

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee**  
**Friday August 7, 2015 8:00 a.m.**  
Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room  
315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order/Roll Call: Jill Booth at 8:02 a.m. and Roll Called**

**Attending: Mike Bearman, Jill Booth, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore, Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds, Teresa Schell and Willie Tabb**

**Absent Excused: Rod Auton and Shirley Clutter**

**Staff:** Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

**Visitors:** Linda Grap, Director - Senior Health Partners; Gina Costa - Forks Senior Center (FSC); Kris Jenkins, Director and Jimmy Chapman, Head of Maintenance – Marian Burch Adult Day; Charles Asher – Community Action

**Agenda –Moore and Konkle:** Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

**Minutes for July, 2015 –Kalnins and Moore:** Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

**Carl Gibson Introduced Teresa Schell** - newest member appointed by Calhoun County Board of Commissioners (BOC) last night meeting, August 6, 2015.

**Report: Contract Spending**

- No current report available

**Old Business:**

❖ **Forks Senior Center (FSC) -**

- Willie Tabb and Joanne Konkle on FSC board as SMAC representatives (Tabb as Primary)

**Motion to approve Tabb and Konkle as SMAC representatives on FSC: Kalnins and Booth:** Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

❖ **Fund Balance Committee**

- Kelly Scott is in the process of reviewing requests to determine if any need to have BOC approval.

❖ **ME Burch Adult Day Care**

- Kris Jenkins and Jimmy Chapman updated why the new/improved Bathing room renovations have increased from original estimate of \$62,000 and to \$114,000. Requesting an additional support of \$10,000 for client bathing room/system reconstruction.
- Original building blueprints were incorrect as to where the water pipes and electrical wiring were under the floor. Very labor intensive project
- Kris invited the SMAC to tour the new Bathing Room upon completion
- **Willy Kalnins, Joanne Konkle and Carla Reynolds abstained from voting as they are on the ME Burch board (Corrected Willie Tabb abstained, not Willy Kalnins)**

**Motion to approve an additional \$10,000: Tabb and Moore:** Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

❖ **Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD)**

- **Hearing Aids** requesting an additional \$15,000 due to the increased demand
  - They are qualifying more people and use the Battle Creek Hearing Services
  - Hearing aids costs approximately \$1,200 to \$1,300; CCPHD currently have a waiting list
  - **Vision Services** requesting a change in vision exam/eyeglasses standards from once every 4 years to every 2 years. No increase in funding at this time.
  - Meijer's Vision closed and CCPHD is now working with American Best Eye Care in BC.
- Motion to approve an additional \$15,000 for hearing services and change standard to once every 2 years for exam/glasses from a 4 year for vision services: Tabb and Moore: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried***

❖ **Senior Services SWMi**

- No action at this time.

❖ **Dental Services Evaluation**

- United Way requires and evaluation of services outcomes and worthiness for the three (3) year grant that was awarded to us
- Raymond Higbea, PhD would consult with us to evaluate the level of value for the Dental services we are funding through the Fountain Clinic and Grace Health
- Approval for \$5,000 grant to Dr. Higbea for evaluation of dental funding programs
- **Willy Kalnins abstained from discussion/voting, she has worked closely with him**
- Discussion - Haadsma recommended that we let this out for RFP bid
- Carl will start this process with Purchasing

**Motion to start the request for qualifications (RFQ): Kale and Bearman: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried***

❖ **Community Action**

- Requesting \$20,000 for Minor Home Repairs; Additional \$15,000 for Home Heating Assistance; increasing the cap for propane fuel to \$1,000 from \$750.00 one time; these amounts will include 20% administration fees, but not increasing staff.
- Chuck Asher discussed the minor home repair and heating assistance programs
- CA already served 18 clients, 10 in process out of the 32 they have budgeted
- Working with Habitat Humanity to reduce ramp costs and servicing more people
- Asher discussed the requirements and the steps in the eligibility process.
- **Art Kale is voting NO – he doesn't think that the administration fee should be from the direct funding costs**
- **Motion requesting \$20,000 for minor repairs; additional \$15,000 for home heating assistance; increasing the cap for propane fuel to \$1,000 from \$750.00 one time; these amounts will include 20% administration fees: Kale and Bearman: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried (Kalnins and Kale voted No)***

❖ **Marshall Lions Club**

- Requesting \$2,006 to cover transportation cost for seniors to Doctor, rehab, dentist and grocery shopping
- Discussion on the Lions Club being a community club – pros and cons
- Discussion on working directly with the Dial-A-Ride to help seniors with their transportation costs

**Motion to grant \$2,006 to the Lions Club for senior transportation: Powers and Schell: Motion, Second and *Motion Denied (Bearman, Booth, Haadsma, Kale, Kalnins, Konkle, Moore, Reynolds and Tabb – No; Powers and Schell – Yes)***

Gibson will discuss helping with senior transportation cost with Lions Club and Dial-A-Ride directly.

❖ **Education: Linda Grap – Senior Health Partner**

Wholeperson Wellness program: reviewing more places in the County to increasing days and adding other locals to grow program with the meals. Marshall needs another meal site and wholeperson wellness, Episcopal Church is doing more outreach in this area. Grap discussed many sites over the County to expand programs. Grap discussed attending township meetings with Commissioner Bearman to get the word out to the outer townships. Senior Health Partners are also participating in a Diabetic program and looking at expanding this to more locations.

**Veterans Day at Calhoun County Fair is Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>, free admission for Vets.  
Senior Day at the Calhoun County Fair is Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, free admission and Senior tent activities starting at 9:00am with Crowning of the King and Queen mid-day.**

*Adjournment at 9:34 a.m. - Moore and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - Motion Carried*

**Next SMAC Board meeting – September 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room.**