

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee**  
**March 2, 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 Chairman, Jim Haadsma.

**Members Present:** Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Julie Camp-Siefke, Shirley Clutter, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Joanne Konkle, Jennie Hoffmann, Arlene Bolton,

**Members Absent:** Willie Tabb(called via Skype) Ralph Moore, Tina Renea' Perry, Eusebio Solis,

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

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Booth made a motion to approve the Agenda, Kale supported. ***Motion Carried.***

**Approval of Minutes:**

Kale made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2011, Auton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Reports**

Gibson reviewed the Contract Spending Report and The YTD Balance Sheet. Clutter made a motion to approve the reports. Konkle seconded the motion. ***Motion Carried***

**Information & Discussion**

Ron Slagel and Jeff Hillman from LifeCare Ambulance presented information about Senior Transportation. They explained some of the challenges that they have had taking over Transportation Dispatch. Slagel noted that there are 25% MDOT rides to merge with the Senior Millage rides, and it is a challenge to get everyone where they need to go. Slagel explained that 69% of trips are subscription trips (client has on-going trips every week). Those rides were for Dialysis 3 times per week, groceries 1 time per week, work or social 3 to 5 times per week. Demand for rides is high and when servicing the entire county some time frames that people need or want for their rides just aren't feasible. The scheduling software will assist in improving transportation system and best meeting the needs of Calhoun County seniors. It just takes time to know what to put in to the software to get the results that are needed. A meeting was held March 1st with the Van drivers to talk about issues that need to be addressed. LifeCare is committed to continuing to address the issues and to make this system efficient and to meet the needs of our seniors.

Members discussed options for rides within the city of Battle Creek. Members would like to work with Battle Creek Transit to see if there is a way they could help with the rides within the city, if we help cover the cost.

There was discussion about transportation not being available on holidays like Presidents Day,

and Veterans Day, and other holidays when government offices may be closed but doctors offices are open and seniors still need rides.

Gibson noted that the City of Albion may possibly get a van that could help with some of the rides within that city. Gibson thought they may ask Senior Millage to support some cost for the van (pending for 4 months).

### **Continuing Business:**

#### Strategic Planning

Auton reported that there will be a meeting with AAA Region 3-B to move forward with a Needs Assessment.

#### Fund Balance

Gibson asked how members want to proceed with the Fund Balance. He asked members to present ideas at the April meeting.

#### RFP

Wilcox talked about the RFP Process and changes that can be made through use of a Needs Assessment. Wilcox noted the possibility of performance based contracts.

#### Member Terms

Gibson addressed the subject of Membership Terms-- Willie Tabb, Rod Auton, and Jennie Hoffman terms expire on April 30, 2012. Please submit in writing you request to renew your term or your wish to terminate.

Gibson also noted that Eusebio Solis will be resigning his position due to his work load. Tina Renea' Perry will be resigning her position immediately due to personal issues.

Gibson will put a notice in the papers of openings on the Senior Millage Allocation Committee.

#### Service Standards

Gibson read a request from Community Action for changes in the Minor Home Repair Service Standard. They request that the standard be amended to

1. Add refrigerator replacement, under insulating /weatherization, for those units over 20 years old in order to insure long term energy efficiency.
2. Add cooling system repair/replacement for clients with a demonstrated medical need such as, a doctor's notification.
3. Add well, septic, drain field repair/replacement.

After discussion members present were in agreement, to not support for the recommended changes, or expand the broth of covered services..

Community Action proposed that Home Heating Assistance Service Standard

1. Change the Income Eligibility form 150% to 200% of Poverty Level.
2. Change the service cap from \$750 to \$1,000 per client per year.

Tabled for more information, members did not support this change at this time.

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

**Next Meeting: April 6, 2012**

