

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee**  
**Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8:05 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: Jim Haadsma at 8:06 a.m. and roll call**

**Roll Call Attending: Rod Auton, Mike Bearman, Shirley Clutter, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds and Willie Tabb.**

**Absent Excused: Jill Booth and Ralph Moore**

Staff: Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

Visitors: Linda Grap, Director for Senior Health Partners; Sherii Sherban from Senior Times; Micki Ogilbee, Carol Maynard & Gina Costa from Forks Senior Center (FSC); Teresa Schell from Mobility Transport and applicant for SMAC committee member position.

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

**Minutes for May, 2015 –Clutter and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried***

**Citizens Comments:** Micki Ogilbee introduced Gina Costa as the new full time Director for the Forks Senior Center. She also introduced Carol Maynard as the new FSC Board President. Micki thanked the SMAC for all their support for the FSC

**Report: Contract Spending**

- ❖ Discussion - report is through May 2015
  - No June payments are reflected on this report
  - Community Action (CA) Agency just in their bill for 2015 – 6 month charges
  - Meijer’s eye glass service has ended abruptly, looking for a new vendor source
  - Fountain Clinic having funding changes for the prescription voucher program and United Way Dental grant is being used up quickly for 2015, but still have this grant till June 2016
  - Report reflects Administrative expenses for the quarter

**2015 Contract Spending report – Konkle and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried***

**Old Business:**

- ❖ **Senior Project Fresh -**
  - Funded by State of Michigan, Battle Creek Community Foundation, Senior Millage for \$20.00 coupons for seniors to get fresh produce at farmers markets.
- ❖ **Centenarian Luncheon – Lora Stevens reported**
  - 52 Centenarian Invitations were sent out, 21 attended and 19 Seniors responded but could not attend
  - Approximately 82 total people attending event, including Nick Lyon Director of MDHHS.
  - Kari Sederburg presented an award to Joanne Konkle for her volunteering for seniors
  - Voice VOTE - SMAC to continue event annually

❖ **All Vendor Meeting On June 30**

- Representatives from all vendors attended, except Legal Services
- 25 people attending
- Will be making this a yearly meeting
- No contract reviews are needed 2015, but approximately 9 contracts will be reviewed in 2016 for 2017 – 3 year contracts.

**New Business: Action Items – Attached Directors Report**

❖ **#1 Telephone Reassurance Program (TRP) -**

- County wide program - this is a much needed services to County residents
- \$7,500 was set aside to get this program off the ground
- 911 and 211 have voiced an interest in helping with this program
- Many different models to review that we might follow
- Discussion - concern voiced over where the main base will be located, but this will be a County wide base program no matter where the call center is located.
- Battle Creek Chapel Hill United Methodist Church just started a support call program in April
  - Their program has been in operation for a month now, 7-8 Months in development
  - Volunteers were put through simulator type training for questions and calls they might receive.

*Update from March approval Telephone Reassurance Project for \$7,500 and replaces the \$5,000 that was approved in February – Powers and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried***

❖ **#2 Fund Balance Committee**

- Senior Millage is at 250% of its sustaining goal.
- SMAC appointed a sub-committee consisting of Powers, Kalnins and Booth; along with Sherii Sherban sitting in
- Review and approved updated Fund Balance Policy from July 2008, including plan to fund additional services to reduce large balance over the next 2 to 3 years.
- **Approved – Forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for approval.**

❖ **#3 Up to \$5,000 approval for a part-time Manager** operating from AAA an BC CDBG as a contracted consultant to centralized intake & coordinating services for home repair, ramps & chore services among a number of agencies. Cost sharing with AAA, BCCF and City of BC.

- **Approved – Up to \$5,000 cost sharing**

❖ **#4 Community Healthcare Connections**

- Merging 2 accounts together as Health Assistance Fund
- This would cover the Rx Vouches unexpected increase
- Modify income eligibility up to 250% poverty level
- One account will allow for improved record keeping
- **Approved – to combine accounts into one**

❖ **#5 Forks Senior Center**

- First request - Mid-May request was for \$5,450 to subsidize 50% of a low income member fees as the membership fee increased this year to \$75.00.
- Second request - \$5,000 fitness equipment replacement fund
- **Discussion and Both requests – DENIED (Center members responsibilities)**

