

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday December 2, 2016 8:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Jim Haadsma at 8:10 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Mike Bearman, Jill Booth (8:17), Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Richard Lindsey and Ralph Moore

Absent Excused: Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds, Teresa Schell and Willie Tabb

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

Introduction of Visitors: Luann Sommers, Forks Senior Center; Linda Grap, Senior Health Partners

Agenda for December 2, 2016:

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

Minutes for November 4, 2016:

Motion to accept Minutes – Bearman and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion Carried***

Contract Spending/Budget Report: Through October 2016

- ✓ AAA has only sent in the first 2 quarters billing for meals, even with repeated reminders
- ✓ AAA Community Care agencies might have funds left over for 2016.
- ✓ Currently there is no SMAC meeting scheduled till February, if funding requests comes up Gibson will discuss it with the Budget Committee

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

Old Business:

✓ **Open Enrollment Update**

- Ending on Dec 7, very discouraging for Medicare beneficiaries this time around, all rates are up along with medication plan premiums with larger deductibles and higher drug costs.
- Many seniors are finding their Supplement Insurance going up too much for some to even afford and hard to find a company that will take them for a reasonable rate with pre-existing medical conditions.
- Blue Cross is no longer a non-profit company. Subsidy that seniors can apply for but in most cases it doesn't come close to the increases.

✓ **Friendship Center Update**

- Newspaper-Front page announced the lease agreement with Area Agency On Aging and Oaklawn Hospital. AAA is now under a new name – CareWell Services Southwest.
- Public meeting was held on November 30, at the Marshall Library and approx. 40 people attended, signed up for committees and submitted names for the facility.

✓ **Fountain Clinic - Dental Agreement**

- Michele Johnson – Finance Director has concurred with Fountain Clinic invoicing at the beginning of a quarter to cover their expenses as they occur.

Motion to authorize payment at the beginning of a quarter to Fountain Clinic – Booth and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion Carried***

New Business:

- ✓ **Gibson Retiring in May 2017** – Brad Wilcox reporting hiring processes
 - County Board of Commissioners approved 2017 County budget on December 1, 2016.
 - New Community Development re-organizing staff flow chart was handed out.
 - Administration proposes that a Human Services Directors' position be filled for Senior Services and Veteran Affairs and MSU (Michigan State University) County office by one person overseeing these departments, and that all departments in Community Development have cross-trained staff.
 - Time line to fill Directors position is early next year so that Gibson can coach and mentor new Director for at least 3 months.
 - Lengthy discussion with SMAC board members voicing concern about one person doing a good job in the community covering these departments and offices in BC and Marshall.
 - Two SMAC members will be on the candidate selection committee – Konkle and Kale.

Motion to have Joanne Konkle and Art Kale on the selection committee for the new Human Services Director – Moore and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

- ✓ **Grant Requested Pending and Expending**
 - \$20,000 request from CentraCare – assistance with funds for a caregiver respite project, Senior Millage was a co-application to FLRSB but grant not awarded.
 - \$4,765 from Miles for Memory to purchase of portable registration equipment (Senior ID kits) for connecting to law enforcement/911 data bases.
 - Extend \$18,500 for Fountain Clinic PDAP and RX Vouchers services .
 - Extend \$10,000 for 211/Hands On Battle Creek to continue info / referral services.
 - No RFP needed for the above grants.

Motion to approve an RFP Sub-committee to review the grant apps (new and renewals) and make decision for allocation recommendations in the place of SMAC. Bearman and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried (NO Votes from Booth and Konkle and Kalnins)*

- ✓ **Meeting Schedule Discussion**
 - In the past there has not been a January SMAC meeting, current members want more discussion on the new Human Services Director position transition.
 - **January 13, 2017 added to 2017 SMAC meeting schedule (Recommended by Booth)**

Motion to add January 13, 2017 to SMAC Meeting Schedule – Lindsey and Bearman: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

- ✓ **2017 SMAC Meetings Schedule**
 - Amend SMAC calendar to add Friday, January 13, 2017 at 8:00am.
 - All meetings are held on Fridays, at 8:00 a.m. in Garden Level Conference Room, unless otherwise specified.


January 13	February 3	March 3	April 7	May 5	June 2
July 7	August 4	September 1	October 6	November 3	December 1

Motion to approve 2017 SMAC Meeting Schedule with January 13 added – Lindsey and Bearman: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

SMAC Members all thanked Commissioner Jim Haadsma for his 8 years and Commissioner Mike Bearman for helping and their dedication to the Older Adults in Calhoun County while on SMAC.

Adjournment at 9:22 a.m. - Bearman and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Next SMAC Board meeting – January 13, 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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