

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee Meeting
December 6, 2013 7:45 AM, Law Library,
Calhoun County Building
315 W Green Street, Marshall, MI**

Vice-chair Jill Booth - Called meeting to order.

Members Present: Rod Auton, Arlene Bolton, Jill Booth, Jane Chappell, Shirley Clutter, Kathy-Sue Dunn, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Jim Powers, Willie Tabb

Absent: Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Ralph Moore

Staff: Carl Gibson and Rodna Zuck, Brad Wilcox

INTRODUCTIONS: Citizens: Joanne Konkle, Karla Fales, David Carroll, Dan Pontus, Jessica Ward

Agenda – Kale made a motion to approve the agenda and Booth supported the Motion. **Motion Carried**

Minutes for November 1 – Auton made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1 meeting, Tabb supported the Motion. **Motion Carried.**

Spending Report

Program spending is in line.

Clutter made a motion to approve the reports, Power supported. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business

2014 Contracts

Karla Fales(Region 3B AAA) addressed the committee to request that they approve an addendum that Community Care Option (CCO)proposal that provides homemaking, home safety assessment, meal preparation and bathing support for seniors unable to access these services but do not require care management services.

The proposed addendum folds the \$50,000 designated for Personal Emergency Response System into the same Community Care Option contract. Seniors who request a personal emergency response system may have services arranged through a provider of the AAA who is currently under contract. Seniors will be given a choice of provider or first available. The AAA will develop and develop a program to identify need and conduct the program, including a facility-wide program if it is determined that the need within the facility is

(such as a High rise)general enough and if it is deemed economically more feasible than individual units.

Kalnins made a motion to approve the addendum to Care Management Category for a Community Connections Options program. Jane Chappell supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Gibson requested the SMAC approve a 3 month extension to support those programs that were not bid out, in anticipation of Mini Grants being submitted. Gibson noted that since the mini-grant process is not fully developed, it may be advisable to extend their current Grants for the next 3 months, allowing up to ¼ of their 2013 contract amount of \$55,000. Powers made a motion to approve the extension of

funds to current providers who will be applying for Mini Grants through the informal bid process, Chappell supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Gibson recommended that the SMAC allocate up to \$100,000 toward Competitive Grant Purposes and Mini Grants for the funding year 2014. Discussion held. Auton made a motion to authorize Senior Services to allocate up to \$100,000 for Mini Grants and Competitive mini grants for Funding Year 2014. Kalnins supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Gibson recommended that the SMAC recommend \$40,000 for Inter-local Agreement to the Board of Commissioners to allocate for supporting Benefits Counseling, a service provided through the Area Agency on Aging in conjunction with the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program. This is a program where there is not any competitive bidding as it is a very specialized program.

Bolton made a motion to present the proposal to the Board of Commissioners at its next meeting Chappell supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

New Business

Nutrition Program

Karla Fales of Area Agency on Aging, and Dave Carroll of Senior Services Inc. presented information regarding the Nutrition Program. Fales noted that the nutrition Program is a very successful venture and that numbers are up for both congregate and Home Delivered Meals as well as liquid meals. The problem is that the Area Agency on Aging is looking at some serious budget cuts in state revenue that is currently being used to fund that program. Fales noted that she wanted to make the SMAC aware that there may be a need in 2014 to increase Nutrition Dollars in order to maintain the program. Members requested more data on this situation. Senior Services Inc. will do more surveys as will Area Agency on Aging to make sure the Data is available to substantiate the need.

Aging and Disability

Fales spoke to members regarding an Aging and Disability Resource Center to bring together and train information and assistance staff from partnering organizations. SMAC consensus authorizes Senior Services to support participation in this effort. SMAC requested clarification of Corporate Counsel on its validity for financial support.

Senior Health Partners Partnership

Senior Health Partners Partnership- Fales explained to members the purpose of this collaborative effort and that the goal is Health & Wellness of Older Adults. Senior Millage has been invited to become a partner. Members are supportive of this venture.

Gibson presented a letter of request from Family Health Center for an additional \$5,000 for FY 2013 to finish some dental projects that they have in progress.

Bolton made a motion to approve the additional \$5,000 for Dental Services to Family Health Center. Chappell supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Gibson presented a letter from Legal Services requesting an additional \$5,000 for legal services as they have expended their grant for FY 2013.

Kalnins made a motion to grant an additional \$5,000 to Legal Services of South Central Michigan for Legal Assistance for 2013. Auton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried***

Meeting Schedule for 2014 provided. Members voted not to meet in January. Bolton made a motion to accept Meeting Schedule for 2014 with the deletion of January 3, 2014 meeting, Clutter supported. ***Motion Carried .***

Auton , Powers, and Kalnins will meet with Carl prior to the next meeting to devise the Mini-Grant Process.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bolton, supported by Powers. ***Adjourned 9:50***

Next Meeting: February 7, 2014 at the County Building, same room.