- ❖ **#6 Fountain Clinic**
  - Requesting an additional \$40,000 to supplement the current \$175,000 budgeted for 2015 and as a match to UW Foundation Grant
  - United Way dental grant has been spent \$82,474 of the \$112,500 already this year.
  - More extensive dental procedures are needed; i.e. crowns, oral surgery, dentures
  - 41 individuals are on a waiting list for dental services
  - *Approved \$40,000 with BOC approval, if needed.*
- ❖ **#7 Fountain Clinic**
  - Increased demand for RX Vouchers and PDAP applications
  - Additional request for \$10,000 Mini grant - not a Bid contract, only for the remainder of this year (2015) to supplement RX/PIN programs. RX demand high this year.
  - *Approved – \$10,000 increase*
- ❖ **#8 Guardian Finance & Advocacy (GFAS) – Fee structure change**
  - Change in contract terms October 1, 2015 to coincide with new GFAS fiscal year period, not requesting more funds
  - Set a cost sharing fee instead of fluctuating % based on each month client fees for the rest of this year.
  - Money Management fees may change effective January 1, 2016
  - *Approved – Fee structure change in existing contract*
- ❖ **#9 ME Burch Adult Day Care**
  - Requesting an additional support of \$15,000 for client bathing room/system reconstruction. Currently SMAC awarded \$5,000 first request. Bid awarded for this project was for much more than originally thought it would be.
  - *Willie Tabb and Joanne Konkle abstained from voting on this request as they are on the ME Burch board*
  - *Approved –\$5,000 awarded, but to be reviewed again at the August meeting for possible additional funds.*
- ❖ **#10 Senior Health Partners – requests \$20,000 additional funding**
  - Proposed service increases to Clarence Twp., Hickory Hills Village, Newton Twp., in Albion - Maple Grove Apts. and an additional day at FSC.
  - Carl recommends \$10,000 for the remainder of 2015 and \$20,000 may be needed for 2016 if services continue and demand warrants
  - *Approved –\$10,000 awarded for 2015*
- ❖ **#11A Calhoun County Health Department (CCHD) – Update - possible future funding request.**
  - Increased demand in Hearing services being monitored
  - Meijer’s Vision Services have stopped abruptly, looking to replace with a new vendor, this may cause an increase in Vision Services for CCHD
  - *Approved* - meeting with program staff to discuss possible future funding increase
- ❖ **#11B Community Action (CA) -**
  - Proposes raising the Home Heating cap from \$750 to \$1,000
  - Proposes increasing Minor Home Repair Service Cap from \$2,500 to \$3,000
  - *Approved* - CA staff will determine the actual Heating and MHR needs for a projection and will bring a report to the August meeting

❖ **#11C Senior Services SWMi -**

- Proposes expanding Chore Services to focus on Safety in the home
- Proposes support for a Volunteer Recruitment working for the Nutritional/HDM route delivery as internal funding ended on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- County may propose an expansion on SAFETY focus in the home, i.e. smoke alarms and grab bar installation.
- Will need to meet with chore staff before proposal presented.
- Gibson - Volunteer recruitment is part of the Nutrition project which Millage currently funds heavily now
- ***DENIED Approved for Volunteer Recruitment position***

***Voting on Action Items 1 through 11 – Powers and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved - Motion Carried PASSED (#5 FSC request was denied;#6 Fountain Clinic additional funds request may need to go before the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners (BOC); and Konkle and Tabb abstained for action Item #9 ME Burch additional funding increase request)***

❖ **#12 SMAC Membership Application**

- Teresa Schell from Battle Creek applied for open position on SMAC
- Schell also applied also for AAA policy board
- Counsel deems conflict of interest to be on both decision making boards
- Schell would like to be on SMAC after attending this meeting, she will be on AAA Advisory Board, which is not a conflict of interest
- SMAC members approved her, pending the County BOC approval at July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting

***Appointments for Teresa Schell - Kale and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - Motion Carried***

❖ **#13 Holland Park Project in Albion, MI**

- Presentation by Lenn Reid, Chief Kipp – Albion DPS, and Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager for Albion.
- Reid – need \$42,000 to supply the equipment and shuffleboard and horse shoe area for the Senior area of the park
- The area where the equipment would go is already asphalt for wheelchair accessibility with some minor repairs needed
- The park should be totally completed with area to canoe/kayak launch are on the Kalamazoo River, ‘Canoe the Kazoo’ will use this as a starting point in the future
- Konkle moved and Clutter second to fund \$5,000
- Tabb moved and Bearman second to fund an additional \$5,000 for next year
- Powers greed with \$5,000 for 2015 and \$5,000 for 2016
- Kale discussed one piece of equipment cost and have it set up so other can look at it and possible give money to this area of the park, Reid said approx. \$10,000
- Konkle withdrew her motion for \$5,000 and Bearman supported
- Haadsma took the motion off the table
- Kale moved and Reynolds second to fund \$10,000

***\$10,000 awarded to Holland Park for the senior area equipment – Kale and Bearman: Motion, Second and Approved - Motion Carried***

**Senior Day at the Calhoun County Fair is Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am with Crowning of the King and Queen is mid-day.**

***Adjournment at 9:42 a.m. - Konkle and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved - Motion Carried***

**Next SMAC Board meeting – August 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room.**