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## SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes Dated 03-19-09 (previously distributed)
5. Public Participation
6. Report from Area Agency on Aging 1-B (mailed)
7. Report from Sandy Hann, Supervisor of Senior Services Resource Advocacy Program (mailed)
- ~~8. Approve Elimination of One Vacant Full Time Victim Liaison Position (mailed)~~  
*4/23: removed from agenda by Chair Rocca*
9. Senior Services Department Director's Report (mailed)
10. New Business
11. Public Participation
12. Adjournment

**MEMBERS:** Rocca-Chair, Moceri-Vice Chair, Brown, Rengert, Vosburg, Brdak, Camphous-Peterson, Torrice, Kepler and Gielegem (ex-officio)

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FULL BOARD MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION receive and file report from AAA1-B representative.

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INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Sue Rocca, Chair, Senior Services Committee.

PRESENTED BY: Representative of AAA 1-B

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# **RECYCLABLE PAPER**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FULL BOARD MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: to receive and file report from Sandy Hann, Supervisor of Senior Services Resource Advocacy Program.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Susan Rocca, Chair, Senior Services Committee.

PRESENTED BY: Angela Willis, Director

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**Michigan Tax Credits for 2008  
From January 26, 2009 thru April 1, 2009**

<b>Center Line</b>			
48015	HS: \$ 14,915	HHC: \$ 6,906	141 individuals
<b>Clinton Twp.</b>			
48035	HS: \$ 138	HHC: \$ 174	2 individuals
48036	HS: \$ 596	HHC: \$ 1,480	22 individuals
48038	HS: \$ 3,090	HHC: \$ 1,800	39 individuals
<b>Eastpointe</b>			
48021	HS \$ 0	HHC: \$ 1,911	36 individuals
<b>Fraser</b>			
48026	HS: \$ 1,419	HHC: \$ 4,505	40 individuals
<b>Harrison Twp.</b>			
48045	HS: \$ 527	HHC: \$ 3,270	55 individuals
<b>Mt. Clemens</b>			
48043	HS: \$ 5,307	HHC: \$ 4,565	70 individuals
<b>Richmond</b>			
48062	HS: \$ 0	HHC: \$ 168	1 individual
<b>Roseville</b>			
48066	HS: \$ 0	HHC: \$ 346	4 individuals
<b>St. Clair Shores</b>			
48080	HS: \$ 3,600	HHC: \$ 2,766	58 individuals
48082	HS: \$ 2,178	HHC: \$ 0	2 individuals

**Shelby Twp.**

48316	HS: \$ 1,200	HHC: \$ 168	2 individuals
48317	HS: \$ 491	HHC: \$ 120	2 individuals

**Sterling Heights**

48310	HS: \$ 701	HHC: \$ 274	2 individuals
48312	HS: \$ 0	HHC: \$ 1,444	27 individuals
48313	HS: \$ 759	HHC: \$ 1,773	41 individuals

**Warren**

48088	HS: \$ 6,000	HHC: \$ 0	1 individual
48089	HS: \$ 2,099	HHC: \$ 381	8 individuals
48091	HS: \$ 1,200	HHC: \$ 2,292	29 individuals
48092	HS: \$ 0	HHC: \$ 804	18 individuals
48093	HS: \$ 1,455	HHC: \$ 1,879	27 individuals

**Washington Twp.**

48094	HS: \$ 2,400	HHC: \$ 127	2 individuals
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**Totals**

HS: \$ 48,075

HHC: \$ 37,153

629 individuals

HS is the Homestead Tax Credit. This gives seniors money back on their rent and property taxes. Four seniors were able to back file their Homestead Tax Credit which saved them from foreclosure due to back property taxes.

HHC is the Home Heating Credit. This voucher assists seniors with money they can pay their heating bill with. Additionally, we explain to the senior to inform their worker through Department of Human Services so they can get the maximum amount of money for Food Stamps. Without filing the Home Heating Credit, the senior only receives \$ 14.00 in Food Stamps.

Three Resource Advocates assessed 629 individuals in Macomb County in two months just for the Michigan Tax Credits.

