

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)**

**Friday, May 4, 2018, 8:00am - 9:30am**

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

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**MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair Vic Potter at 8:00 am. Roll called.

**Attending:** Rod Auton, Tom Hunsdorfer, Art Kale (left at 9am), Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Richard Lindsey, Vic Potter, Jim Powers, Jason Rapelje, Gary Tompkins, Teresa Schell, and Willie Tabb (via skype)

**Absent Excused:** Jill Booth, Ralph Moore

**County Personnel:** Helen Guzzo, Senior Service Manager; Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens, Senior Services staff; Jen Bomba, Community Development Director; and, Brad Wilcox, Assistant County Administrator.

**Visitors:** Linda Grap, Director, Senior Health Partners (SHP); Laura Miller, Associate Director, CareWell Services SW; Luann Sommers, Director, Forks Senior Center (FSC) & CareWell Services SW; Kitty Knoll, Coordinator, Heritage Commons; and, Jennifer Darling, Fundraising & Membership Consultant, Eastend Studio & Gallery.

- 2. Approval of Agenda for May 4, 2018:**

**Motion to accept Agenda – Lindsey & Powers:** Motion, Second and Approved

- 3. Approval of Minutes for April 6, 2018:**

**Motion to accept Minutes – Auton & Hunsdorfer:** Motion, Second and Approved

- 4. Introduction of Visitors:**

- 5. Vendor Presentation:** Mary Jo Byrne of Fountain Clinic

The Fountain Clinic is the only free Clinic in Calhoun County and has been in existence for 26 years.

- **Dental Services** provided by Fountain Clinic, Dr. Pulumbo is their Dental Director. There is an on-site Dental Hygienist who sees clients first for cleaning and assessment, if treatment is needed they are seen by Dr. Palumbo and a treatment plan is put into place. If they need dentures those are made by Dr. Heidenreich, who makes the dentures. To date in 2018, they have assisted 58 Calhoun County Residents with Dental Treatment.
- **Prescription Assistance** is another service provided by Fountain Clinic to assist Senior Citizens who don't have Prescription Insurance, or those who have gone into the Donut Hole. There is an increasing need for assistance for people who take insulin. It's very expensive and when beneficiaries go into the donut-hole they can't afford to pay for it. Fountain Clinic has assisted 9 Calhoun County Residents with prescription assistance to date in 2018.

- 6. Demonstration of the new Senior Services Interactive Map developed by Community Development's GIS**

- 7. Reports**

**a. Contract Spending: Helen Guzzo**

- FSC renovations are complete the invoice for the work has been received and will be paid soon.

**b. Manager's Report: Helen Guzzo**

- i. **Senior Millage On-Site Assessments** -Most assessments have been scheduled for May and June.
- ii. **Senior Needs Assessment** work continues with CareWell Services, Community Development staff will be helping including Jen Bomba, Doug Ferrall and Brent Thelen.

- iii. **Working on recruiting a SMAC Member from the Southwest (Athens/East Leroy area) to replace Ralph Moore who has resigned because of life changes.** Advertisement will be in the Battle Creek SHOPPER News for two weeks.
  - iv. **Carl Gibson has been nominated for the Joanne Konkle award, along with two other nominees.** The sub- committee recommended Carl Gibson to be the 2018 recipient of the award,
  - v. **Funding Request Recommendation** – We have received a funding request from the East End Gallery for \$2,000 to fund Art classes at Forks Senior Center and at Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center in Marshall. Helen recommends approval.
  - vi. **Marian Burch Adult Day Care is discussing applying to Senior Millage for an overnight respite program.** They are considering making respite an eligible activity through their current funding or requesting a mini-grant or program allocation. Using 4 rooms that are in walkway between Day Care Center and Nursing Facility, to accommodate Overnight Respite.
  - vii. **CentraCare Respite Program** started in March of 2017. They have served an average of 9-12 persons for each 4 hour block of time. This Program Grant was leveraged CentraCare receiving a \$70,000 grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation to establish a Respite Care Program in Kalamazoo and to expand the Battle Creek Program.
- c. **Centenarian Luncheon**, May 17, 2018. 11am to 1pm, Schuler’s Restaurant.
- i. 42 Centenarians identified so far, 25 have RSVPed
  - ii. Lora showed video of previous luncheon that was presented to the Michigan Commission on Aging on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. New Business

- a. **Senior Services Standard Operating Procedures Sub-committee** formed: Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Willy Kalnins, Richard Lindsey, and Willie Tabb all volunteered.  
**Lindsey & Powers: Motion to Approve and Second. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Affirm Recipient of the Joanne Konkle Lifetime Achievement Award.** Motion to approve Carl Gibson as the 2018 recipient of the award.  
**Powers & Tabb: Motion to Approve and Second. Motion Carried.**
- c. **Mini-Grant request for \$2,000 from East End Studio& Gallery for art classes at the Forks Senior Center in Albion and Heritage Commons Enrichment Center in Marshall. Tabb & Tompkins: Motion to Approve and Second. Roll Call Vote – ALL Yes Motion Carried.**
- d. Discussion of Senior Millage Capital Investment fund, need to work with County Administration to research and get approval of any proposal.

## 9. Next SMAC meetings:

- a. Friday, June 1, 2018, 8:00 - 9:30am, Calhoun County Marshall Building Garden Conference Room
- b. July SMAC Meeting will be held July 13 at the Forks Senior Center,  
101 N. Albion Street, Albion, MI 49224

## 10. Adjournment called by Chairman Potter, 9:10am.