

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
Friday October 2, 2015 8:00 a.m.
Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room
315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Jill Booth at 8:07 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Mike Bearman Jill Booth, Shirley Clutter, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle and Willie Tabb

Absent Excused: Jim Haadsma, Ralph Moore Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds and Teresa Schell

Staff: Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

Visitors: Gina Costa, Director Forks - Senior Center (FSC); Aaron Edlefson, Director - Calhoun County Veteran's Affairs; Barbara Travis, Exe Director and Linnea Mobley, Programs Services Manager for Community Health Care Connections.

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

Minutes for September 4, 2015 – Bearman and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion Carried***

Introductions and Citizens Time: Carl Gibson introduced Gina Costa – FSC
Costa stated that Sept 10th was the 10 year anniversary and everything happening is very positive and FSC is moving in the right direction.

Report: Contract Spending

- Numbers are through the end of September

Motion to Approve: Clutter and Bearman: Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion Carried***

Old Business:

❖ **FSC**

- Celebration for donor and volunteers at a breakfast meeting September 24. County Commissioners, County Staff and SMAC were invited to meet/greet Gina and see the new FSC center. FSC is trying to be more transparent and handed out budget, spending and growth projections at this meeting. They will be doing a similar event with Albion City Council and staff.
- Oct 24 they will be participating in 'Albion Showing Your Best'.
- Nov 6 FSC will be holding a fundraiser Swiss Steak Dinner at St Paul's Lutheran Church from 5 to 7pm, \$10.00 tickets.
- Gibson and Karla Fales (AAA) will be working on strategic planning with FSC and Konkle and Tabb will also be in the meeting.

❖ **Marshall Senior Center**

- Gibson – big interest and need, but not many people coming forward to help.
- Gibson presented to the SMAC members – do we need to be a big part of this or not?
- Bearman - FSC growth will show what one in Marshall Center can be with our guidance.
- Kale - stated that the millage could be a big active part of it.
- Auton - mirrored Kale's statement and feels we are a prominent millage group and we provide leadership to the community. We should be committed to being part of this and planning for the center.

New Business:

❖ Congregate Meal Site at FSC

- FSC is the only site in the County that pays for rental space for their congregate meal site.
- Gibson recommends that we take \$6,000 from the meal funding and give it to FSC to cover their rental costs. No changes in total funding except allocating this to room rental that FSC is utilizing but paid from meal program funds.
- Costa feels this will blend the Community together.
- Expansion at the County Building in Albion where FSC is currently. County Health Department has moved out and the Michigan Works will be moving into their space. This will leave more space for FSC to expand. Other agencies that provide services to seniors might also use this space in the future.

Motion to Approve: Konkle and Kale: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried* (Willie Tabb abstained from voting)

- Gibson recently went to the meal program site in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. The meal program has changed the packaging and kind of food. State wide changes in standards in nutrients have been made.
- Packages have gone from 3 sections to 2. The food amount is still the same but it is more nutritional and not as much comfort foods, i.e. potatoes, spaghetti, etc. All their meals are made from scratch.
- If you hear complaints this is the reason and they are looking at going back to 3 section packaging.

❖ Miles for Memories

- Stealy - September 19, this event has raised \$42,000 right now and more is still coming in. It was a great success with the funds providing services locally.
- Nursing homes came out; Walgreens helped this year with tents and staff.

❖ Community HealthCare Connections (CHC)

- Barbara Travis, Exe Director and Linnea Mobley, Programs Services Manager - requesting \$10,000 transfer of funds from the PDAP program to the Prescription Vouchers. This is only a transfer of grant funds they are not asking for more funds.
- Mobley - many medications have been taken off the formulary – Insulin and other medications.
- CHC helps with insulin syringes and lancets; Medicare Part B also covers this.
- CHC is looking for other ways to get funding for these people that are falling between the cracks. Diabetes more prevalent each year, more people are being diagnosed.

New Business:

❖ MMAP Program – Open Enrollment Oct 15 through Dec 7 for 2016 Medicare

- Stealy - Reminder Cards were sent out.
- Stealy appointment times are filled for the next few weeks.
- Costa stated that FSC is booked through Oct 26.
- Federal Government is looking at cutting a large amount of funds that support this program at the state level. Write your Congressman to not cut program.

❖ Vendor Assessments:

- Gibson and Stealy are going through this process with Vendors - 7 finished to date.
- Vendors that are also with AAA, we are doing assessment together. This has become a model with the State, agencies working together.

❖ **Dental Services**

- Evaluation contract has been awarded to Ray Higbea from GVSU
- We will be meeting with a collaborative group in October to go over protocols – Grace Health, Fountain Clinic, CHC and Service Services

❖ **EDUCATION: Aaron Edlefson, Director Calhoun County Veteran’s Affairs**


- Millage was passed 2 years ago
- Edlefson came from Kalamazoo County VA and is ready to move Calhoun County Program forward.
- State, Federal and local benefits are available to our Vets and he wants to get the word out and help our seniors.
- Hiring a new Service Officer allowing them get out to all areas in the County for the Vets that can’t make it to the Battle Creek office.
- Kale - stated that the new VA staff at the County is very helpful and has turned this department around to the positive.

❖ **Directors Report**

- Transportation issues for transporting seniors across County lines
 - Dial-A-Ride is now increasing trips for school parents as they may attend conferences, games, and other school events, especially from Albion to Marshall for student events.
- \$10,000 awarded to Holland Park on hold until we have creditable use of what this money is going to be used for. Have not sent check and will not until we have this.

Adjournment at 9:31 a.m. - Kale and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

Next SMAC Board meeting – November 6, Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room

	<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Questions regarding the minutes may be answered prior to the next meeting by contacting Calhoun County the Office of Senior Services at 269-781-0846</p>
---	--