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

*4/23: This item was removed from the agenda by Chair Rocca.*

RESOLUTION: to eliminate one vacant full time Victim Liaison position.

(Forward to Personnel Committee).

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INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Susan Rocca, Chair, Senior Services Committee.

PRESENTED BY: Angela Willis, Director of Senior Services

**HISTORY:**

<b>April 13, 2009:</b>	Victim Liaison transferred to Prosecuting Attorney's Office
<b>2009 Budget Savings:</b>	\$ 18,270.98 (Salary and fringe benefits)
<b>2010 Budget Savings</b>	\$47,775.00

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: receive and file report from Director.

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INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Susan Rocca, Chair, Senior Services Committee.

PRESENTED BY: Angela Willis, Director

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**MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES**  
**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**April 23, 2009**

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**Department Position Status:**

- **1 FT Resource Advocate:** 3/31/2009 – Resigned from position. 20 week waiting period to fill position. 10% grant funding through AAA 1-B.
- **1 FT Victim Liaison:** 4/13/2009 – Transferred to Prosecuting Attorney's Office. 100% funding through County General Fund. Position is on hold pending outcome of RFP through AAA 1-B.
- **1 PT Temporary Counselor:** 4/14/2009 – A temporary counselor has been hired to assist with the client counseling load due to there being only one PT Counselor for the Counseling Department. There is currently one FT and one PT Counselor positions vacant.
- **1 PT Kinship Care Coordinator:** Interviews are being scheduled.

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**Trends:**

**Legal Assistance Program:** financial issues: garnishment, foreclosure - seniors being squeezed at both ends with higher costs and relatively stagnant income.

**Information & Referral:** Yard and lawn service, dental, prescriptions, help-for-hire, job loss which is causing loss of home- they need somewhere to live, no insurance (ALL ages). Access to food – (Point of interest – Senior Services has the only two Certified Information and Referral Specialist for Aging).

**Resource Advocacy:** Foreclosures and how the President Obama's stimulus package can help them.

- Documented Homestead Credits: \$48,034.83 and \$37,153 in Home Heating Credits representing approx. 629 clients

Adult Day Services Health updates

Status of Prescription Resource Network Program

Status of Project Fresh: \$1,385 in donations received to date

**NOTE:** Census population projections indicate Michigan's 60+ population will grow 57.9% from 2005 to 2030, while the national 60+ population will increase by 83.3%.

Status of phone calls: 3,588 calls from 3/20/09 to 4/20/09 (20 working days).

California: 6 calls

Colorado: 2 calls

Florida: 5 calls

Centerline	160 calls
Detroit	140 calls
Clinton Twp / Mt. Clemens	751 calls
East Pointe / Roseville	479 calls
Utica	140 calls
Warren	299 calls

**Save the Date:**

- 4/23/09: Shred It and RX Disposal 9am to 10am: VerKuilen Bldg. parking lot
- 4/30/09: Crime Victim Seminar: 8:30am – 2pm: MISD, Clinton Twp (attendance is full)
- 5/17/09: Distribution of Project Fresh coupons
- 5/19/09: Happy Birthday 65: 5pm – 7pm: VerKuilen Bldg. Auditorium
- 5/29/09: Local Senior Rally: Warren
- 6/17/09: Senior Fun Festival 10am – 3:30pm: Gibraltar Trade Center, Mt. Clemens
- 6/24/09: Older Michigianian's Day, Lansing
- 8/12/09: Safe, Sound and Secure Conference, Vintage House, Fraser

Status of Older Michigianian's Day ; 2009 (handout)

May is Older Americans month – Board Resolution to honor the 139,000 seniors who live in and support our County and have contributed to the success of this County.

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# SAVE THE DATE!

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## Coming Soon... 2009 Older Michiganian Rally Near You!

