

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
Friday February 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: Jim Haadsma at 8:07 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Mike Bearman, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore, Carla Reynolds and Teresa Schell

Absent Excused: Jill Booth, Shirley Clutter, Jim Powers and Willie Tabb

County Personal: Carl Gibson, Senior Services Director and staff, Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

Visitors: Linda Grap, Senior Health Partners; Luann Sommers, Reg 3B Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

February Agenda –Kalnins and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

Minutes for December 4, 2015 – Moore and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

Introductions and Citizens Time:

Rev. William Bell introduced himself from St. Marks CME Post Addition he originally came from Flint and moved here 17 months ago. (Guest of Jim Haadsma)

Budget for 2015:

- ✓ Only one invoice outstanding for 2015 from AAA, will receive shortly
- ✓ Kale: Senior Vouchers – 16 CHC some of the PDAD money, the report doesn't show transfer of funds from PDAD to Vouchers Program.

Motion to accept Budget for 2015 - Bearman and Moore: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Mike Bearman chaired SMAC meeting as Haadsma had to leave meeting – 8:18am

Willie Tabb and Jim Powers were on video conference on Poly com systems – 8:20am

Directors Report - Action Items:

- ✓ **Community Action (CA)** 1. Home Heating Cap from \$750 to \$1,000 for all fuels and electric bills (authorized this change for propane only). 2. Proposal to raise cap on Minor Home Repairs from \$2,500 to \$3,000 POV 150% and cost-sharing above \$2,500 for higher income. 3. CA request increase transportation rate from \$15.75 to \$16.26. CA would like a clear definition on viable rides to include scheduled by seniors with less than 24 hour cancelation or no show. If a person cancels a few times they will be off the list for 30 days.
 - Auton - request a quantity of No shows and cancelation rate, how will CA use these funds?! Gibson will look into this.
- ✓ **Guardian Finance Money Management** – Increase the hour rate from \$45.00 to \$50.00, they are not asking for an increase in grant funding, but this will reduce the number of seniors serviced.
- ✓ **Hands ON-211** recommend to approve the grant extension at \$10,000 for FU 2016

✓ **Fountain Clinic** – recommend to approve the grant extension at \$15,000 for FY 2016
Motion to approve the above - Auton and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved –
Motion Carried

- ✓ **Sewer Line repair** for a senior lady in Marshall. House was rebuilt a year ago from a fire. City of Marshall is asking for some support - \$2,500 (Recommended by Gibson)
- ✓ **Senior Needs Assessment** – Gibson is asking for committee volunteers to help with this review. Senior Services will be collaborating with AAA which takes the lead this time. Total price is \$15,000 and SMAC part will be \$7,500. (Recommended by Gibson)

Motion to Approve Sewer Line Repair and Senior Needs Assessment - Tabb and Moore: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

