

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday August 5, 2016 8:00 a.m.

Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room
315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Art Kale at 8:06 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Mike Bearman (8:15), Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Richard Lindsey, Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds (8:35), Teresa Schell, and Willie Tabb

Absent Excused: Jill Booth, Jim Haadsma, and Ralph Moore

County Personnel: Brad Wilcox, Assistant County Administrator; Carl Gibson, Senior Services Director and staff, Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

Visitors: Jack Reed, City of Marshall Mayor; Linda Grap, Senior Health Partners; Luann Sommers, Forks Senior Center; Mary Jo Byrnes and Maureen Marshall, Fountain Clinic; Theresa Chaney-Huggett, Ad-visor and running for District #6 County Commissioner; Vick Potter, running for District #6 County Commission; Vicky Laupp, Representative for Advisory Council on Aging, State of Michigan

August Agenda – Konkle and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Minutes for July 8, 2016 – Lindsey and Powers: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Introduction of Visitors

Citizen's Time: None

Contract Spending/Budget Report:

- ✓ Statement of invoices through the end of June (most spent ½ for the year).

Motion to accept informational purposes-Spending/Budget Reports – Kalnins and Konkle:

Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Old Business:

✓ **Transportation issues discussion:**

- Kelli Scott, County Administrator is looking at modeling our plan after Berrien County (2 studies completed at \$170,000 each in past two years).
- Tabb: Initiated a series of Albion meeting to figure out who is providing transportation options in the Albion area. Trying to get all companies to work together. Last meeting held Wednesday, August 3rd with 3 services attending. Most private services do except Medicare and Medicaid people and will provide services as far as Detroit. Hard for private services to compete with Community (CA) because they are a funded program and the drivers are trained to go to the clients' front doors and help into van.
- Tabb and Gibson met at Marshall Rehab Center. They discussed their issues on transportation. It is hard to get them to events and other activities. Rehab clients that are there for a short time have transportation issues also. Nursing Homes have a high cost for equipment and maintenance, along with the insurance costs. The Medilodge Nursing facility has its own van.
- Albion Connector Van will only go to the curb but not to the door.
- Schell – Drivers have to be trained / educated on helping seniors and companies have to have a special insurance policy – which is all costly.
- Gibson asked the SMAC member that want to want to attend these meetings to contact him.

New Business:

✓ **Ramps**

- 3 years ago, a construction collaboration met, but didn't get off the ground.
- Moore – discussion with other agencies; each one does not know what the other one is offering, each doing their own thing.
- Kale – TJ Ramps in Coldwater makes ramps for that area and will come up here.
- Gibson - discussed temporary/portable ramps - for people that need ramps for a short time, problem is storage and they are expensive to move around.
- Meeting set for August 26 at Habitat 4 Humanity and other agencies.
- Ralph Moore will represent SMAC.

✓ **RFP Issues – Brad Wilcox**

- RFP are being made to the same vendors as they're no vendors competing for most of these contracts. Currently the process is very long and many pages need to be filled out by the vendors (hours of preparation). We are still a governmental agency and need to do a bidding process. Recommending that we downsize the bidding process, but still continue to have accountability/evaluation for services to be transparent to the public.
- Discussion on Area Agency on Aging inter-local agreement for food services.

Motion to allocate funds to Reg-3B Area Agency on Aging to continue the inter-local agreement for food services - Lindsey and Bearman: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

✓ **Marshall Community/Senior Center Presentation**

- Oaklawn presented a non-formal proposal to lease 1/3 of the building (3,169 sq. ft.), 13444 Preston Drive, Marshall for a center with a one to two year proposal with longer/shorter negotiable at \$8.00 a square foot. This is a one level building with a commercial kitchen and two handicap bathrooms. The building is just off I-69 and will require additional parking, projected occupancy in Jan/Feb 2017.
- DEQ is currently occupying ½ the building with a lease till 12/31/16.
- It is expected that the City of Marshall will provide Dial-A-Ride to go to this location just out of City limits.
- Public meeting forum will be scheduled at the end of August sponsored by the City of Marshall to be held at the Public Services Building. Forum is for public discussion and interest in the center.
- This will not be a Marshall center, but a regional center for all townships to be included. Along with partnerships with different agencies in Marshall to bring people together.

✓ **Fountain Clinic (FC) Dental Program**

- Requesting \$50,000 for dental service program for 2016. Not requesting administration fees.
- Waiting list of 49 patients, 25 extractions/dentures/partials and 25 wait for dentures and requesting more funds to reduce the waiting list by 10 patients.
- Discussion by SMAC whether to fund for administration fees to FC.

Motion to approve \$50,000 to the Fountain Clinic for Dental Service Program and \$5,000 additional for administrative services – Lindsey and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

✓ **Area Agency on Aging, Region 3B:**

- Merging of small funded contracts with Millage contracts that may be provided the same service reducing the number of contracts.
- Discussion about missing the needs of seniors by simplifying the process to be more efficient - No Action taken.

Future Events:

- ✓ **Senior Day at the Park – August 5 - C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek**
- ✓ **Talons Out Fundraiser – August 10 - Cornwell's from 5:00 to 10:00pm**
- ✓ **Senior Day at the Fair – August 17 - Community Tent at Calhoun County Fair**
 - **August 15 – Veterans Day** at the fair – free admission for ALL Veterans
- ✓ **Marshall Alzheimer's Walk – August 27 – Stuart's Landing**
- ✓ **Miles for Memory Walk – Sept 17 - Wave Square downtown Battle Creek**
- ✓ **Caregivers Retreat – Sept 28 – First Congregational Church, Capital Ave. NE**

Kale - 'Homer is Home' starts this Friday through Sunday and invited everyone to attend

Gibson – Announced his retirement plans for some time in May 2017

Adjournment at 9:50 a.m. - Powers and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Next SMAC Board meeting – **September 2, 2016, Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room.**



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the minutes may be answered prior to the next meeting by contacting Calhoun County the Office of Senior Services at 269-781-0846