

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
October 1, 2010 8:00 a.m.
Calhoun County Building-Marshall
Lower Level Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Commissioner Lisa Gerow

Members Present: Rod Auton, Arlene Bolton, Jill Booth, Julie Camp, Shirley Clutter, Lisa Gerow, Jennie Hoffmann, Viola Johnson, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore, Rebecca Rocho, Eusebio Solis

Members not Present:, Tiana Cannon

Staff Present: Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy, Leslie Obrig, Brad Wilcox

Guests: none

Approval of the Agenda:

Solis made a motion to approve the Agenda, Moore supported. ***Motion Carried.***

Approval of August 6, 2010 Minutes

Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2010 meeting. Solis supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Consent Agenda

Konkle made a motion to approve the consent agenda with this amendment, Bolton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Discussion Items/Old Business:

Gibson discussed the items in the Directors Report.

- Transportation Issues- Infrequent meetings with a few county representatives are being held in Kalamazoo concerning inter-county transfers to allow citizens to cross county lines for specialized services. Follow-up meeting to be held on October 27.
- Service Issues- We will not be offering the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program through the Senior Services Office this year. The benefits did not warrant the resources and time required.
- 2011 Health Fair in Marshall...Plans continue for April 7; location is yet to be determined
- Displays and Presentations were available on September 18 at both the Festival of the Forks in Albion and the same day at the Latino-Hispanic Health Fair; Springfield health fair/farmers market on Sept 25 (Lisa was on hand for that event also).
- Other Events this office will be joining AAA to financially co-sponsor a noted speaker,

Jacqueline Marcell on Alzheimers, from an adult caregiver's perspective on October 28. **This would be a valuable event for SMAC members to attend.** Carl will be attending a two day event on October 22-23 sponsored by the MI Directors of Senior Agencies.

- Other Reports: Copies of Amy Kirkwood's Report on the MI counties that have senior millages will be available upon request from the Senior Services Office. Copies of the 2009 Annual Services Report were available for SMAC members. Upon its adoption it will be distributed to the Board of Commissioners and Contracting Agencies.

New Business:

RFP Process

Gibson asked Booth to explain the recommendation of the RFP Committee for funding 2011 services.

Booth explained that the Committee had Community Action come in and present a change in their funding request. Then did not ask for more money but they requested to distribute it differently between the services that they provide with senior millage funds. Booth further explained some of the discussion held by the committee before coming to a decision to follow the recommendation of Senior Services Manager and Purchasing to fund each agency at the level they were funded for 2010 unless they are requesting a lower amount for 2011. If they are requesting a lower amount for 2011, they will be funded at that amount. The agencies will be allowed to prioritize services and request to shift funds as Community Action as done. There would be no funding for new services in this recommendation.

Members discussed the proposal and how it could impact services. There was discussion regarding the one proposal for a new service and members decided that they can look at helping in the future to make information available by working with the bidder.

Rocho made a motion to approve the recommendation of the RFP Committee for the 2011 services funding as presented. Solis supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

See Attachment A

Gibson discussed the appeals process- Bidders will be notified of the recommendation for funding and that it will be going to the Board of Commissioners. They will be notified that they can submit an appeal in writing to the Office of Senior Services by October 8, 2010 by either E-mail or by Fax. If we receive any appeals there will be a special SMAC meeting held on October 15.

On October 25, the recommended allocations will be submitted to Board of Commissioners clerk for BOC agenda and adoption on November 4. Konkle made a motion to approve this process. Booth supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Moore questioned if there is a procedure to be followed if there is a problem of providers mis-using

Millage Funds? Konkle explained that there is an assessment process to monitor programs and spending. Gibson noted that in the past some providers have had to repay money that they had not been able to use in their program.

Gibson suggested that the Needs Assessment Committee should plan to meet in November.

Gibson reported that Senior Millage has received its first check from the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board. The check is for \$5,909.52. Gibson asked members to come to the next scheduled meeting with ideas for use of that money. The next scheduled meeting in December 3rd.

Gibson reported that he is working with Karla Fales and Miller College in developing a Long Term Care Administration curriculum. Miller College would offer it as a specialty area within their Business Administration Program.

Gibson stated that he had, had conversation with Pam from Oaklawn Hospice regarding the need for a Senior Center in Marshall. The Office of Senior Services has been receiving 2 to 3 calls a month inquiring about the start of a senior center in Marshall. It is just in the talking stages at this point but there does seem to be some interest out there.

Education:

Citizens Comments

No one chose to speak.

