

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday May 6, 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 8:05 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Mike Bearman, Jill Booth (8:10), Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Richard Lindsey, Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds and Teresa Schell (8:17)

Absent Excused: Ralph Moore and Willie Tabb

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

Visitors: Linda Grap, Senior Health Partners; Bev Bentley, Albion Citizen; Carol Maynard, President of the FSC Board

May Agenda – Powers and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

Minutes for April 1st, 2016 – Bearman and Lindsey: (Change minute date on agenda to April 1, 2016)
Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

Citizen's Time:

Linda Grap wanted to wish Carl Gibson Happy Birthday on May 14

Ground breaking for the new hotel in Albion on May 12

Oaklawn's 'Hospitality Run' in Marshall on Saturday, May 21

Report – Contract Spending:

- ✓ Meals program have not billed us, they use state and AAA funding first.
- ✓ United Way grant ends June 30, 2016. It was a 3 year grant.

Motion to accept Budget Reports - Powers and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

New Business:

- ✓ **Forks Senior Center (FSC)**
 - Luann Sommers is the interim Director for 2 years; she remains employed with AAA and will have full benefits through AAA.
 - AAA Board supports of Luann Sommers continue as Director for 2 years
 - FSC receives approximately \$17,000 a year in membership fees
 - Auton – what is the FSC long term goals.
 - Fales - Strategic envisioning is in process with long term goals being reviewed – Sustainability and growth are the two main goals for FSC
 - FSC currently has a 10 year lease with 7 more years to go, there is still some maintenance in their building that needs to be finished.
 - Auton – Reaffirming that Sommer's, FSC interim Director position was 6 months and now extending to 2 years
 - Discussion about opening FSC to the public without membership fees, long term issue.
 - Requesting an additional \$10,000 for Directors position. (funding money to AAA or FSC for Directors salary is under discussion) This grant will be an amendment to their current contract.

Motion to approve a grant to the Forks Senior Center for additional \$10,000 used for the Director's position - Powers and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

(Jim Haadsma left the meeting at 8:30 and turned the chair over to Jill Booth)

- ✓ **Senior Fair**
 - Great volunteers and staff helping at the fair
 - 84 Vendors registered
 - More than 550 people attending this year's fair even with the cool, windy, rainy weather.

- ✓ **County Transportation discussion:**
 - Looking at a County wide transportation system
 - May 19th is a meeting at the Airport in Battle Creek with representatives from different programs and organizations participating. County Administrator, Kelli Scott is heading this discussion/meeting. They are all recognizing that this is something that is very much needed County wide.
 - Bearman – Albion/Marshall Connector has attended the City of Albion meetings giving updates, they need \$30,000 to 40,000 for them to continue to function as present schedule.
 - Kale: Albion citizens are approximately ~90% of the riders. Short term grants are covering the cost, but not long term. Requesting a grant from the City of Albion to fund this program.

- ✓ **Marshall Activity Center:**
 - Visiting the FSC on May 10th with 8 to 10 Marshall people
 - Marshall citizens are calling daily about information on this project
 - Many different organizations are talking about this at their meetings, i.e. MEADA and Oaklawn. Oaklawn is very interested in this center.
 - Gibson requested putting aside the Casino-in-lieu of 2015 taxes money (~\$58,589) for senior centers in Calhoun County. In the past it went into the Millage's general fund and **2016** casino money was voted on last month and passed to be set aside.

Motion to place Casino-in-lieu of taxes 2015 money - \$58,589 out of general fund and set aside for Senior Centers in Calhoun County - Bearman and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

- ✓ **Centenarian Luncheon:**
 - Currently 12 Seniors signed up for the luncheon on May 24
 - Schuler's in Marshall at noon; SMAC members need to RSVP to Stevens
 - State and Local representatives have been invited and some will be attending

- ✓ **Heritage Day - Senior Breakfast**
 - May 24 - 8:00am at Methodist Church on North 27 in Marshall
 - Karin Galliger from Maplewood is co-planning this event
 - SMAC members were invited

- ✓ **SMAC Members renewals – Dianne (Willy) Kalnins and Ralph Moore**
 - Unanimous support from SMAC members
 - Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approved renewals at May 5th board meeting

- ✓ **Dental Program review**
 - Ray Higbea's Report is finished and will be reviewed at the next SMAC meeting
 - United way Dental grant was for 3 years and we are at the end of that grant

- ✓ **Annual Report**
 - Most grant funding contracts for 2015 were spent out
 - Community Care Option – Case Management (lite).
 - Not spend down last year
 - Chores, bathing, cooking, groceries shopping are some examples
 - Mileage is not offered to the workers and sometimes the drive and short time with clients don't warrant taking the jobs. This makes it not cost effective to companies that would have their employees travel.
 - Hard to find employees –same wage at McDonalds and with no mileage costs

- You cannot get meals delivered on a short term basis, only longer for disabled seniors, working on change this requirement
 - Schelle – Village to Village – pot idea – something like a phone reassurance program. RFP would be presented if this is a viable idea
 - RFP for 2017:
 - 6 to 7 RFPs to review this year.
 - RFP committee is Willie Tabb, Jim Powers, Jill Booth and Joann Konkle
- ✓ **Community Care Option proposed transition to Community Health Worker Service:**
 - AAA - Karla Fales, Bonnie Hogoboom and visitors/clients – Clients...Ema & Fred Bisel
 - Karla Fales gave the history of what Community Care Option do and why this program is underspent, then she gave a description of what Community Health Worker Service is.
 - This new program has been implemented as a pilot program for a few months. Visiting and helping seniors when they are discharged from the hospital or nursing home and getting them in touch with the right people to help them with their needs.
 - Requesting unspent funds to be used to pilot CHW concept
 - Erma and Fred discussed how the program has helped them and answered questions

Motion to move funds from the Community Care Option program to the Community Health Worker Service program, no new funds are being requested: Bearman and Kalnins Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

✓ **Emergency Services and Repairs:**

- Currently we have \$5,000 set aside for emergency services and repairs
- Requesting an additional \$15,000 for these services

Motion to increase the Emergency Services and Repairs fund with an additional \$5,000 – Bearman and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

✓ **Grants and Advertising:**

- **Miles for Memories** Gibson authorized \$2,500 for advertising for this event - September 17
- **Battle Creek Symphony Program** - \$900.00 for ½ page ads, they give us tickets to give to seniors through the year. (\$600.00 for ¼ page, but SMAC voiced to keep it the same) County was given free ad space this past year.

✓ **SMAC By-Law:**

- Review was handed out with a time line to discuss at June’s SMAC meeting and forward to the County Board of Commissioners for adoption.

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

Next SMAC Board meeting – June 3, 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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