- Livingston County: Friday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital  
620 Byron Rd., Howell
- Macomb County: Friday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Ukrainian Cultural Center  
26601 Ryan Rd., Warren
- Monroe County: Friday, June 12, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Monroe Senior Center  
15275 S. Dixie, Monroe
- Oakland County: Monday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Executive Office Building  
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
- St. Clair County: Friday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Council on Aging, Inc.  
600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron
- Washtenaw County: Monday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
St. Joe Senior Health Bldg., lower level  
5361 McCauley Drive, Ypsilanti

For more information contact:

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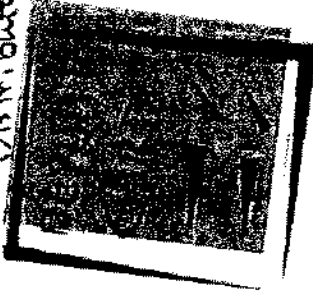
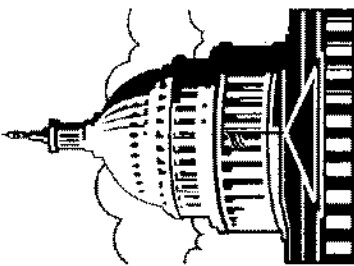
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# OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY 2009 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

A special thanks to legislators who worked diligently on strategies identified in the 2008 Older Michiganians Day platform.



## Suggestions for 2009 Legislative Session

### Subject

### Outcome

Increase Medicaid and state-funded home and community based long-term care	The final budget bill (SB1094) passed with a \$35 million increase for MI Choice care	Over 4,000 people still are on the MI Choice wait list; additional resources will help reduce or eliminate the wait time and prevent premature institutionalization
Cost of living funding increase for Older Michiganians Act programs	First increase in Care Management in 9 years	Home delivered meals, which has had no increase for 10 years, and in-home services are among the services which absolutely must be addressed
Work with Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to change eligibility rules allowing MI Choice consumers to qualify for Section 8 Rental Assistance vouchers	Eligibility rules were changed in July 2008 to reflect a higher income allowance, thereby allowing MI Choice consumers to qualify for Section 8 Rental Assistance vouchers	None
Support continuation for Single Points of Entry (SPE), with increased coordination, quality, timeliness, and efficiency	Legislature approved continuation of funding for SPEs in FY 2009	Reduce duplication and improve coordination with aging and disability networks
Allow MSHDA and local public housing authorities to give priority status to persons transitioning from the nursing home back into the community	MSHDA gave priority status to nursing home residents for Housing Assistance Recovery Program (HARP) vouchers; transitions still are not a priority for Section 8 vouchers; each local housing authority decides its own priorities	MSHDA should give priority status for Section 8 vouchers and urge local housing authorities to make nursing home transitions a priority.

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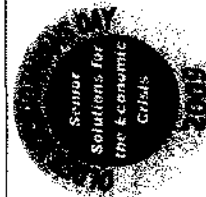
## Suggestions for 2009 Legislative Session

### Outcome

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Support estate preservation	SB627 died in the Senate committee; the Federal government rejected Michigan's estate recovery plan	Adopt legislation that includes estate preservation as an alternative to estate recovery
Support the expansion of evidence-based programs for older adults (Healthy MI Fund)	No reductions or increases for Healthy MI Fund	More funding is needed for health prevention programs that have a direct impact on many of the Critical Health Indicators
Increase funding for programs that help family caregivers	No increases for caregiver-specific programs for non-Medicaid populations, although MI Choice offers many services that assist caregivers both directly and indirectly	Additional funding is needed to support more caregiver-specific programs available to non-Medicaid populations
Roll up or create a single line item for all long term care programs	Final budget bill (SB1094) passed without long term care line item roll-up	Initiate a single line item for Medicaid long term care and require an appropriations report on a quarterly basis to assure money follows the person
Create tax incentives for purchasing long term care insurance policies	HB 4776 would have created the 'long term health care savings account act' and was tie-barred to HB 4777; bills died in House Committee	Revisit the issue
Support the 'Healthcare for Michigan' ballot proposal	Proposal did not receive enough signatures to get on the November 2008 ballot	None
Support provision of the House Elder Abuse package of bills	Elder Abuse Task Force-recommended bills passed by the House died in Senate Committee	A bi-partisan, bi-cameral effort is needed to take up the recommendations set forth by the Elder Abuse Task Force and make legislative provisions to protect Michigan's vulnerable citizens

**X Needs Improvement**



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