

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee  
February 4, 2011 8:00 a.m.  
Calhoun County Building  
Lower Level Planning Conference Room**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Vice Chair, Jill Booth.

Introduction: County Commissioners, newly appointed to this committee.

**Members Present:** Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Julie Camp, Jim Haadsma, Jennie Hoffmann, Art Kale, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore

**Members not Present:** Viola Johnson, Arlene Bolton, Tiana Cannon, Shirley Clutter, Eusebio Solis,

**Staff Present:** Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy

**Guests:** Jennie Konkle, Alberta Stover, John Rogers

Meeting turned over to Jim Haadsma, Chairperson

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Booth made a motion to approve the Agenda, Konkle supported. ***Motion Carried.***

**Approval of Minutes:** Dec 10, 2010 and Jan 7, 2011 Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2010 and from January 7, 2011. Auton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Reports**

Gibson noted that we do not have the final reports for 2010, as that information was not available at this time. Finance till has one final batch of invoices to post.

Gibson discussed the Contract Spending Report for 2010. The figures on this report should be final numbers, as the office of Senior Services has received all billings from Providers and those are all included in this report. Camp made a motion to approve this report. Konkle supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Discussion:**

**Sub-Committees**

Gibson noted that he is waiting for some Standard changes to be made by the Office of Services to the Aging at the State level. Haadsma asked for an explanation; why does the state have to review standards.

Gibson explained that the changes would primarily be on food services and Calhoun County's is modeled on theirs.

Gibson recommended that the Sub-Committee discussion be held off until the Strategic Planning to be held by this committee.

Haadsma asked if Strategic Planning is on a cycle with new Commissioner Appointments.

Gibson stated that the Strategic Planning is because we have a Ten year, Millage Renewal and possibly need a 5 and 10 year plan to be more forward looking.

Members discussed the need for communication from the members for the 5 or 10 year plans. Strategic Planning should set Standards and then periodically re-evaluate to see if Providers are doing what they are supposed to be doing. Booth stated that we need to look a Needs Assessments that may be available to see what needs are out there.

Kale asked if there are, bench marks? Gibson replied that we do on-site reviews.

Auton pointed out the Affordable Health Care Act will change the needs for Prescriptions and some other Health Care services. Health Care is moving in a different direction.

Booth noted that it is time to start the process and lay the ground work for the RFP process for 2012 Services.

## **Managers Report**

Carl discussed the Manager's Report

### 1. RFP and Budget Process for 2011

We are still gathering signatures for Community Action Contract..due to the revised budget. Corporate Counsel has advised it should be handled with a simple letter of agreement, since it does not modify the basic terms of the contract, or the allocated amounts.

### 2. 2011 Health Fair in Marshall

April 7, 2011, at the Marshall Middle School

Booth made a motion to request The Board of Commissioners to accept \$720 grant from the Marshall Community Foundation and authorize Senior Services to establish an account and authorize expenditures from it for the health fair. Konkle supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Camp made a motion to request Endorsement from the Board of Commissioners for said event, with purpose to request similar endorsement from the Hospital and the City of Marshall for this continuing partnership. ***Motion Carried.***

### 3. Gibson updated members on other pending short-term Activity

- February 9 Carl plans to attend a Legislative Luncheon at the Capitol Building. Camp noted that she has reservations—she does not see the role of the County or expenditures to direct or shape the services of Seniors across the state. Hoffman noted that this may better help us use our Senior Millage dollars. Auton and Haadsma supported attendance at this luncheon.
- February 11 Gibson will be attending a conference at Grand Valley State University

on aging issues. His registration and transportation are being provided courtesy of AAA 3-B.

- Gibson was requested to become a member of the Fairground Associations newly formed Advisory Board. Final acceptance pending other commitments.
- It was also requested the Gibson sit on the Advisory board for the Dial-a-Ride services in the City of Marshall.
- Gibson will be teaching a 1-credit course (4 consecutive Saturdays of 4-hours each starting Feb. 19) on the Psychology of Aging with and for Miller College in Battle Creek.
- February 17 there will be a meeting with a few local public and school officials to discuss the concept of a senior/community center in Marshall.

#### 4. Miscellaneous Revenue:

- Senior Services received \$192 via the Battle Creek Community Foundation as a donation of \$1.00 for each nurse survey completed for the PENCE (Promoting Excellent Nursing Care for Elders) survey project.

#### **PROJECTS FOR DISCUSSION FOR 2011:**

- Income Eligibility: consider broadening eligibility to consider cost of insurance and high prescription costs.
- Transportation Standards; Group discounts for trips between two points or possibly only use AAA van service, due to restrictions on commercial competition.
- Prescription Drug Cards: Look more closely at our Senior Millage Prescription Drug discount card, its effectiveness and possible redundancy.
- Prescription Vouchers: authorization for controlled substances to be paid for through this program. We need to review and set policy on this and to not put our vendor at risk with own contrary policy.
- Minor Home Repair: Review and determine what are to be minor home repairs (do roofs and furnaces really constitute minor repairs or do we need to limit to smaller projects and free up money to serve a larger number of people.

Gibson provided members with documents to help explain Contracted Services for 2011, and contract spending history from 2000 through 2010, as well as the Contract amounts for 2011. These materials are for informational purposes for members.

**EDUCATION:** Alberta Stover, Food Service Director of Community Action gave a brief presentation on Meal Services. Stover noted that with added funding provided by Senior Millage they have been able to move some individuals off of the waiting list.

Stover explained the move of their operation from the Franklin Building to the Burnham Brook Building.

John Rogers, Marshall House Apartments spoke briefly about their services and living units.

**Adjournment:** Kale made a motion to adjourn. Konkle supported the motion. ***Motion Carried***  
**Adjourned 9:37 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: March 4, 2011 8:00 a.m.**

