

Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Friday, November 2, 2018 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Senior Health Partners, YMCA office

38 Penn Street, Battle Creek, MI

MINUTES

Quorum was not present at the start of the meeting, so the agenda started at Item 4.

4. Introductions and Citizens Comment: Everyone introduced themselves, no comments

5. Alzheimer's Association – Thank You plaque – Kayla Myers, Walk Manger

Calhoun County Senior Services was presented with a plaque for being a \$1,000 sponsor to the Alzheimer's Association. Most of the funds will be used for research. The 2018 Alzheimer Walk, held at Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, raised a total of \$40,000 with 340 walkers, 100 more than previous year even with a 2 hour rain delay.

6. Vendor Presentation – Senior Health Partners (SHP) – Linda Grap, CEO

Senior Fit and Fun SHP held annual Active Aging Day on Halloween with over 200 seniors from around the county attending at the Kool Family Community Center. T-Shirts were sponsored by Senior Millage - great advertising tool.

Community Care Options (CCO) – Strategic long term plan distributed to SMAC. Grap is requesting an additional \$56,000 to be added to the CCO contract to maintain current levels of services to the clients. CCO program started up slowly adding recipients. Now, they have 142 recipients and are starting to keep a wait list. They have served 299 clients by Oct. 31, 2018, and have conducted 249 in-home assessments by the clinical supervisor/RN. If the CCO program carries 142 into 2019 for a full year of service, SHP will not have the funding to cover the costs and will not be able to add new clients. At the current growth rate, CCO is projected to be at 254 clients and funding will need to be \$501,000, if the demand stays consistent. Grap is encouraging SMAC to review the CCO program and see if they would like to see it grow. Grap stated by doing in-home assessments they find needs not being met for the clients. Collaboration with Community Action has helped get clients homes up to good standard so homemaking can be provided. Discussion on the minimum wage increase for 2019 will also affect forecasted numbers.

Renewal of the Health Education Program Grant – SHP is requesting a renewal of the \$20,000 program grant which funds support groups and health programs for the rural areas outside of Battle Creek. This will be on the agenda for approval at the December 7, 2018 SMAC meeting.

YMCA Office Space – Grap discussed the allotted office space. The strategic goal is to reach seniors we have not reached before those older adults who attend the YMCA. YMCA is looking at renovations and serving the aging population. SHP works with the Parkinson's group. The YMCA bought new spinning bikes that would accommodate people with Parkinson's Disease.

1. SMAC Meeting called to Order by Chair, Vic Potter at 8:19 am. Roll called.

Attending: Jill Booth, Michelle Hill, Art Kale, Vic Potter, Jim Powers, Richard Lindsey, Teresa Schell, Gary Tompkins, and Willie Tabb

Absent Excused: Rod Auton, Tom Hunsdorfer and Dianne (Willy) Kalnins

County Personnel: Helen Guzzo, Senior Service Manager; Lora Stevens & Rodna Stealy, Senior Services staff; Jen Bomba, Community Development Director

Visitors: Linda Grap, Director, Senior Health Partners; Luann Sommers, Director, Forks Senior Center; Kitty Knoll, Heritage Commons and CareWell Services; Kayla Myers, Alzheimer's Association

2. Approval of Agenda for November 2, 2018: Amendments – Adding 7C. Update from Richard Lindsey on Oaklawn's new Albion facility and Removing 8C and 8D.

Motion to accept agenda - Powers & Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes for October 5, 2018:

Motion to accept minutes – Powers & Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting continued skipping parts covered earlier without a quorum present.

7. Reports

A. 2018 Contract Spending:

Monthly Financial Reports were presented. 29% of Contractual funds have yet to be spent. Concerned that the Meals program might not use all of its allocation, last year \$20,000 remained at the end of the year. Senior Services of SWMi is reviewing the use of restaurants to serve as rural meal sites and is working with Community Action to deliver Federally-funded commodities delivered with Home-Delivered meals for seniors who struggle with food insecurity. Guardian Finance Money Management is currently underspent.

B. Managers' Report: (Highlights)

Bed Bug Education held on Oct. 24, 2018- 60 plus people attending. Eric Foster discussed the struggle and fear of bedbugs. People need more education, especially that over the counter remedies don't work and that bed bugs are resistant to the current treatment. People are poisoning themselves and families by apply these chemicals. A service standard for a possible Senior Millage-funded Bed Bug Remediation program for low-income senior homeowners is being developed in partnership with the Calhoun County Environmental Health Depart.

