

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by Chairman Jim Haadsma.

**Members Present:** Arlene Bolton, Jane Chappell, Jill Booth, Julie Camp-Siefke, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore, Jim Powers, Willie Tabb

**Members Absent:** Rod Auton, Shirley Clutter ,

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

**Guests Present:** Beverly Bentley, Maureen Reed, John Williams, Bill Bushman, Jennie Konkle, Shirley McKinney, Anne Rosebaum, Nina Smith

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2011 Tabb supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Citizen Comments:** none

**Reports**

Gibson explained contract spending and the Administrative budget and provided members with a breakdown of the Administrative Budget for 2013. Moore made a motion to approve the financial reports. Bolton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Forks Senior Center Business Plan Maureen Reed and John Williams**

Reed updated members on operations at the Forks Senior Center and Crowell School Building. There were many changes there this past year with new occupants in the building. The building is being utilized by many entities including the CAA Congregate Site. These additional tenants have increased traffic in the building and have created some issues with parking. They have expanded the parking area with a gravel area to allow more space for parking and are looking into other options. Reed also mentioned awards that they had recently received as well as her State Certification as a Senior Center Director. She noted that Forks Senior Center has 350 members.

Williams noted that Forks Senior Center Board of Directors and Staff have been participating in Strategic Planning. They are planning to do some major Fund Raising events in the next year.

**New Business**

Needs Assessment Update Gibson distributed copies of the Proposed Timetable. Gibson asked Committee Members to step up and Volunteer to do 5 or 6 Focus Groups in the next couple of months to assess needs and depth of needs. Konkle, Booth, Tabb, Moore, Bolton, Clutter and

Chappell all volunteered to help with Focus Groups.

### **Directors Report**

Gibson noted that he is still working with Senior Health Partners to come up with something to replace the Congregate Meals in Homer and Tekonsha with another form of meal.

Community HealthCare Connections has requested a shift of funds within their programs to cover some extra needs in the Prescription Drug Access Program. This will not require any additional funds just moving some from one program to another.

### **2013 Meeting Schedule**

Stealy provided a draft of the 2013 SMAC Meeting Schedule. Stealy noted that it may be necessary to change the July meeting as it would fall on July 5, and many people are out of town that weekend. Chappell made a motion to change the July meeting to July 12<sup>th</sup> Konkle supported. ***Motion Carried.***

### **MMAP Update**

Stealy noted that the Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D ends today and that she has seen nearly 100 individuals to assist them with their Prescription Insurance since October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The December 6, 2012 Sock Hop/Christmas party at Midway Roller Rink was a great success, with over 100 Senior Citizens attending.

### **Foreclosure Process**

Ann Rosenbaum and Nina Smith of the Calhoun County Treasurers Office discussed the process for foreclosures on property for non-payment of taxes. They requested that the SMAC discuss ways that they can help Senior Citizens in the county who are losing their homes due to non payment of taxes.

Konkle made a motion to appoint Moore, Booth, and Powers to meet with Nina Smith to discuss possibilities and report back to the whole committee. Bolton supported the motion.

Tabb made a motion to adjourn, Konkle supported.

**Adjourned 9:35 a.m.**

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**Next Meeting: January 4, 2013**