

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday, April 7, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Calhoun County Garden Conference Room,
315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair Vic Potter at 8:04 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Richard Lindsey, Ralph Moore, Vic Potter, Jim Powers, Teresa Schell, Willie Tabb (Via - Skype), and Gary Tompkins

Absent Excused: None

County Personnel: Brad Wilcox – County Assistant Administrator; Carl Gibson, Director and staff: Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

Visitors: Luann Sommers, Director of Forks Senior Center (FSC) and Dale Duff, Vice-Chair for FSC Board; Katherine Lipari,; Greg Allen, Talons Out Honor Flight Representative; Jason Rapelje, Edward Jones Financial Advisor; Collen Clement, Marshal Resident

Agenda for April 7, 2017: (Modification of agenda items/times scheduled)

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

Minutes for March 3, 2016:

Motion to accept Agenda – Kale and Booth: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Introduction: **Jason Rapelje** - Interested in becoming a SMAC member; **Katherine Lipari** – Aetna Better Health – Non-Emergency Transportation Program for Medicaid clients; **Collen Clement** – recently moved back to the states and reacquainting herself with her home town, Marshall.

Contract Spending/Budget Report:

- ✓ Mini grants are not added to the total on this report.
- ✓ Report shows allocation amounts higher for 2017 then what is projected to come to the Millage, trying to drawn down fund balance.
- ✓ Meals have not been billed to the Millage for 2017 until they use up federal/state grant funds.
- ✓ Finance Department will be help with the contract spending reports in the near future.
- ✓ Fountain Clinic – Prescription Vouchers – wrong amount listed – should be \$18,500.
- ✓ No motion to accept report, until numbers are corrected.

Old Business:

Senior Center Update (Richard Lindsey)

- ✓ Oaklawn met with Marshall Township planning commission Zoning board
 - Requesting building permit for 30 additional parking spaces – approved
- ✓ Kitty Knolls, employed by CareWell Services, will be the Center's Director.
- ✓ Should be on track to open in middle of May.
- ✓ Applications for membership are available: \$75.00 for single and \$135.00 Couple. If one of the members is under 60 they can still apply for a membership.
- ✓ Applications at Senior Fair went quickly and many people at the table discussing center.

Senior Fair: (Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens)

- ✓ Weather was not good this year, rain, snow, slush and strong wind - hazardous road conditions.
- ✓ Community Action cancelled all rides for the day.
- ✓ Approximately 400 people attended this year, down from previous years.
- ✓ Vendors and people attended seemed happy and felt it was a successful fair.
- ✓ Dial-A-Ride only had 5 people attend the fair through them, none from Marshall House.
- ✓ Discussion on a valet service (Golf Cart) from parking lot to school, long work for seniors esp. in bad weather.

Transition for Director of Senior Services: (Brad Wilcox)

- ✓ April 7 the task force committee will be reviewing the 50 applications they received.
- ✓ Interviews will be scheduled between April 17 to 21, on track for initial plan.

New Business:

Manager's Report: (Carl Gibson)

By-Law Review and Pending Changes

- ✓ Co-Counsel recommendations to change SMAC By-Laws on term limits – remove from By-Laws
- ✓ Recommendation to add SMAC as the party that will be selecting the SMAC Chairman.
- ✓ Submitted for May 4th, Board of Commissioners meeting.
- ✓ Konkle and Schell have been approved to continue on SMAC, Booth has exceeded her term limits and off the board on April 30th, 2017.
- ✓ Still have one membership open:
 - Jason Rapelje: Born in Marshall, his Father was a Marshall Police Officer. He opened an Edward Jones branch office 15 years ago and most of his clients are 55 and over. He wants to help educate people on financial fraud and scams. He feels he would be an asset to the new Senior Center.

Donation received from Oaks SNF Foundation

- ✓ Check for \$621.28 was received this week and a check in December for approximately \$800 was also donated to Senior Services.
- ✓ Discussion on where the money should be spent, Brad Wilcox replied that we should ask the grantee how they would like it used. For now placed in General fund until we hear from them.

