

Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Friday, December 7, 2018 8:00 am – 9:30 am
Calhoun County Building
315 W Green Street, Marshall, MI

MINUTES

1. SMAC meeting called to order by Chair, Vic Potter at 8:00 am. Roll called.

Attending: Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Michelle Hill, Art Kale, Tom Hunsdorfer, Willy Kalnins, Vic Potter, Jim Powers, Richard Lindsey, Gary Tompkins, and Willie Tabb (via Skype)

Absent Excused: Teresa Schell

2. Approval of Agenda for December 7, 2018:

Motion to accept agenda –Lindsey & Tompkins: Motion, Second and Approved. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes for October 5, 2018:

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

4. Introductions and Citizens Comment: Everyone introduced themselves, Linda Grap announced that Senior Health Partners has received a Health Endowment Fund Grant to provide caregiver support.

Guests Present: Linda Grap, Senior Health Partners; Mary Frisby, Marian Burch Adult Day Care; Luann Sommers, Forks Senior Center; Rick Stover, SMAC Candidate; and Diane Peters, SMAC Candidate

5. SMAC candidate presentations to fill the vacant seat left by the resignation of Jason Rapalje for a term ending April 30, 2020:

- a) Diane Peters
- b) Rick Stovers
- c) Vote by ballot: Peters 7—Stover 6
- d) SMAC will recommend Diane Peters to the Board of Commission to be the new member

6. Reports

A. 2018 Contract Spending:

Guzzo presented the Monthly Financial Report. Guzzo noted that Minor Home Repair has a large waiting list and that letters are being sent to all past recipients and those on the waiting list implementing the new Minimum Service Standard of being able to receive assistance only twice in a lifetime per address. Bomba spoke about a new grant that Veteran Affairs received that may fund home repairs to help serve some people who are on the Minor Home Repair waiting list if they are veterans. Veterans Affairs had stopped funding home and car repair except in limited, emergency situations.

B. Managers' Report: (Highlights)

MMAP: Since the start of open enrollment on October 15, 2018: 240 clients have been seen in our office by Rodna (160) & Lora (80).

Guzzo passed the Advanced Generalist Master of Social Work Licensing Exam and in January 2019 will come a fully state-licensed Master of Social Work.

Interviews have begun for Senior Service Specialist position.

Heritage Commons Steering Committee brought up concerns at their December 6 Meeting;

- Poor Condition of the road leading to the Senior Center
- Parking issue- Oaklawn Employees are parking in the Senior Center lot and by the time the Senior Center Members come in for activities there is very little parking left for them.

C. Heritage Commons update: Stealy reported that there are 146 members with many activities being offered. There is an increasing need for a larger facility.

D. Forks Senior Center update: Luann Sommers gave an update. They are getting ready to start using the My Senior Center membership software that was recently purchased by CareWell Services for both Senior Centers that will help to track how many are attending and which programs they are attending.

7. New Business

A. Hearing Services Program funding: Funding Review Subcommittee recommendation is to fund the Hearing Program for \$75,000 for one year giving the Health Dept. a year to develop a plan to better serve the east side of the County. Discussion of funding a hearing testing booth in Albion or Marshall. Booth & Lindsey, Motion & Second. Discussion. Roll Call Vote. Vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried.**

B. Senior Health Partners (SHP) Health Education Program Grant: Funding Review Subcommittee recommendation is to renew SHP Health Education Program Grant for support groups and other evidenced-based programming in rural areas of the county for \$20,000 for 2019. Tompkins & Lindsey, Motion & Second. Discussion. Roll Call Vote. Vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried.**

C. Minor Home Repair: Community Action has requested to increase the cap on the amount that can be spent per household from \$3,000 to \$3,500 for the Senior Minor Home Repair (MHR) program. Furnace replacement costs and other construction services have been increasing. Guzzo supports increasing the MHR program cap to \$3,500. Guzzo is going to be working with a workgroup from Community Action to evaluate steps to reduce the waiting list and reviewing the bidding process to see how it can be streamlined to be more efficient. The motion was made to increase the MHR program cap to \$3,500 revising the Minimum Service Standard. Kalnins & Lindsey Motion & Approval. **Discussion.** Roll call vote taken. Vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried.**

D. Senior Services Operating Procedures: All members have previously received copies of the Senior Service Operating Procedures and copies were provided in the December meeting packet. Kale motioned to approve the Operating Procedures with change of that the Manager can approve expenditures for individual emergency requests up to \$5,000. Powers seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried.**

8. Strategic Planning: March 22, 2019, 9am-3pm --Location to be determined.

9. Adjournment: 9:36am