

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday, June 2, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Calhoun County Garden Conference Room
315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair Vic Potter at 8:01 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Richard Lindsey, Vic Potter, Jim Powers, Jason Rapelje, Willie Tabb and Gary Tompkins

Absent Excused: Jill Booth, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore and Teresa Schell

County Personnel: Jen Bomba, Community Development Director; Michele Johnson, Finance Director; Helen Guzzo, Senior Service Manager; Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens, Senior Services staff

Visitors: Luann Sommers, Director of Forks Senior Center (FSC); Linda Grap, CEO of Senior Health Partners (SHP); Katherine Lipari, Aetna Better Health Transportation Services Representative

Agenda for June 2, 2017:

Motion to accept Agenda – Auton and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion Carried***

Minutes for April 7, 2016:

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Introduction of Senior Services new Manager, Helen Guzzo:

Mrs. Guzzo introduced herself and (handed out her resume) talked briefly about her past 6 days working for Calhoun County and what her future goals for Senior Service, working more in the area of housing which is badly needed. Helen reviewed her past experience.. She thanked everyone for this opportunity and if anyone has questions or concerns to please contact her and she looks forward to working with everyone and doing great things.

Introduction of Visitors – No Comments

Contract Spending/Budget Report:

Year to date contract budget was passed out. CareWell Services (Area Agency on Aging) Meals program made a first quarter draw of \$120,209. **Motion to approve Contract Spending – Kalnins and Powers:** Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion Carried***

Old Business:

Marshall Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center Update (Rodna Stealy)

- Some training classes have started, but not at this site
- Many items have been donated to the center (tables, chairs and activity/craft items)
- Computers are set up.
- Memberships up to 30 and applications available (\$75 for individuals and \$135 for couples).
- Parking lot expansion will start this month and should be done by the end of June, looking for an open house in early July.

Centenarian Luncheon Update (Lora Stevens)

- Event was well attended and a great time for all, old friends were reunited.
- 23 Centenarians (2 cancelled that morning) with a total of 110 people attending. Steve Bettley and Carol Dye attended from the DHHS Aging and Adult Services Agency.
- Schuler's staff was very attentive to the Centenarians needs this year. Joe Caron, new Sales and Marketing Director attended to insure everything was handled during the luncheon. Great staff!
- Stevens was asked by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Adult Agency Commission meeting to present the annual Centenarian Luncheons and share pictures.

Senior Fun and Fitness at the Binder Park Zoo (Linda Grap, Senior Health Partners)

- 175 Seniors participated with 20 guests. Participants received free transportation.. Wonderful day for the seniors involved, hopefully will do this again next year.
- Short video was reviewed of some of the day's events.

By-Law Changes

- By-Laws changes approved at May 4th, 2017 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting.

Fork Senior Center (Luann Sommers, FSC Executive Director)

- Renovations for new area should start in August and finish the end of October. Lease will start around Nov. 1, 2017.
- Working on new webpage.
- Commissioner Gary Tompkins has been voted onto the FSC board.

New Business: Managers Report

Habitat for Humanity

- Discussed their program and the use of their volunteers. Volunteering gives seniors a purpose.
- Habitat will receive the pass through donation from the Oaks for Habitat's ramp program at 47 S Wabash on Wednesday, June 7, 2016.

Senior Health Partners (SHP) Update

- CareWell Services is ending its involvement with SHP in October 2017.
- Carl Gibson and Helen Guzzo attended a planning meeting on this with Bronson Battle Creek, Summit Pointe, CentraCare and SHP on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.
- Strategic Planning for Senior Health Partners is scheduled for **Friday, June 30 at 10am** or **Thursday, July 6, at noon** at Bronson Battle Creek. Jim Powers volunteered to participate with Helen Guzzo as a representative of the SMAC
- **SHP is a** pay to play collaborative partnership with a required investment of \$50,000 in cash and/or in-kind support. SHP is looking at add Grace Health as a partner. At this time, SHP is not interested in partnership with Oaklawn Hospital but might be interested in the future. .
- Linda Grap wanted to dispel any rumors that SHP had been asked to leave the Kool Family Community Center by the Battle Creek Community Foundation. SHP is currently using office space provided by CareWell Services and when their involvement in the partnership ends in October 1, 2017 so does this shared space arrangement. SHP is planning to move to Grace Health or Bronson Battle Creek offices – negotiations are ongoing.

Budget Process

- Calhoun County budget process in June & July.
- RPP for benefit counseling, chore services, personal emergency response service (PERS), casemanagement/community care options, prescription assistance and senior center support will be issued the end of the summer to be in place for a start date of January 1, 2018. This will be discussed further in July.

Strategic Planning for CC Senior Services:

- Guzzo is going to meet with all vendors and SMAC members in the next 60 days and present an assessment at the August SMAC meeting. Each SMAC member was asked about what strategic planning means to them. Guzzo would like to facilitate two sessions in the fall for strategic planning.
 - **Kale** - Strategic Planning is a 3 to 5 year plan, looking at programs that we are currently funding and look at future funding needs. Think about focus and mission.
 - **Rapelje** - Looking outside the box for fresh new ideas. Get away from group think.
 - **Potter** - Where we are going in the future? Look at needed changes change and determine priorities. Wants to forecast income for Senior Millage and the Firekeepers payments in lieu of taxes.
 - **Tompkins** - Form a vision where you see Senior Service going the future. 2020 is the millage renewal and we need to get the message out and get evolved in what we support with millage money. Wants to look at ongoing support of Senior Centers.
 - **Tabb** - Look at our opportunities and our strengths. In the past we have started something and it would fall off, he wants to stay the course and get something done – process forward.
 - **Auton** - Wants to look at Senior Service’s internal processes to make sure they are strong. Wants to make sure the broader context is understood and how the how the market place is changing. How do we respond to the changes & set priorities.
 - **Lindsey** - We have money and agencies know this. Need to bring both sides of the County together; there is a divide from the east and the west sides. We are going to work with baby boomers that are coming up and we are not equipped to help with this. What is our goal of Senior Services...Millage is in 2020 we need to build support now.

Powers - Need to look forward and not at the present, current needs. Lay out a grid and see where we are going – structure.
Kalnins - Need to celebrate our successes. We don’t need to repeat old mistakes, but when something is working, don’t keep going over it, move forward! Wants to make sure we review the past strategic plans including 2013. Need to continue to educate the public about the Senior Millage and the services it funds.

Future Events

Fountain Clinic Fundraiser – *Night at the Louvre* - Friday, June 9th at Oakhill Estates.

Senior Day at the Park – CO Brown Stadium in Battle Creek on Friday, August 11th. Everyone is invited and FREE admission for anyone that day sponsored by Sherman Williams. Sponsors include Senior Services, Walgreens, AAA, SHP and City of Battle Creek.

Senior Day at the Fair – Wednesday, August 16th. Meeting with Senior Times next Wednesday, June 07, 2017 is scheduled. There is Bingo with prizes, lunch served to those how RSVP, crowning of the King and Queen (Oldest people at this event). Asked Vic Potter and Art Kale who serve on the Fair Board to help the tent provided by the Fair be closer to the entrance and larger. Last year it was hard for seniors to walk the distance from parking lot to community tent; discussion on changing it to the front of the fairgrounds where there is more shade and more room. The space given to us was not big enough last year.

Adjourned 9:02am

Next SMAC Board meeting – July 7, 2017, Friday - 8:00 a.m. in the Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room.

