

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday, February 10, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Calhoun County HR Conference Room, 3rd Floor
315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Chairman Vic Potter called meeting to order and Roll Called

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

Absent Excused: Rod Auton and Dianne (Willy) Kalnins

County Personnel: Carl Gibson, Director and staff: Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens; Michele Johnson, Finance Director

Visitors: Luann Sommers, Forks Senior Center and Katherine Lipari, Aetna Better Health Transportation Services; Bev Bentley, Albion Citizen

Agenda for February 10, 2017:

Motion to accept Agenda with Amendment: ADMENDMENT -omitting the approval of Dec 2, 2016 SMAC Meeting Minutes - Moore and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Minutes for January 20, 2016:

Motion to accept Minutes – Booth and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Introduction: Katherine Lipari – Aetna Better Health – Non-Emergency Transportation Program for Medicaid clients that have Aetna Better Health coverage; **Bev Bentley** - Albion Citizen; **Luann Sommers** - Interim Director for Forks Senior Center (FSC)

Contract Spending/Budget Report:

- ✓ Not final for 2016; CareWell have until next week to submit final invoices for Community Care Options
- ✓ Fountain Clinic didn't spend all of Prescription Vouchers because Affordable Health Act cut need.

Motion to accept Contact Spending/Budget Report – Booth and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Old Business:

- ✓ **Marshall Senior Center Update**
 - Committee meetings are in progress
 - Lindsey – Some painting and IT support work and furniture brought in, parking lot improvements have been done to the building, Oaklawn staff has moved in.

New Business: Transition for Carl Gibson replacement

- ✓ Gibson last day is May 25, 2016
- ✓ Brad was unable to attend meeting, he was in a training and said he has not had time to discuss transition with Kelli as she was on vacation
- ✓ Concern among Committee members that person hired will not have time to work with Carl
- ✓ Discussion from all Committee members on how to come to a quick resolution
- ✓ Suggestion- one director over Senior Services and one over VA and allocating millage funds to VA for senior needs for their Veterans.
- ✓ Suggestion on giving the millage over to CareWell Services (AAA) and let them allocate funds for senior needs in the Calhoun County (this happened before but was taken back by County)
- ✓ Time Line needed for getting a director in place for our agencies that serve the County seniors

- ✓ Booth will review tape from the last meeting and this one and come up with a list of questions that will be submitted to the Brad, Kelli and BOC Chairman, Derek King
- ✓ Full time director is needed and location critical – central, not on east or west side of County
- ✓ Conversation on the public’s perception and how their millage money is being spent
- ✓ How is changing this position helping? – How is this financially better?
- ✓ Tabb – Why do we need to fix something that is working well now?
- ✓ Johnson – How do you know it is working now and that there is not another way to improve it?

Motion Submit a SMAC succession plan for the BOC -Tabb and Schelle

Discussion

Amendment to Motion above – Tabb and Schelle - To recommend that we set a date to have job posted – Feb 27 and person start on or by April 17.

Discussion

- ✓ Kale -Option to have Senior Services out on their own line on org. chart and that would not change the full service offering
- ✓ Johnson – That would change Community Services
- ✓ Tompkins – It is all about perception to the public – how does this affect my life

Motion to submit a succession plan to the BOC with a set time line; Feb 27 have position posted and April 17 person started. Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried (Potter voted No)*

- ✓ **Membership Renewals – Joanne Konkle, Teresa Schell - terms expires in April 2017 –**

Motion to renew Konkle and Schelle SMAC membership – Powers and Kale: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

- ✓ **Membership Renewal for Jill Booth for one more term exception** (By-Laws have a 3 term limit and then one year off and after that they can apply for 3 more terms.)

Motion to accept Jill Booth for one more term – Powers and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

SMAC has an opening – SMAC currently has 12 of 13 committee members – Discussion about different people to fill this position

- ✓ **Forks Senior Center** - grant request for \$20,000 to pay for the renovation of new space and rent for new area. Renovation is approximately \$10,000 and rent is an additional \$10,000 a year. Luanne Sommers stated that they are limited on the amount of people they can have to attend activities. They are getting more memberships. She stated they have fund balance, but she didn’t have the figure. FSC is also asking for funds from other agencies.
- ✓ Tabb - table this till next meeting – need more information and floor plan
- ✓ Johnson - need to fill out a grant request that would then go to the Fund Balance Committee to be review and then to SMAC with the recommendations.
- ✓ **Prescription Vouchers** – Community Health Care went out of business and they paid for a lot of prescription deductibles and high cost for drugs to seniors with some millage money and other funding agencies. Now that they are no longer doing this and the need is more than ever as most seniors are being charged up to a \$400 deductible and then later go into the Donut Hole which they have to pay 40 to 50% of their meds about \$1,400 more before they get out to 5% for their medications.
- ✓ Gibson recommended that they set up a RX review committee to go over the best way to help seniors with the rising cost of medications and deductibles.
- ✓ Committee members

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| ○ Richard Lindsey | ○ Ralph Moore |
| ○ Joanne Konkle | ○ Michele Johnson |
| ○ Willy Kalnins | ○ Jim Powers |
| ○ Linda Grap | ○ Pharmacist |

SMAC granted \$5,000 for a County-wide Transportation study; Jen Bomba, Community Development Director reported that they have their full amount of local cost share of \$35,000 to get study started.

Discussion - Directors from different agencies retiring and/or changing positions and City of Marshall positions that have been eliminated because of lack of funding.

Future Events -

All Vendor Meeting will be schedule when new director is in place

Senior Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, Marshall Middle School - 10:00am to 1:30 pm

Centenarian Luncheon, Tuesday May 16 at Schuler's Restaurant - noon till 1:30pm

Senior 'Fun and Fitness' Day at the Zoo - TBD in May

Adjourned 10:00pm

Next SMAC Board meeting - March 3, 2017, Friday - 8:00 a.m. in the Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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