

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday, April 6, 2018 8:00-9:30am

Marshall County Building, Garden Level Conference Room
Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair Vic Potter at 8:00 a.m. Roll called.

Attending: Rod Auton, Jill Booth (8:08am), Tom Hunsdorfer, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Ralph Moore, Vic Potter, Jim Powers (8:23am), Gary Tompkins & Willie Tabb (via skype)

Absent Excused: Richard Lindsey, Jason Rapelje & Teresa Schell

County Personnel: Helen Guzzo, Senior Service Manager; Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens, Senior Services staff

Visitors: Linda Grap, Director - Senior Health Partners (SHP); Laura Miller - CareWell Services SW; Luann Sommers, Director for Forks Senior Center (FSC) & CareWell Services SW; Darlene Koone from St. James Episcopal Church in Albion and Dick Porter, Founder of the Albion Community Gardens project.

2. Approval of Agenda for March 2, 2018:

Motion to accept Agenda – Tompkins & Auton: Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion carried to move the 2006 Senior Services video to end of the meeting.***

3. Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2018:

Motion to accept Minutes – Moore & Tabb (via Skyped): Motion, Second and Approved - ***Motion Carried***

4. Introduction of Visitors:

- Luann Sommers, Director, Forks Senior Center stated that the renovations are completed and there will be an Open House, May 31 from 4 to 6pm. Invited the SMAC committee to the open house. The FSC now has 2 new ping pong tables.

5. Vendor Presentation: Linda Grap, Director for Senior Health Partners (SHP) on the Community Care Options program. SHP was awarded the RFP for Community Care Options (CCO) effective on January 1, 2018.

- SHP currently has 7 different in-home service providers with an hourly rate for homemaker services \$16 to \$19 an hour.
- SHP has received 25 new referrals since February 2018
- Clients served from Jan 1 to March 31, 2018
 - 168 Intakes conducted
 - 71 New Clients
 - 140 In-home assessments completed
 - 97 Clients carried forward from AAA
 - 30 Discontinued or not re-rolled (CCO does not cover personal care in the service standard - clients were referred to other agencies and some clients were over the income limit.)
 - 120 Open files as April 1, 2018
 - 86 Received homemaking services in March 2018
 - 7 Referrals pending with CentraCare
- In-home assessments are scheduled within 2 days of intake with referral to in-home care providers for eligible seniors within a week of assessment. Services initiated by provider within a week of service order.

- When assessing a person in-home, you find out what other needs the client has that you would not discover over the phone. SHP staff is spending time making referrals for other community services to help solve problems identified in the initial assessment.

6. **Strategic Planning** – Notes were handed out to SMAC and a discussion on Capital investment plan to lower the fund balance. Powers discussed a good investment would be in county transportation and others on housing.

7. **Contract Spending: Helen Guzzo**

- FSC renovations are complete but the invoice for the work has not been received.

8. **Manager’s Report: Helen Guzzo**

- 9th Annual Senior Fair** was a great success. WIN 98.5, the Marshall Ad-Visor on the front page, and Be Scene on Air through Access Vision, and paid advertising in area newspapers. 90 Vendors and over 550 people attending. Care Managers from Bronson and Oaklawn were invited. Some attended and said they were impressed by the amount of information that is so valuable to their patients.
- Senior Needs Assessment** work with CareWell Services is continuing.
- Working on recruiting a graduate student intern** to help with the senior needs assessment and other research projects.
- Actively seeking nominations for the Joanne Konkle award, due date** Friday, April 20th.
- All vendor meeting** scheduled Wednesday April 18. SMAC members invited. Will discuss GIS interactive map
- Expecting a Mini-Grant request** from East End Studios in Marshall for art classes at Heritage Commons and Forks Senior Center in May.
- Senior Health Partner’s Health Education Program grant is offering Tai Chi** in Tekonsha and building new programming.
- Centenarian Luncheon, May 17 at noon** – approximately 42 Centenarians have been contacted and 8 are attending. Dr. Bizon, Michigan Representative District #62 and Richard Kline, Senior Deputy Director for Michigan Dept. of Human Services and Aging and Adult Services agency will be attending. Gary Tompkins will be reading the Proclamation and Pastor William Wines from 2nd Missionary Baptist Church will give the Invocation. All Board of Commissioners have been given an invite.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Request from Albion Community Gardens, Inc. for \$5,000 mini grant**
Dick Porter and Arlene Koone presented the project to build raised gardens for seniors in Albion including an expansion with an raised garden outside the Forks Senior Center. Albion Community Gardens is partnered with Vision of Life to help Albion residents have better access to fresh vegetables, fruits and herbs to promote a healthier Albion and use the open spaces we have in our community. They have 3 sites for the 2018 growing season and are working on adding some new ones. They have a tool library where people can come and sign out a tool and return it when finished. Consumers Power donated the chips for the walk ways. FireKeepers cooks came and talked with the people about items in the garden and how to cook them. The Food Hub helps teach people how to can and freeze their veggies. There has been no vandalizing; the biggest threat is the deer and woodchucks.

Motion to approve \$5,000 mini grant to Albion Community Gardens to build raised gardens – Tompkins and Hunsdorfer – Roll Call Vote – ALL Yes Motion (TABB excused vote), Second and Approved - Motion Carried.

10. Next SMAC meeting: Friday, May 4, 2018, 8:00 - 9:30am, Calhoun County Marshall Building Garden Conference Room

11. Adjournment called by Chairman Potter, 9:35am.