- ✓ **Tekonsha Meals site** is considering a move to local café; not well accepted by seniors the State level food change requirements mandated at AAA. Homer and Tekonsha are funded by the millage as they are only one day a week. Any site that is under 2 days a week may not have to follow the state requirements; and Millage has more freedoms.
- ✓ **Talons Out** approved \$5,000 for Calhoun County residents, still working out the details for our County residents
- ✓ **Senior Fair** April 7 at Marshall Middle School Gymnasium 10:AM to 1:30PM
 - Credit cards will be able to be used on Feb 18th with a \$1.50 surcharge.
 - Dial-A-Ride is working with Gibson to increase transportation for the Senior Fair
- ✓ **M Mickus** – February 2015 complaint about Telephone Reassurance Program. Resolution Document is in Gibson personnel file. Ask County Board for a copy of it.
- ✓ **Forks Senior Center**
 - New interim director, Luann Sommers from AAA, still under AAA payroll as interim Director beginning at the end of February 2016. Future of the center and progress moving forward is the goal.
- ✓ **Contract review** – 7 contract will be rebid for 2017-2019. Schell volunteered to help with this process. (\$1,095,392.00)
- ✓ **Substance Abuse** – There is an increasing problem in our areas. Gibson is attending meetings about this growing concern.
- ✓ **Senior Companion Program** – intense program – this is more than a phone program, Gibson will follow up, more to come.
- ✓ **United Way** – combining the Greater City of Kalamazoo and Greater City Battle Creek United Way programs. The first two years their programs were separated, this year they are together.
 - Grap stated that the dental program will be ending in June 2016. (Using a BC Dentist or being a BC resident). United way will be concentrating on 3 areas: **Income, Education, & Health** –
 - **Health** has been dental, but now will be infant mortality. Kalamazoo does not have a Senior Millage and dental will be a challenge for seniors, but it will not impact Calhoun County Seniors that much.
 - **Education** in High schools as the graduation rate is dropping.
 - **Income** will have to do with work force development, might be a possibility for seniors to get money.
- ✓ **Probate Hearing for local Marshall Resident** – Staff are monitoring for a Marshall Senior a hearing for Guardianship and Conservatorship. Her neighbor has petitioned the court for this person who has lived here 30 years, but does need help with her finances and personal help. Senior Services has been working with her through this process.

- ✓ **Centenarian Luncheon** – Older Americans Month and Older Michigianians Day are in May. This year we are having the Centenarian Luncheon at noon on Thursday, May 24 Schuler’s Restaurant in Marshall, a month earlier then the past 3 years. More to follow.
- ✓ **Bed Bugs** – Assist residents and have them call Calhoun County Public Health Dpt.
- ✓ **Shirley Clutter** – sent a letter in and resigned from the SMAC Committee, effective immediately. Stealy read resignation letter to committee. SMAC will be looking for a new member from the Marshall area.
- ✓ **Senior Centers** – a committee visited two centers, Burnside Senior Center in Coldwater and Crouch Senior Center in Jackson. Burnside is very high tech and has no residency restriction about who can attend and no members’ fees. Both centers received money from their local millage and AAA. Jackson is expanding their site and few residency restrictions.

Forks Senior Center (FSC) update:

- ✓ Luann Sommers from AAA is the temporary Interim Director. She will be working 4 days a week out of FSC and one day at AAA. She will continue to be on AAA payroll. FSC is good with this arrangement until a new director can be hired. FSC currently does not have the funds to cover her salary with benefits.
- ✓ Gibson - Money that was granted to this position from AAA and SMAC was only for 2015, it will be renegotiated when a plan for the new FSC director is made.
- ✓ Discussion about sharing a director with another small center, but not enough staff at other centers to share, but there is a possibility when the center in Marshall starts up.
- ✓ Strategic Planning is on the FSC board agenda. FSC board is still in control.
- ✓ Auton – asked why 3 people from AAA on the strategic visioning workgroup? Sommers – Karla Fales, AAA Director and AAA financial Officer and herself, the FSC board and center created this committee when Gina Costa was Director. Powers, Bearman and Konkle are from SMAC; also Gibson is on the committee.
- ✓ Looking at expanding the County building space they are currently in to more services for seniors, possible different organizations.
- ✓ Kale - currently City of Albion is not a big sponsor of FSC, discussion followed
- ✓ Gibson - FSC board is mostly made up of members and will review other board models.

Announcements:

Linda Grap-Senior Health Partners – Eastern side of the County – asked for help handing out flyers for current events they will be holding at FSC.

Marshall has added a new site at Trinity Episcopal Church and already has 24 people active and engaging in their program, these people want to be part of the Senior Center in Marshall. Marshall programs are all growing quickly since they started in the middle of January. They have also started an evening Diabetes program with 12 people attending.

Adjournment at 9:40 a.m. - Reynolds and Kale: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

Next SMAC Board meeting – March 4, 2016, Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room

	<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>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</p>
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