

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee  
September 7, 2012 8:00 a.m.  
Calhoun County Building  
315 W Green St., Marshall Michigan 49068**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Art Kale.

**Members Present:** Rod Auton, Arlene Bolton, Shirley Clutter, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore, Willie Tabb,

**Members Absent:** Jill Booth, Julie Camp-Siefke,

**Staff Present:** Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy, Brad Wilcox, Richard Lindsey,

**Guests Present:** Jane Chappel, Kim Halladay, Nancy MacFarlane, Dan Hicks

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from August 3, 2011 Auton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Citizen Comments:** Introduction of visitors Jane Chappel and Kim Halladay.

**Reports**

Clutter made a motion to approve the financial reports. Bolton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Continuing Business**

Letter of request from Fountain Clinic for \$20,000 additional funds to support dental services for the balance of FY 2012. Discussion followed regarding the reasons for this needed amount. Gibson explained that Family Health Center has lost their staff person who could do extractions and some other procedures, so many of those clients are being referred to Muskegan and Ann Arbor. Due to the difficulty of traveling that far many of the clients are self referring to Fountain Clinic to get the work done, which is quickly depleting Fountain Clinic funds. Gibson recommended that the SMAC approve an additional \$20,000 so that Fountain Clinic can complete the dental work started on Senior Millage Clients. Auton made the motion to allocate an Additional \$20,000 to Fountain Clinic for Dental Services for the balance of FY 2012. Konkle supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Review Contract Extension**

Wilcox discussed contract extensions for the Funding Year 2013. Moore made a motion to approve a three tiered process 1) improved contracting for Meals/Nutrition and Transportation Dispatch, 2) Pilot the Performance Based Contracting for Personal Emergency Response, and 3) one year contract extensions for remaining vendors. This approval is forwarded to the Board

of Commissioners for adoption, after corporate council contract development. Tabb supported the motion. Auton, Clutter, Haadsma, Kale, Konkle, Moore, and Tabb approved. Bolton opposed. **Motion Carried.**

### **Vendor Appeals**

Richard Lindsey spoke regarding Termination Agreement received from LifeCare Ambulance Dated September 6, 2012, to terminate the contract between Calhoun County and LifeCare Ambulance Service effective September 30, 2012. Lindsey noted that this would mean that the Transportation Dispatch for 2013 would not be renewed with LifeCare. Lindsey noted that Administration is recommending termination of the contract with LifeCare as they are requesting. Administration also recommends contracting with Community Action for Transportation Dispatch for the remainder of 2012 and for FY 2013.

Auton made a motion to authorize Administration and Senior Services Office to develop and implement a transition from LifeCare to Community Action beginning October 1, 2012 with approval of the Board of Commissioners. Discussion followed regarding meeting senior needs now and long term. There was discussion concerning issues that have been a problem, these issues need to be addressed and there must be measurable outcomes.

Konkle supported the motion. Bolton and Moore voted No; Auton, Clutter, Kale, Konkle, Haadsma, Tabb, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

MacFarlane spoke briefly about issues and problem solving and noted that they will work with LifeCare to make the transition as smooth as possible.

### **Information & Discussion**

#### Update on Albion Meal Sites and Forks Senior Center

Gibson reported that the current Meal Sites in Albion at St. James Church and at the Down Town Senior Center are scheduled to close on September 28 and a new meal site will open at Forks Senior Center on October 1. All clients formerly served at the two sites will be welcome at the Forks Senior Center site.

#### Senior Needs Assessment

Hospitals are doing a state mandated Needs Assessment anyone who would like to be part of a Forum at Burnham Brook Center on September 17 please see Carl after the meeting.

#### Strategic Planning/Needs Assessment

Things are moving forward on our Needs Assessment being conducted by Wayne State University.

Discussion followed, process is evolving and moving in the right direction.

#### Directors Report

Gibson noted that in the Directors Report he is requesting the authority to shift funds within one vendor's contract from one service to another (IE from Home Heating to Minor Home Repair as long as the amount does not exceed the overall allocation for that Vendor). Members agreed that since the funds were already allocated this should not be a problem.

Gibson noted that he had also mentioned in his report that in the future he may request a Part Time employee to support Vendor Assessments etc.

Konkle announced that Forks Senior Center will hold a Swiss Steak Dinner On October 12 at

the United Methodist Church on E Michigan Ave in Albion.  
Haadsma asked for comments from our visiting citizens Chappell noted that this committee makes a lot of important decisions. Halladay stated, he was impressed with the knowledge and caring of this group of individuals.

Clutter made a motion to adjourn, Moore supported.

**Adjourned 9:25 a.m.**

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**Next Meeting: October 5, 2012**