower census. While the industry has been helped tremendously with CARES Act funding the worker shortage has never been worse.
- According to the worker shortage dashboard, Ohio nursing homes have consistently reported over 40% shortages.
- Huge impacts with families involved in home and facility-based care.
- Planning for long-term care is a huge gap; people do not feel like they need to plan.
- The area agencies on aging's Front Door are critical for PACE program.
- Adult day services are a main delivery service of PACE.
- Individuals receiving PACE services require "intense intervention."
- There have been successful rural PACE sites—using satellite sites supports economy of scale.
- Medicaid stigmas in Appalachia were discussed. We generally see less enrollment in HCBS in those counties/region.

- Although PACE is a managed care-based model, traditional managed care is not structured in a way that supports those with greatest healthcare needs. PACE is designed to support those who live in the community and require intense intervention.
- Research/reading/key publications to review: HHS study on PACE, Center for Community Solutions PACE review.

Dr. Applebaum addressed questions and comments from advisory council members.

Adjourn

Alex Lapso asked for a motion to adjourn. John Corlett moved to adjourn. Stephanie Garrett seconded the motion. Hearing no objection, nor further business before the advisor council, the meeting adjourned at 11:59am.