

## Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Friday, May 31, 2019 8:00am – 9:30am (June meeting moved from June 7<sup>th</sup>)

Calhoun County Building, 315 W Green Street, Marshall, Michigan 49068

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### MINUTES

1. **SMAC meeting called to order by Chairperson Gary Tompkins at 8:02am. Roll called.**
  - a. **Attending:** Art Kale, Gary Tompkins, Diane Peters, Willie Tabb, Richard Lindsey, Tom Hunsdorfer (left at 9:33am), Michelle Hill, Teresa Schell, Jim Powers (came at 8:03am), Jill Booth (came at 8:09am)
  - b. **Absent:** Rod Auton (excused), Rochelle Hatcher
  
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Motion to accept agenda with change to item 8d, making this item a discussion instead of a roll call vote. Lindsey & Schell, Motion, Second and Approved. **Motion carried.**
  
3. **Approval of Minutes for May 3, 2019**
  - a. Motion to accept minutes – Powers & Hill: Motion, Second and Approved. **Motion carried.**
  
4. **a. Introductions:** Dale Duff, President of Forks Senior Center Board; Luann Sommers, Executive Director of Forks Senior Center; Karla Fales, CEO of CareWell Services SW; Susan VanderWeide, RN for Community Care Options, Senior Health Partners; Jack Reed, Chair of Heritage Commons Steering Committee; Yvonne Chapman, SMAC applicant; Jen Bomba, Director of Community Development; Crystal Lane, Marshall House Apartments; Laura Otte, Director of Operations of Aequitas Mobility Services  
  
**b. Citizen's Comments:** Jack Reed – voiced support for the mini-grant funding request from the City of Marshall for Marshall House exercise equipment
  
5. **SMAC Application to fill the open seat by Willy Kalnins' resignation: Yvonne Chapman**

Tompkins read Kalnins' resignation letter. Yvonne gave a brief presentation on herself. **Lindsey & Schell motion to recommend Chapman as a new SMAC member to the Calhoun County Board of Commission, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 10-0, with one excused and one absent.** Nomination of Yvonne Chapman will be on the agenda for the Board of Commission on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
  
6. **Presentation: Annual Implementation Plan**

Given by CEO Karla Fales. CareWell Services is required to facilitate the development of a Multi-Year Plan (MTP) every three years, which spells out CareWell's plan for serving older adults and caregivers in their service area, which includes both Barry and Calhoun counties. CareWell is also

required to conduct a Senior Needs Assessment every three years, and partners with Calhoun County Senior Services and the Barry County Commission on Aging to do so. Highlights of the MYP included the senior minority population, seniors living on an income under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$1,926/month for one person, \$2,607/month for two), and seniors living alone. Karla also gave an overview of survey respondents demographics, the most recognized vs. most needed services, life expectancy differences between the two counties, and the top 10 causes of death by each older adult age group.

## 7. Report

- a. **2019 Contract Spending** – See the Contract Spending Report for May 30, 2019; will need BOC approval to increase mini-grant budget; Helen is expecting to receive a request for a program grant to expand hearing and vision services into Albion; Helen is also expecting mini-grants requests from Talons Out Honor Flight & Marshall Lions Club.
- b. **Manager's Report** – See Helen's Manager's Report.
- c. **May 23 Centenarian Luncheon at Schuler's** – Lora Stevens was complimented for organizing a great event. 19 centenarians attended, everyone was in good spirits. Cost for the meals was split with CareWell Services. Hunsdorfer recommends fewer proclamations from officials, or their staff members, who all read basically the same thing.

## 8. New Business

- a. **Move July 12<sup>th</sup> SMAC meeting to June 28<sup>th</sup> or July 19<sup>th</sup>** – Helen recommends moving the July meeting to June 28<sup>th</sup>. **Booth & Lindsey, Motion & Second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**
- b. **Community Care Options Supplemental/Wait List** – The issue with increasing funding for the CCO program is that serving more people with a supplemental is not a one-time demand, the cost is up to \$2,200 per person per year. Once a person starts services, it is very difficult to disenroll them. Susan VanderWeide, RN, is the nurse assessor who manages the program and acts as a navigator for recipients. SMAC discussed and supported health care navigators at its SMAC Strategic Planning in March. The CCO program is funded solely by Senior Millage. Future steps for the CCO program is a discussion for the fund balance subcommittee to have, and to meet on, before the next SMAC meeting. Please see attached narrative which discusses the issue which will be discussed by the Fund Balance Subcommittee with a recommendation to SMAC for further discussion and a vote on a supplemental at a future meeting.
- c. **Health Education Minimum Service Standard** – Please review for approval by SMAC at its July's meeting (June 28).
- d. **Recommended amounts for the 2019 Requests for Proposals (RFP)** – Helen provided the Senior Millage RFP Schedule & Budget Forecast, 2015-2023 dated 5/30/2019 for SMAC review and discussion. The eleven programs up for bid in the RFP along with the proposed amounts are listed in blue. SMAC will vote next month after Helen has received full approval from the County. Helen recommends the mini-grant budget be

increased \$23,000. **Powers & Lindsey move to increase mini-grant budget, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 9-0, with two absent, and one excused.**

**e. Mini-grant application, *Aequitas Mobility Services to subsidize senior fares- \$5,000***

Aequitas formally started operating January 28<sup>th</sup>. The mini-grant would enable Aequitas to offer subsidized fares to seniors. Seniors are currently charged full price, which is \$7 one-way. With the grant funding, Aequitas would be able to match the Battle Creek Tele-Transit rate of \$2 one-way for seniors. While Aequitas is currently only serving the Battle Creek area, their goal is to become a countywide service. **Lindsey & Schell, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 9-0, with two absent, and one excused.**

**f. Mini-grant application, *Marshall House Exercise Equipment - \$5,000***

Marshall House's current equipment was donated and is now outdated and is not accessible for those with mobility issues. Tenants are low income so they cannot afford gym membership. Even if they join Heritage Commons, there is no equipment at Heritage Commons. **Lindsey & Peters, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 9-0, with two absent, and one excused.**

**9. Upcoming Events:**

- a. Thursday, June 6, ***Senior Day at Wilder Creek***, 11am-2pm
- b. Thursday, August 8, ***Senior Day at the Ball Park***, CO Brown Stadium, Battle Creek
- c. Wednesday, August 14, ***Senior Day at the Calhoun County Fair***, Marshall

**10. Adjournment: Chairperson Gary Tompkins, 10:01am.**

Respectfully submitted, Kate Turner

