

Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Friday, June 28, 2019 8:00am – 9:30am (July meeting moved from July 5th)

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

MINUTES

1. SMAC meeting called to order by Chairperson Gary Tompkins at 8am. Roll Called

- a. **Attending:** Gary Tompkins, Tom Hunsdorfer, Willie Tabb, Yvonne Chapman, Diane Peters, Richard Lindsey, Jim Powers, Teresa Schell, Art Kale, Jill Booth (came at 8:07am), Rod Auton (joined via Skype at 8:55am)
- b. **Absent:** Rochelle Hatcher, Michelle Hill

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to accept agenda – Powers & Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved. **Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes for May 31, 2019

- a. Motion to accept minutes – Peters & Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved. **Motion carried.**

4. a. Introductions: Lenn Reid, Albion City Councilmember; Juanita Coney, City of Albion; Sylvia Dulaney, City of Albion; Cindy Parkinson, Senior Hearing & Vision Specialist at the Calhoun County Public Health Department; Laura Ferrara, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) at Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E.; Barb Baggerly, Secretary/Volunteer for the Lions Club of Marshall; Linda Grap, Director of Senior Health Partners; Brigette Reichenbaugh, Deputy Health Officer at the Calhoun County Public Health Department; Haley Snyder, Acting Assistant City Manager for the City of Albion; Kitty Knoll, Coordinator of Heritage Commons; Karla Fales, CEO of CareWell Services SW

b. Citizen's Comments: Lenn Reid – voiced support for the mini-grant funding request from the City of Albion for a new pavilion at Holland Park.

5. Presentations

- a. **Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E., Albion Expansion Update** – Chief Strategy Officer Laura Ferrara. The new Albion location is supported and funded by Oaklawn, and renovations are underway at a former Oaklawn building. The center will be able to serve 75 people, including the 36 people who currently ride the bus 45 minutes each way to attend the center in Battle Creek. P.A.C.E is excited about adding health care jobs to the area, and eventually expanding into Branch and St. Joseph counties. The \$2 million project is being financed through the lease for \$1.5 million and fundraising is being done to raise the remaining \$500,000. The building should be completed sometime in December, with the first participants expected to be served in February 2020.
- b. **Senior Hearing & Vision Program** -Deputy Health Officer Brigette Reichenbaugh & Program Specialist Cindy Parkinson. Senior Vision is on track with spending and number of seniors served, while hearing is behind. Hearing came into 2019 with a waitlist of 10 people, which meant the first few months of the year were spent servicing these people. Conversations about how to better cover the east side of the County are ongoing. The Health Department is interested in having a centralized intake, but two options of where seniors can go in the County – Battle Creek Hearing and the new hearing program in Albion.

6. Reports

- a. **Manager’s Report** – proposed RFP amounts; program assessment schedule; one more township to visit and then office staff have visited all townships, cities, and villages; Lora will be at the VA on Wednesdays until October; Helen will be gone in Spain from July 3rd to July 16th.

Senior Millage On-Site Assessments		
Senior Millage - Funded Agency	Program	Scheduled
Region 3B Area Agency on Aging (dba CareWell Services)	Benefit Counseling	Wed., Aug. 7, 1pm-3pm
	Meals: Congregate & Home Delivered	Fri., July 19, 10am-12pm
	PERS	Wed., Aug. 7, 1pm-3pm
BC Habitat for Humanity	Ramps	Wed., June 26, 10am-12pm
Calhoun County Public Health Dept.	Hearing	Mon., July 22, 1pm-3pm
	Vision	Mon., July 22, 1pm-3pm
Community Action	Minor Home Repair	Thurs., Sept. 5, 9am-11am
	Transportation	Wed., Sept. 4, 9am-11am
	Home Heating Assistance	Thurs., Sept. 5, 9am-11am
Fountain Clinic	Dental	Tues., Sept. 3, 10am-12pm
	Prescription Assistance	Tues., Sept. 3, 10am-12pm
Forks Senior Center Heritage Commons	Senior Center Support	Thurs., Aug. 1, 1pm-3pm
	Senior Center Support	Fri., July 19, 10am-12pm
Guardian Finance	Guardianship/Payee	Wed., Aug. 28, 10am-12pm
	Money Management	Wed., Aug. 28, 10am-12pm
Legal Services	Legal Assistance	Tues., Aug. 6, 10am-12pm
Marian Burch ADC	Adult Day Care	Mon., July 1, 1pm-3pm
Senior Health Partners (SHP)	Community Care Options	Mon., Aug. 5, 1pm-3pm
	Senior Fit & Fun	Tues., July 23, 2pm-4pm
	Rural Health Education	Tues., July 23, 2pm-4pm
Senior Services of SWMI	Handy Helper	
	Meals: Congregate & Home Delivered	Mon., July 22, 10am-12pm
Highlighted programs indicate a completed assessment		

- b. **2019 Contract Spending** – Senior Hearing & Money Management are below spending; Helen was able to rearrange the budget, moving funds reserved for the bedbug demonstration/new program to Mini-Grant so that there is funding for the new mini-grant proposals; going forward, the Fund Balance Subcommittee is proposing two mini-grant funding cycles (March & July or August) so SMAC is better able to compare mini-grants, there will be a concept paper on this at the August meeting for further discussion.

