

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee Meeting**  
**September 6, 2013 8:00 am, Law Library,**  
**Calhoun County Building**  
**315 W Green Street, Marshall, MI**

Commissioner Jim Haadsma - Called meeting to order.

Members Present: Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Shirley Clutter, Jane Chappell, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Diane (Willy) Kalnins, Ralph Moore, Jim Powers, Willie Tabb

Absent: Arlene Bolton, Kathy-Sue Dunn (Co. mtg conflict),

Staff: Carl Gibson and Rodna Zuck

INTRODUCTIONS: Citizens: Joanne Konkle and Beverly Bentley - Albion area, John Williams from Forks Senior Center, Linda Grap of Senior Health Partners

**Agenda** - Booth motion to approve and Moore supported the Motion. **Motion Carried**

**Minutes for August 2** – Kale made a motion to approve the minutes from Aug 2nd meeting, with an additional note that Jane Chappell was at another meeting representing this Committee; Kalnins supported the Motion. **Motion Carried**

- **Citizens Comments:** John Williams of Forks Senior Center thanked the Committee for Modifying the Minimum Standard for Senior Center Staffing.
- Williams also noted that due to changes at the Crowell School Building (moving some of FSC Activities to other areas to free up one room) the Rent for the Forks Senior Center has been reduced.
- They are hoping to end their fiscal year with about ten thousand dollars.
- Forks Senior Center received 3 year grant from AAA for \$13,000 for Staffing

**Spending Report**

Program spending is in line.

Year to Date Balance Sheet provided. Booth made a motion to approve the reports, Moore supported.

**Motion Carried.**

**Linda Grap, Director of Senior Health Partners**

Grap explained a Memo of Understanding , which she provided to all members, regarding the Senior Health Partners Partnership. Grap explained the partnership and how it works and provided all members with a copy of the invitation for Senior Millage to join the partnership. Grap noted that we have the same mission and it helps do more in the county for all seniors. There would a financial contribution expectation from the County, in order to provide for the SHPs overall foundation. Grap noted that it is not necessary to make a decision today but that it would be something to think about.

Members decided to have a sub-committee meet with SHP to discuss this opportunity in depth.

Booth, Powers, \_\_\_\_\_ will meet with Grap and Gibson for a discussion and then make a recommendation to the whole committee.

#### Contract Budget Adjustments

By letter Community HealthCare Connections has requested authorization to transfer funds within its Program "Budgets;

From Plan B to PDAP	\$14,000
From Plan B to Health Assistance	\$2,000
From Prescription Vouchers to Health Assistance	\$3,000

By letter AAA Region 3B requests that they release unexpended funds in Senior Transportation as of September 30, 2013, the end of their Fiscal Year in which they will no longer be providing Senior Transportation. By letter, concurrently, Community Action requested unexpended AAA funds be re-allocated to its Senior Transportation budget for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Booth made a motion to approve the requested fund transfers; Clutter supported the motion. Members discussed the requests. **Motion Carried.**

Zuck reported that the Miles for Memories 5K Walk/Run will take place on Sept 7. The Walk/Run will start at Burnham Brook Center and end at Wave Square. There will be a raffle and a hot dog lunch. The goal is to raise \$30,000 for Calhoun County. Twenty percent of the money raised will go to research, the rest will go to help families in Calhoun County. The Battle Creek Community Foundation will be accepting donations even after the event.

#### Minimum Service Standards

Gibson explained the changes being recommended by the RFP sub-committee. (Copies of the edits were distributed for additional review prior to the new fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014.)

- Prescription Vouchers income limits be changed from 150 to 200% of poverty level for services.
- Senior Center Staffing –remove 5 year cap and supports local leadership support in the community.
- Transportation –expect innovative services to transfer clients to Kalamazoo and Jackson Counties.
- The income-eligibility level of 200% poverty level is to be standard for those programs that require some limits. Cost-sharing will be piloted in some programs for which the standard may have been raised from 150% to 200%, e.g. vision and hearing.

Kalnins, Tabb, and Booth are the members of the RFP Committee with Powers as an alternate.

Moore motion to approve changes to the Minimum Service Standards as recommended by the RFP Committee; Chappell supported. **Motion carried.**

#### 2014 Services Budget

Gibson provided members with the proposed Service Budget for 2014 and reviewed the changes. The primary item allows a certain set of services to be contracted for a 1- yr period; a subset at 3 years and another at 5 years. The primary criteria are need for period changes and development for the lower end, and more infrastructure/capital costs at the higher ends.

Powers made a motion to approve the proposed 2014 Services Budget; Moore supported. **Motion Carried.**

Tom Jankowski was unable to make it to present this morning.

Motion to adjourn was made by Powers, supported by Tabb. ***Adjourned 9:30***

**Next Meeting: October 4, 2013 8:00 AM at the County Building, same room.**