

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday, June 1, 2018, 8:00am - 10:00am

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

MINUTES

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

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

Absent Excused: Teresa Schell, Ralph Moore (resigned from SMAC)

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

Visitors: Luann Sommers, Director, Forks Senior Center (FSC) ; Bridget Reichenbaugh, Operations and Development Manager, and Cindy Parkinson, administrative staff from the Calhoun County Public Health Department; Mary Frisby, Director Marian E Burch Adult Day Care; Carl Gibson, private citizen; Michelle Williams, CEO, and Cheryl Grimes, Intake Manager, from Community Action.

SMAC Member Candidates: Michelle Hill, Helen "Michele" Laughrey, Steve Wettel and Rod Hawkins.

2. Approval of Agenda for May 4, 2018:

Motion to accept Agenda – Powers & Tompkins: Motion, Second and Approved.

3. Approval of Minutes for May 4, 2018:

Motion to accept Minutes – Lindsey & Powers: Motion, Second and Approved.

4. Introductions and Citizens Comments: Carl Gibson thanked SMAC for the honor of being presented the Joanne Konkle Senior Services Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2018 Centenarian Luncheon.

5. Introduction of SMAC Candidates: Michelle Hill, Helen "Michele" Laughrey, Steve Wettel and Rod Hawkins. Candidates introduced themselves and stated why they were interested in joining the Senior Millage Allocation Committee. Ballots were passed out members voted and signed their ballots. Ballot count was 1 vote for Helen "Michele" Laughrey; 1 vote for Steve Wettel, and 8 votes for Michelle Hill. Ballots are available upon request.

Michelle Hill will be recommended to the Board of Commissioners to be the newest SMAC member.

6. Vendor Presentation: Bridgette Reichenbaugh, Operations Manager, Calhoun County Public Health Department.

Hearing Services provided to 24 clients so far this year, 36 clients were served last year. There is not a wait list at the present time.

Vision Services has assisted 24 clients so far this year, 117 served last year.

Most clients served were from the Battle Creek Area. They are serving the number of clients that funding allows. They are not advertising Hearing Service in the Eastern or middle of the county because they don't want to create a

waiting list. Members (Tabb & Kale) suggested that they make sure all areas of the county are aware of the service, and if the need is larger than the funding, that they come back to this committee to discuss an increase in funding. Guzzo stated that these services are due to be rebid in the 2018 RFP, so it is important to know what the actual need is.

7. Discussion of Caregiver Respite: Mary Frisby- Marian E. Burch Adult Day Care (MBADC)

Frisby requests permission to use a portion of current Adult Day Care funding to provide over-night Respite care, to give caregivers a break to travel. MBADC has 4 private rooms that are attached to their Day Care facility between the Day Care facility and the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility that they would like to again utilize for providing Respite Care. They are currently under-spending Day Care dollars and have found there is a need for over-night Respite. They are requesting that they be allowed to try the Respite care for the remainder of this funding year, at a rate of \$275 per night. Discussion followed.

Motion by Lindsey & Booth - amend the current \$90,000 contract to allow for billing of \$275 per night for Respite care in 2018. Tabb abstained from the vote. **Motion Carried.**

8. New Business

a. 2018 Request for Proposals (RFP) Discussion

Guzzo presented recommended amounts for 2018 RFP passing out a budget spreadsheet. There are currently program grants for a Senior Ramps for Accessibility and a Caregiver Respite program, Guzzo is working on Min. Service Standards for these two programs to add them to the 2018 RFP.

b. Community Action Supplemental Request, Michelle Williamson, CEO, Community Action

Williamson had provided a letter of request to SMAC and then discussed the need for additional funding for the Senior Home Heating and Minor Home Repair programs.

- Home Heating request for an additional \$27,000

Motion by Lindsey & Tabb motion - approve \$27,000 to supplement Home Heating Assistance. Discussion by members: **Motion Carried.**

- Minor Home Repairs request for an additional \$50,000.

Currently there are 27 seniors on the Wait List. Discussion of how Community Action handles requests from individuals who come back every year or so for more assistance.

Motion by Powers & Lindsey - approve an additional \$50,000 for Minor Home Repair to serve the individuals on the Wait List. **Motion Carried.**

9. Reports

- a. Contract Spending – See written report.
- b. Manager’s Report – See written report.

10. Next SMAC meetings: Friday, July 13, 2018, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Marian E. Burch Adult Day Care

11. Adjournment called by Chairman Potter, 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Rodna Stealy