7. New Business

a. Community Care Options Supplemental/Wait List

CCO is reevaluating clients right now, so 5 have left the program. This means clients are either now able to care for themselves, or now qualify for P.A.C.E or Waiver services. The waitlist is currently at 28, and 159 clients are receiving in-home care services. No matter where the limit on the number of clients is set, CCO will serve that many people and then still have a waiting list. Despite the wait list, CCO is still doing assessments, as in-home care is only one component of the program, while Waiver and P.A.C.E. still have room for more clients. SMAC should anticipate a supplemental request in August.

b. Expanding Dental Program to serve the underinsured

So far, the Dental Program has served 162 people in 2019. Currently, the Minimum Service Standard states only uninsured seniors can be served. And while some Medicaid plans now offer \$2,000 in dental services, this typically does not cover services beyond a cleaning and maybe x-rays. Because there is room in funding for the remaining year, the Fountain Clinic would like to experiment serving the Medicaid population for the rest of 2019. This will give everyone some data as to what the need is, and what would be needed to continue to serve this population in future years. After further discussion at a Dental Access meeting later today, Helen will decide whether to provide an exception to the Minimum Service Standard.

c. Health Education Minimum Service Standard

By approving the Minimum Service Standard, this will allow the Health Education Program to become a contracted program, and it will join the RFP. **Booth & Powers, Motion & Second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**

d. Amounts for the 2019 Requests for Proposals (RFP)

Lindsey & Peters, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 11-0, with two absent.

Senior Millage Proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) Budget 2020-2022

PROGRAM: Current Vendor	START	END	2020	2021	2022
BED BUG REMEDIATION: New	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	\$40,000		
HEARING: Health Dept.	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	\$70,000		
VISION SERVICES: Health Dept.	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	\$20,000		
HEALTH EDUCATION (RURAL): SHP	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
DENTAL SERVICES: Fountain Clinic	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
GUARDIANSHIP: Guardian Finance	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
SENIOR FUN & FITNESS: SHP	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE: CA	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
LEGAL ASSISTANCE: Legal Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
MONEY MANAGEMENT: Guardian	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
NUTRITION: CareWell Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	\$482,000	\$482,000	\$482,000
			\$1,347,000		

e. Mini-grant application, Holland Park Pavilion, Albion - \$5,000

The new pavilion will provide seating for 100 people, and will measure approximately 40'x60'. The City of Albion is hoping to secure all funding this year, and then put in the pavilion next spring/early summer. **Lindsey & Tabb, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 11-0, with two absent, provided that the check will not be issued until all other funding is secured and project is set to move forward.**

f. Mini-grant application, Talons Out Honor Flight to send 10 veterans to Washington D.C. - \$5,000

Booth & Lindsey, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 10-0, with three absent.

- g. Mini-grant application, *Lions Club of Marshall, Wednesday Seniors Ride Free on Dial-a-Ride - \$3,000***
Brief discussion on contacting Dial-a-Ride to see what would be required to be able to transport seniors to Heritage Commons, as the bus currently does not go outside City Limits. **Powers & Lindsey, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Approved 11-0, with two absent.**

8. Upcoming Events:

- a. Thursday, July 18, 8am, ***Opioids and Addiction Among Seniors***, Professionals in Aging Network
- b. **Next SMAC Meeting:** Friday, August 2, 2019, 8am, Marshall County Building
- c. Wednesday, August 7, 6pm, ***Talons Out Fundraiser***, Cornwell's Turkey Restaurant
- d. Thursday, August 8, ***Senior Day at the Ball Park***, CO Brown Stadium, Battle Creek
- e. Monday, August 11, ***Veteran's Day at the Calhoun County Fair***, Marshall
- f. Wednesday, August 14, ***Senior Day at the Calhoun County Fair***, Marshall
- g. Thursday, August 15, 8am, ***2019-2021 Roadmap for Creating a Dementia Capable Michigan***, Professionals in Aging Network
- h. Saturday, August 24, 8am, ***Alzheimer's Annual Fundraising Walk***, Binder Park Zoo
- i. September 12, ***Senior Fair at the Forks Senior***
- j. Saturday, September 14, 10am, ***Miles for Memories Community Event***, Downtown Battle Creek
- k. Thursday, September 19, 8am, ***Hoarding 101***, Professionals in Aging Network
- l. Saturday, September 28, 8am, ***Parkinson's Walk***, Binder Park Zoo

9. Adjournment at 9:36am.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Turner