

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday July 8, 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 8:06 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Richard Lindsey, Jim Powers, and Willie Tabb

Absent Excused: Mike Bearman, Jill Booth, Ralph Moore, Carla Reynolds and Teresa Schell

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

Visitors: Theresa Chaney-Huggett – Ad-visor; Linda Grap – Senior Health Partners

July Agenda – Auton and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Minutes for June 3rd, 2016 – Konkle and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Citizen's Time: Haadsma introduced Theresa Chaney Huggett – Ms. Huggett employed by the Ad-visor, is running for Blaine VanSickle District #6 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners seat.

Contract Spending/Budget Report:

- ✓ Meals program has invoiced only 1st quarter - spending down state and AAA funding
- ✓ 2016 Mar-Lee Food Program mini grant approved by Fund Balance Committee
- ✓ Funds from Casino for 2015 and 2016 was moved out of the general fund to Senior Center account

Motion to accept Spending/Budget Reports – Powers and Auton: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Old Business:

- ✓ **Transportation discussion:**
 - Grant requested to Casino for a county wide survey for transportation needs – submitted by Community Development

New Business:

- ✓ **Senior Day at the Park – August 5 at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek**
 - Discussion (Baseball games, free lunch and Senior Health Partners nurses station)
 - Partners with City of Battle Creek, Senior Health Partners and AAA
- ✓ **Senior Day at the Fair – August 17 Community Tent at Calhoun County Fair**
 - Discussion (Free admission, Bingo, Drumming and free lunch to seniors that RSVP)
 - Partnering with Senior Times
 - **August 15 - VA Day** at the fair – free admission for ALL Veterans
- ✓ **Miles for Memory Walk – Sept 17**
 - 98% of the money raise stays locally
 - NEW Home Help program where seniors are registered and if they become lost this will help them find where they live and can be safely returned home
- ✓ **Caregivers Retreat – Sept 28**
 - This is a day where the caregivers for individuals with Alz/Dementia can have a day off.
 - CentraCare will be taking the individuals while the care givers are pampered. A fun relaxing day for the caregivers.
- ✓ **Battle Creek Symphony** – we are advertising in their program again this season and will be receiving free admission to some daytime rehearsals and evening performances.

✓ **Fund Balance Committee**

- Discussed the RFP bidding process
- Brad Wilcox discussed with this committee the process and possible changes that can be made in the future as there are not many business providing the services we need when we put out an RFP. A follow-up meeting is to be scheduled before next SMAC.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ✓ **Mini grant** request from City of Albion for \$2,500 for the Albion-Marshall Connector Van service. This grant would offset a portion of the \$45,000 contribution from the City of Albion that will allow the Van to operate until the end of 2016. A good portion of the ridership is from older adults coming to Marshall for shopping and medical appointments, and school children part of the year

Motion to for \$2,500 Mini-grant to the City of Albion in support for the Albion-Marshall Connector Van – Kale and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

✓ **Senior Services FLRSB for \$5,000 for a Community Focus Group Study**

- This focus group study will be to determine the extent of support and type of senior center services desired by older adults in the Marshall region.
- Grant was for \$5,000 and the Senior Millage would support above that amount up to an additional \$2,000 if needed.
- Lindsey – do we need a survey or just move on with what is being discussed in the area by many different groups and organizations? Oaklawn will be an important partner in moving forward with this center,
- Gibson – a feasibility study to see if there is a need, where, when, what and how much. This would not be a Marshall center, but a county wide center.
- Linda Grap stated that they started an exercise class late last year at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall expecting only a few people at first, but they have been surprised by the turn out. They have 40 registered and 20 to 30 attend regularly now. The Church does not have the space to expand or house a center.

No Motion - Haadsma – Action/Motion is on hold until next meeting.

(Jim Haadsma left at 9:00am and turned the chair over to Art Kale in absence of Vice Chair Booth)

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

- Merging of small number of contracts they manage with Millage contracts that may be provided the same service if one is clearly larger than the other.
- Recommending that the Fund Balance Committee study the proposals and recommend to the SMAC if any current or future contracts might be modified to offset smaller contracts with larger ones of equivalent amount of funding.
- Discussion whether it might be more efficient but will we be missing the needs of seniors by simplifying the process.

Motion to have Fund Balance Committee review contracts – Powers and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

✓ **Dental Services Program Assessment:**

- This is a good model to use in the future comprehensive evaluations of services. Participant's responses to success and value and not focusing on the financial auditing.
- Discussion, why we need to do this quality assurance: is continued importance.

Motion to approve the funding of 2 additional studies with an equivalent model of assessing satisfaction and meeting service standard goals. The amount not to exceed \$6,000 per study with Fund Balance Committee determining the specific service to be studied – Kalnins and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Directors Report:

- ✓ Senior Needs Assessment that covers Region 3-B AAA including Barry & Calhoun Counties is being edited, reprinted and redistributed to the SMAC before next meeting
- ✓ FSC Envisioning planning meeting was held May 26 and the next is scheduled Aug 25.
- ✓ CC Senior Services coordinated with Eckford Township to insert the Senior Millage Flyer with the Summer Taxes. Let us know if you have any feedback from this mailing.
- ✓ Dental Contract discussion: Calhoun County's Finance Director, indicates it might be appropriate to forward to Fountain Clinic (FC) up to ½ the contract budget advancement for them to draw money from. It is hard waiting for the reimbursement of services as they have low cash reserve and hard to make large payments to their vendors.
- ✓ Signed contract amendment with FC to acknowledge funding addition of \$13,650 from the United Way grant period July – October 2016
- ✓ Grants approved \$1,672 to Mar-Lee Food Bank; \$5,000 to Project Fresh/AAA; \$2,500 to Albion-Marshall Connector Van (approved by SMAC earlier in this meeting); Community Action \$1,692 for upgrading Dispatch-reservation system, funded within existing contract.
- ✓ **FOCUS AREA FOR 2017:**
 - Home Safety
 - Marshall Enrichment Center
 - Ways to let older adults program participants know that the services they receive are supported and/or funded by Senior Millage.
 - Ramps – Temporary/Removable ramps that can be removed easily and stored and reused.

Adjournment at 9:39 a.m. – Powers and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Breakfast at Lux Café tomorrow, Saturday July 9th at 8:00am Capital Avenue, Battle Creek to discuss Senior Issues with District Court Judge Beardslee, everyone is invited to attend.

Next SMAC Board meeting – August 5, 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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