

Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Friday, February 1, 2019 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Calhoun County Building

315 W Green Street, Marshall, MI

MINUTES

1. **SMAC meeting called to order by Deputy Clerk, Lora Stevens at 8:01am. Roll called.**
 - a. **Attending:** Richard Lindsey, Gary Thompkins, Rod Auton, Tom Hunsdorfer, Jill Booth, Michelle Hill, Jim Powers, Art Kale, Willy Kalnins, Diane Peters, Teresa Schell, Willie Tabb (via conference call), Rochelle Hatcher
2. **Introductions and Citizens Comment:** Everyone introduced themselves, Kate Rozeveld was introduced as new Calhoun County Senior Services employee.
3. **Approval of Agenda for February 1, 2019**
 - a. Motion to accept agenda – Kalnins & Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved.
Motion Carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes for December 7, 2018**
 - a. Motion to accept minutes – Lindsey & Booth: Motion, Second and Approved.
Motion Carried.
5. **Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair**
 - a. Chair: Hunsdorfer nominated Thompkins (7-6), Kalnins nominated Booth
Vote by roll call, Thompkins 7, Booth 6. Commissioner Thompkins is the new chair.
 - b. Vice: Lindsey nominates Booth. Vote by voice, unanimous. Jill Booth is the new vice chair.
6. **SMAC Group Photo**
7. **Reports:**
 - A. **2018 Financial Report:**

Guzzo presented the unofficial financial report for 2018. Senior Services is waiting on Community Care Options to do final billing before finalizing the annual financial report. At next meeting, Guzzo will have a map showing geographic distribution of persons served. Three programs overspent, and several underspent. Unspent dollars will over to Senior Services fund balance. Guzzo will give more information on fund balance at March SMAC meeting, and will be a topic of discussion at the strategic planning meeting in March. A SMAC subcommittee will look at the Prescription Assistance Program at the Fountain Clinic, there has been repeated requests to pay co-pays and deductibles. The SHP Education grant will be paid out of 2019 dollars since it is a 2019 program even though it was approved in 2018.
 - B. **2019 Budget Report:**

See 2019 Contract spending report.

C. Manager's Report: (highlights)

Guzzo reported the office has been busy, but slowed down around December. On January 2, 2019, Senior Services hosted a wonderful reception to celebrater Rodna Stealy's retirement

Guzzo and Rozeveld are working on encouraging commodity distribution to senior high rises again, doing assessments, looking at food bank and Sprout Farms, participation is down at congregate meal sites, possibility of getting involved with Lighthouse Funeral services in Athens to host a meal site on Thursdays.

SMAC members are invited to join a site visit to Burnside Senior Center in Coldwater on February 11, leaving the Marshall County Building at 8:30am. Also plan to schedule a site visit to the senior center in Charlotte sometime in March. The purpose of these visits is to see what Heritage Commons could become.

Guzzo is very excited about a new social media effort, called Second Wave, which focuses on positive things happening in the community. The Health Department and Senior Services will each pay \$6,000 to fund the media effort, this commitment will be charged to the Senior Services Administration budget under Misc. Operations line item.

Jen Boumba gave update on the county wide transportation study. The study should be completed by late fall, and will show not only gaps in county transportation but also possible solutions to those gaps and the cost of each solution.

D. 10th Annual Senior Fair

It is scheduled for April 4, 2019 from 10am to 1:30pm at Marshall Middle School. Lora Stevens reported that this year instead of having different presentations throughout the event, there will be a Great Brain demonstration from Miles for Memories, information on Smart911, and the smart wristbands. Changes to the fair this year include tightening up registration so no one can slip in through back hallways to ensure a more accurate attendance count, and handing out wristbands instead of small paper tickets as their "ticket" into the fair and also to get their lunch.

8. New Business

A. SMAC Conflict of Interest forms: Members signed copied and copies were sent to members in both hardcopy and electronic forms.

B. 2018 Supplemental Requests

a. Marian Burch Adult Day Care - \$79

b. SHP Senior Fit & Fun - \$2,494

c. Senior Services SWMI Handy Helper - \$2,240: doing more minor repair since Community Action has such a long waitlist.

Powers & Hatcher, Motion & Second. Roll Call Vote. Vote was unanimous, with Tabb recusing himself.

- C. **Nominations for SMAC, 2019-2022:** Hill, Lindsey & Kalnins terms are ending, all opted to renew. Kalnins let it be known that she was not sure if she would be able to serve the new full term, but would continue on, knowing she could resign at anytime. Kale & Booth, Motion & Second. Voice vote, unanimous.
- D. **Joanne Konkle Senior Services Lifetime Achievement Award:** Voting to continue award. Subcommittee members will be Hunsdorfer, Kale & Hill. Kale & Kalnins, Motion & Second. Discussion. Voice vote, unanimous.
- E. **Mini-grant application: Sprout Urban Farms, Jeremy Andrews:** \$5,000 which will cover two months' worth of giving fresh food boxes to seniors livings in affordable housing apartment buildins at Springview Towers and Westbrook Place in Battle Creek. Guzzo recommends funding, and sees this as an opportunity to start small and build a relationship with Sprout Farms. Future potential to take this countywide, but would need further discussion at a later date. Lindsey & Hill, Motion & Second. Discussion. Roll call vote, unanimous. Hunsdorfer mentioned a possible partnership with Albion College & their hoop house initiative.
- F. **Discussion of possible Senior Millage funding an accessible trail at Kimball Pines:** Trailway Alliance is looking to pave part of a park trail by Kimball Pines. Park and trail were damaged in straight line winds, currently inaccessible to seniors at the medical center, though the staff has been able to take them out in county golf carts. Good way to get seniors outside and active. Big countywide strategic effort to expand the trail system with current partners including the County parks department, Miles for Memories, MDOT. Nancy MacFarlane, consultant for the Trailway Alliance will be invited to March meeting to make a presentation to present a Mini Grant request. No vote taken due to not being asked for anything specific at this time.

9. Upcoming Events

- Next SMAC meeting: Friday, March 1, 2019, 8-9:30am, Marshall County Building
- SMAC Strategic Planning: Friday, March 22, 2019, 9am-3:30pm, Oaklawn meeting room
- 10th Annual Health Fair: Thursday, April 4, 2019, 10-1:20pm, Marshall Middle School
- Centenarian Luncheon: Thursday, May 23, 2019, 11:30am, Schuler's in Marshall

10. Adjournment: Thompsons, 9:38am

Respectfully submitted, Kate Rozeveld