Announcements

October 2, 2010 Presentation: Zion Lutheran Senior Group
October 21-22 Michigan Directors of Senior Agencies Conference

Adjournment: 9:06 a.m.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2010 at 8:00a.m.

| Senior Millage Contracts: Spending History & Recommendation-2011 | | | PANEL RECOMMENDS | |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 2009 Expenditure | 2010 Contract Award | 2011 Contract Bid | Senior Services Recommendation |
| Rgn 3B Area Agency on Aging (Burnham Brook Center) | | | | |
| Case management and supportive services | 591,868 | 625,000 | 650,000 | |
| Prescription Vouchers | 42,795 | 45,000 | 0 | |
| Transportation | 45,000 | 30,000 | 35,000 | |
| Hearing Assistance | 44,042 | 0 | 0 | |
| Vision Assistance | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | |
| Benefits Counseling | 29,500 | 29,500 | 39,500 | |
| Information & Assistance | 2,499 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sub-Total | \$785,704 | \$729,500 | \$724,500 | \$724,500 |
| Marian E Burch Adult Day Care | | | | |
| Caregiver respite | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | |
| Adult Day Care | 95,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | |
| Sub-Total | \$100,000 | \$90,000 | \$90,000 | \$90,000 |
| Calhoun County Health Department | | | | |
| Hearing Assistance | \$0 | 25,000 | 28,000 | |
| Vision Assistance | \$0 | 26,150 | 22,000 | |
| Sub-Total | \$0 | \$51,150 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Community Healthcare Connection (aka CHP) | | | | |
| Health Assistance Fund | 6,781 | 10,000 | 12,500 | |
| Health insurance for the uninsured | 73,365 | 73,365 | 125,000 | |
| Prescription Drug Access Program | 20,000 | 20,000 | 40,000 | |

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| | (PDAP) | | | | |
| | Sub-Total | \$100,146 | \$103,365 | \$177,500 | \$103,365.00 |
| Community Action | | | | | |
| | Meals (Home delivered and congregate) | 430,000 | 430,000 | 430,000 | \$480,000.00 |
| | Minor Home Repairs | 70,000 | 60,000 | 70,000 | \$60,000.00 |
| | Home heating assistance | 150,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | \$105,000.00 |
| | Transportation | 348,370 | 355,861 | 355,861 | \$340,861.00 |
| | Transportation Dispatch | 46,474 | 48,000 | 48,000 | \$48,000.00 |
| | Sub-Total | \$1,044,844 | \$1,033,861 | 1,043,861 | \$1,033,861 |
| Critical Signal Technologies | | | | | |
| | Personal Emergency Response Service | 0 | 10,000 | 35,000 | |
| | Sub-Total | \$0 | \$10,000 | 35,000 | \$10,000.00 |
| Family Health Center | | | | | |
| | Dental | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | |
| | Sub-Total | \$130,000 | \$130,000 | \$130,000 | \$130,000.00 |
| Forks Senior Center | | | | | |
| | Senior Center Staffing | 25,000 | 25,000 | 53,355 | |
| | Transportation | 3,061 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Sub-Total | \$28,061 | \$25,000 | \$53,355 | \$25,000.00 |
| Fountain Clinic | | | | | |
| | Dental assistance | 115,000 | 115,000 | 150,000 | |
| | Prescription vouchers | 7,343 | 10,000 | 28,000 | |
| | Vision Assistance | 0 | 3,850 | 0 | |
| | Sub-Total | \$122,343 | \$128,850 | \$178,000 | \$128,850.00 |
| Guardian Finance & Advocacy Services | | | | | |
| | Guardianship | 84,979 | 75,000 | 75,000 | |
| | Money Management | 29,794 | 20,000 | 20,000 | |
| | Sub-Total | \$114,773 | \$95,000 | \$95,000 | \$95,000.00 |
| Legal Services of South Central | | | | | |

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| Michigan | | | | |
| Legal Advice & Representation | 30,000 | 25,000 | 50,000 | |
| Sub-Total | \$30,000 | \$25,000 | \$50,000 | \$25,000.00 |
| Lifespan Inc. | | | | |
| Personal Emergency Response | 36,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | |
| Hospice Respite | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sub-Total | \$51,000 | \$25,000 | \$30,000 | \$25,000.00 |
| Senior Health Partners- (Comp. Senior Care) | | | | |
| Whole Person Wellness | 53,000 | 50,000 | 55,000 | |
| Sub-Total | \$53,000 | \$50,000 | \$55,000 | \$50,000.00 |
| Hands On Battle Creek-211 (Prev. Volunteer Ctr) | | | | |
| Information & Referral/211 Service | 17,000 | 15,000 | 36,000 | |
| Sub-Total | \$17,000 | \$15,000 | \$36,000 | \$15,000.00 |
| Substance Abuse Council | | | | |
| Get Connected (education program) | 0 | 0 | 15,000 | |
| Sub-Total | 0 | 0 | \$15,000 | \$0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$2,611,058 | \$2,511,726 | \$2,763,216 | \$2,505,576 |