Scott Cubberly with Aequitas Mobility Services, a nonprofit transportation company being incubated by Battle Creek Unlimited, is applying for transportation grants with letters of support from Calhoun County for van service for seniors for times when Community Action does not provide service. Community Action runs M-F, 8am to 4:00pm and Saturdays from 8 to 11:30am. He is now submitting a Federal transportation grant with CareWell Services as the applicant.

MMAP – County has seen 329 people since the start of open enrollment on Oct 15. Micki Oligibee has seen 110 in Albion/Homer; Rodna 80 & Lora 29 clients.

Guzzo has been approved by the City of Battle Creek Commission to be one of five Commissioners on the Board of the Battle Creek Housing Commission.

C. Health Programing in Albion: Update by SMAC member, Richard Lindsey, Director of Development for Oaklawn Hospital

Oaklawn and CareWell Services are interested in applying to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a Rural Health Network Development Planning Program federal grant available through the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. The planning grant could fund the planning for several different initiatives:

- 1) Senior Housing – identify available site(s) and potential partners and do preliminary planning – title work, environmental, surveys, conceptual drawings, seek public input for options. Potential collaborative with Senior Care Partners, CareWell, and Oaklawn, to increase options and coordination for health care that would allow seniors to remain in their homes as long as possible which is both less expensive and a get a better health care outcomes
- 2) Expand educational opportunities related to health care for seniors – collaborate with Albion College, Oaklawn, and others to develop program content related to providing health care for seniors
- 3) Healthy lives options – develop programs with the Battle Creek Y and potential housing projects to promote health and exercise options and the possible creation of senior living complex
- 4) Encourage and develop trails and other connections between existing retail, housing and health care
- 5) Behavioral Health Services – relocated from downtown Albion – how to integrate relative to primary care
- 6) There is also a need to fund Health Care Navigators who are working in Albion through the Regional Health Alliance

8. New Business

A. Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services update by Bob Copeland, Executive Director. In 2018, Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services, Inc. is 52 years old. Copeland is requesting transfer of funds from Money Management to the Guardian program and to allow the payment of outreach services under the Money Management program. The motion is to amended the 2018 contract year to move Seven Thousand and 00/100 (\$7,000.00) from Money Management Services to Guardianship, Conservatorship and Payee Services, providing Senior Millage funding of up to Eighty Seven Thousand and 00/100 (\$87,000) for Guardianship, Conservatorship and Payee Services, and up to Twenty Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$23,000.00) for Money Management Services. Unit Definition is also amended to provide for hourly billing for up to 120 hours of outreach under Money Management Services.

Discussion: Lindsey & Booth, Motion and Seconded to approve moving \$13,000 from Money Management to Guardianship and allow up to \$6,000 for staffing outreach

Roll Call Vote - 9 Yes, Approved. **Motion Carried**

B. SHP-Community Care Option (CCO) 2019 & 2020 Supplemental request – Linda Grap CEO Request for \$56,000 for 2019 and 2020 to be added to their current contract. SMAC will need to have a future analysis and discussion to see how large this program should grow.

Discussion: Lindsey & Powers Motion and Seconded to approve \$56,000 to added to the SHP-CCO contract for each of the next two year. Roll Call Vote - 9 Yes, Approved. **Motion Carried**

C. SHP Health Education Program Grant renewal will be reviewed by the SMAC Funding Review Subcommittee with a recommendation for a vote at the Dec. 7, 2018 SMAC meeting.

D. CareWell Services PERS Supplemental Request was not submitted and was removed from the agenda.

E. SMAC Funding Review Subcommittee for the Hearing RFP and the SHP Health Education Program grant – meeting set for November 30 at 8:00am Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room, 315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068. Committee will be Helen Guzzo-Chair, Rod Auton, Tom Hunsdorfer, Teresa Schell, Vic Potter and Jim Powers. Jen Bomba and Brad Wilcox will be County non-voting members.

9. Senior Capital Investment Fund meeting held with Commissioners Vic Potter & Gary Tomkins, Kelli Scott, Brad Wilcox and Jen Bomba on 10/29. County Administration was supportive of continuing to work on this proposal and contracting for technical support to research options.

10. Strategic Planning – Both Heritage Commons and Forks Senior Center offered to host SMAC strategic planning sessions on a Friday in January, February or March.

11. Upcoming Events:

- **Medicare Open Enrollment, October 15 - December 7 for 2019 Part D plans**
- **Calhoun County Health Fair, Justice Center Monday November 5, 2018 from 11am to 1pm**
- Next SMAC Meeting: **Friday, December 7, 2018** Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room, 315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

12. Adjournment called by Chairman, Vic Potter, 9:36am