Books donated to local libraries and centers for Seniors

- ✓ 2 Books are being donated Calhoun County Senior Services: *"The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care"* by: Angelo Volandes, M.D. and *"The Other Talk: A Guide to Talking with Your Adult Children About the Rest of Your Life"* by: Tim Prosch. These books are training for Advance Directive Planning to encourage discussions amongst family members. A set has been donated to Marshall, Albion and Homer libraries and is also available in the office for anyone interested in reading them.

Talons Out Honor Flight Mini Grant Request (Greg Allen)

- ✓ Requesting \$5,000 that will send 10 WWII and Korean War and younger Veterans that are terminally ill to fly Washington DC to the war memorial sites on a chartered flight at no charge.
- ✓ Volunteer nurses and other medical professionals travel with the Veterans. Each Veteran will have their own Guardian with them at all times. Mr. Allen named the Veterans from Calhoun County that attended a flight in 2016.
- ✓ August 9th they will be holding a fundraiser at Cornwell, opening ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm, everyone is invited and come early for music, 50/50 drawing, silent raffle and more. Last year they raised enough to send 11 Veterans. There are many fundraisers through the year.
- ✓ They take two trips a year – April 22, 2017 and one in the fall.

Motion for \$5,000 mini grant request - Talons Out Honor Flight Program for 10 Veterans from Calhoun County – Kale and Tompkins: Motion, Second and Roll Called Vote – All Yes - *Motion Carried*

Pending meeting about CareWell Services backing out support to Senior Health Partners (SHP)

- ✓ To be become a partner you give a minimum of \$50,000 yearly. CareWell wants to give in-kind for office location, rent and copying (~\$30,000) and cut their funds that they gave in years past. Many of the partners feel that is not fair to cut back on programs that benefit the County's senior population.
- ✓ SHP provides programs all over the County. They do more for our seniors then most agencies.
- ✓ Discussion and concern about CareWell having directors at each senior center and now training own staff to do the same programs as SHP. No collaboration with other agencies doing same programs.
- ✓ Forks Center still continues partnership with SHP and has them doing their programs.
- ✓ Heritages Commons plans to have CareWell staff doing the programs SHP is trained for.

Events and Activities:

- ✓ **Gibson reported on the 2017 American Society of Aging Conference** - Held two weeks ago in Chicago, great opportunity to network and talk with some Michigan Officials in person.
- ✓ **Gibson, Fales, and Leuth of CentraCare** will discuss aging services at the next coordinating Council in April.
- ✓ **Fountain Clinic** is celebrating its 25th anniversary of services at a public meeting on May 3 and will hold their fundraiser – Night at the Louvre on June 9, Oakhill Estates.
- ✓ **Discussion about MMAP program** – if Senior services in the future needs to cut a program, this would be one that Gibson would recommend. New County Treasurer has a great knowledge of insurance/Medicare/Medicaid he will be an asset to Senior Services.
- ✓ **CareWell is offering an Aging Mastery Program**, a 10 week series of educational sessions tested nationwide and locally. Cost is \$30 if you are a member of the Heritage Commons.
- ✓ **A.J. Jones, CEO of Grace Health** is retiring at the end of June. CC Health Department is looking for a County Health Officer and Environmental Health officer and Hearing and Vision program Dir.
- ✓ **Centenarian Luncheon** will be held at Schuler's Restaurant on May 16 at Noon.
- ✓ **All Vendor Meeting-** May 2 with new SS Director.
- ✓ **Senior Services and Veteran Affairs** are helping a 90 year old man get back to Michigan, complicated story of how he got to Florida in the first place, a veteran and senior millage client.
- ✓ **Planning Strategic session** – 2 to 3 hours in the evening with the new Director.
- ✓ **Transportation Grant** – No update at this time.


Educational: Distributed article *"Sorry, Nobody Wants Your Parent's Stuff: Advice for boomers desperate to unload family heirlooms"*

Kale reported – a new movie about the Armenian genocide, throughout the WWI period, is showing now in area theaters: called *THE PROMISE*. Turkey, to this day, has not accepted responsibility.

Fork Senior Center – Cooking classes was held on a Saturday and 28 people attending and they have scheduled another one.

Adjourned 9:30am

Next SMAC Board meeting – May 5, 2017, Friday - 8:00 a.m. in the Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room.

	<p style="text-align: center;">ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>
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