

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
May 17, 2013 8:00 am
Calhoun County Building
315 West Green Street, Marshall MI 49068

This meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m. by Chairman Jim Haadsma.

Members Present: Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Kathy-Sue Dunn, Jane Chappell, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Ralph Moore, and Willie Tabb.

Members Absent: Arlene Bolton, Shirley Clutter and Jim Powers.

Staff Present: Kelli Scott, Brad Wilcox, Carl Gibson and Lora Stevens.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Moore; Supported by Dunn – *Motion Carried*

Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2013 Meeting - Motion by Booth; Supported by Auton – *Motion Carried*

Introductions: Joanne Konkle past board member and Willy Kalnins – recently retired and looking at possible becoming a SMAC board member.

Reports:

Contact Spending

YTD Balance Sheet

Motion by Booth; Supported by Chappell – *Motion Carried*

New Business:

Director's Report: (Gibson)

Annual Report Summary Draft handed out and discussed format and still checking numbers, new format is useful and easier to use. The old format and charts will be posted on web for a more in-depth look at the report.

Allocations Report handed out and discussed

Local Revenue sharing from Firekeepers – presented by Kelli Scott

- Art Kale is the County representative on this board
- Firekeepers Casino has paid out revenue sharing in lue of taxes in district for the past 4 years.
- 2010, 2011 and 2012 the millage allocation to Senior Services has been incorrect. Recently brought to Kelli Scotts attention by New Equalization Director – Roger McEvers - The allocation money to the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility has been switched with Senior Millage. The adjustment has been made and CCMCF will pay back

the money in two payments totaling \$89,000.00: one payment 2013 and second in 2014. The new yearly allocation money from Firekeepers to Senior Services will now be approximately \$58,000.00 not \$19,000.00 that has been in previous years.

New County Cell Phone Policy – reimbursement for cell phones – Gibson applying for this.

RFP 2013 – looking over next year grants and reviewing contracts with Brad Wilcox and Purchasing; meeting in June for timelines.

Summer Intern – Not seeking one this year, office resources limited; next year looking at getting a part time person to help in the office as Senior needs keep growing and not enough staff to cover them.

Senior Health Partners – Tekonsha has a lunch program offered once a week to local seniors. The congregate meals had been a failing program, but with new volunteers, it is grown and looking at possible providing two lunches a week. This is a great opportunity to get the seniors in the area up and moving and visiting with other seniors.

A similar initiative is being developed in Homer, with support of the Village Manager Stonebraker and Mayor Chris Miller. A June 4th kickoff is planned for a weekly meal and Whole Person Wellness activity at the Homer Community Center.

Gibson now on Oaklawn Hospital Committee to review and improve customer relations upon entry and discharge from the hospital.

Stealy is on Calhoun County Elder Abuse Coalition and also on Miles for Memories Alzheimer's program. (Sherii from *Senior Times* is chairing the Committee).

Area Agency on Aging has made a written request for \$7,000 to purchase 350 - \$20 Senior Project FRESH coupons from the state for seniors to buy fresh produce from local farmers markets. Motion by Booth; Supported by Chappell - ***Motion Carried***

Fountain Clinic and Family Health Center dental program summary handed out. Family Health Center wants to stop the initial eligibility screenings and just focus on service delivery. FHC will even forego the 10% for administrative fees to the Fountain Clinic if necessary. Fountain Clinic, which does not take Medicaid patients, has agreed to do the initial screenings for both services, with a subsequent increase in its admin fee to cover the additional work.

Moore and Clutter would like to renew 3-yr terms as committee members. Motion by Kale; Supported by Booth – ***Motion Carried***

Senior Fair at the Burnham Brook Center is going on until 2:00p.m today. 200 seniors will be wearing T-shirts with the Senior Services Logo on back.

**Thomas B. Jankowski, Ph. D. of WSU Institute of Gerontology:
Needs Assessment Update from Survey**

- Handed out presentation packets with the survey results
- 75% of 200 stakeholder surveys sent out were completed, in addition to 35% of the 6,000 senior needs surveys.
- Purpose to find ways to increase access, outreach and public education to County seniors
- Collaboration and coordination of services between agencies
- Enhance info and assistance seniors to ID services that may benefit them and how to navigate the aging programs and services they might qualify for.
- Reduce duplicate services - Educate Seniors
- Jankowski would like everyone to review data and get back to him with questions or what else might be needed.

Adjournment: 9:40 a.m.

**Next meeting – Friday, June 7, 2013 – County Building-Room S-700 (Admin Conf Room),
Marshall**