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Michigan Commission on Services for the Aging planning listening sessions around the state

Next meeting is Friday, May 20 in Luce County

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Commission on Services for the Aging is seeking input from the public at four upcoming listening sessions – the first of which is in Luce County on Friday, May 20.

Dates and details for other sessions will be announced at later dates in Bad Axe, Rochester and Manistee. The commission earlier made visits to Grand Rapids and Lansing.

The commission, a 15-member governor-appointed body, advises the governor, Legislature and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) on matters relating to policies and programs for older adults in Michigan.

Each year the Commission on Services for the Aging hosts listening sessions in different areas of the state to give older adults the opportunity to share feedback about issues impacting their lives.

On May 20, the public is welcome to attend the commission's business meeting at 9 a.m. at the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency, 207 Newberry Ave., in Newberry. The listening session will begin at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to address the commission will be asked to register upon arrival. Each speaker is asked to limit comments to 3-5 minutes.

"MDHHS and the commission are dedicated to helping older adults live in the setting of their choice for as long as possible while complementing the care provided by their family and friends. It's critical to hear what types of services older adults and their loved ones believe are important to them," said Scott Wamsley, director of the MDHHS Bureau of Aging, Community Living and Supports.

Anyone needing accommodations to attend may contact Kelly Cooper at 517-214-1618 or CooperK6@michigan.gov.