

SENIOR MILLAGE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (SMAC)

Friday, August 5, 2022

8am-9:30am In-Person

Garden Level Conference Rom

Marshall County Building, 315 W Green Street, Marshall, MI 4968

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 8:03 am

2. **a) Attending:** Commissioner Gary Tompkins, Tom Hunsdorfer, Commissioner Jake Smith, Dominic Oo, Jim Powers, Bob Lyng, Willie Tabb

b) Excused: Michelle Hill, Pam Lasley, Diane Peters, Bobbie Smith (joined via Zoom, did not count toward voting or quorum), Tom Tarkiewicz, Shirley Tuggle

3. Consent: Approval of Agenda and July 1, 2022, Minutes Action: Voice Vote

a) Motion to accept agenda and minutes.

Lyng & Smith, Motion & Second. Voice vote. Motion Carried with 6 excused

4. Introductions and Citizen's Comments

a) **Staff:** Manager, Helen Guzzo; Administrative Assistant, Rebecca de Finta

b) **Introductions:** Luann Sommers, Forks Senior Center; Mo Marshall, Fountain Clinic; Isabelle Nazer, Homer; Jen Bomba, Calhoun County Community Development; Ann Clark, Senior Health Partners

c) **Citizens' Comments:**

i. Tom Hunsdorfer: acknowledgement of Gary Tompkin's commitment to his constituents for the last six years and chairing of SMAC for the last four years.

ii. Gary Tompkins: Announced that this was his last SMAC meeting, and he expressed his appreciation for the group and how much it has meant to him to be a part of it.

5. Reports

a. Budget & Managers Report

Helen Guzzo

Manager Helen Guzzo shared Senior Millage's five-year budget forecast that is part of our Strategic Plan. With all the supplementals we have increased our spending to \$3.6 million. Helen is recommending the continuation of 250% of poverty level for another year because we think we can afford to do so. The Adult Daycare contract goes through 2023. Helen is recommending rebidding the Adult Daycare contract because of nonperformance for the last two years. Senior Millage could revise the minimum service standards for Adult Day Care to allow for funding to reopening and pay staff while enrollment of participants is rebuilt instead of offering participant scholarships. Helen is meeting with Brad Wilcox

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about this soon. There is a need for adult day care and the County wants to put positive pressure on them to reopen.

b. Senior Fair, Sept. 8, 2022, Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek Rebecca de Finta

Fair is coming along and generating quite a bit of interest but there is still weak vendor interest. Currently have 46 vendors and we are roughly a month away. Presented posters in two sizes and bookmarks for members to distribute in their area. Also asked for volunteers to work the fair.

6. Old Business

Action: Roll Call Vote

a. Mini-Grant Request: Neighborhoods, Inc.,

Homelessness Among Older Adults Study - \$5,000

Manager Helen Guzzo asked to table this request at the July meeting to because she had been surprised by the request, it does make sense to have Neighborhoods take the lead in a partnership to conduct a study of homelessness among older adults. There was discussion that the proposal didn't mention how the Haven, the Battle Creek Shelter or Share Center would be involved. Helen believes a needs assessment/survey could provide useful information regarding homeless seniors in Calhoun County. This will be a county wide survey but at this point we do not know how they will capture numbers outside of the areas that have homeless shelters. It is believed that Neighborhood's Inc. now has a presence in Albion, with possibly a satellite office going into the Cram Building. Discussion of the importance of Calhoun County Senior Services and CareWell Services staff being involved in the creation of the survey/study.

Hunsdorfer & J Smith, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 7-0 with 6 excused.

7. New Business

Action: Voice Votes

a. Election of a Vice Chair for SMAC/Jill Booth had been in this role

Nominations – Tom Hunsdorfer (3), Willie Tabb (1)

The role of the Vice-chair role is to run the meeting in the absence of the chair. Gary is not stepping down as Chair but is not planning to be present at the Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. meetings. The plan is to have the Vice-chair to run SMAC meetings until the end of the year until SMAC as new County Commissioners. Bylaws call for a 2-year term for the vice-chair but Tom Hunsdorfer agreed to serve as Vice-Chair through February 2023 when a reorganizational annual meeting will be held after new County Commissioners are assigned to serve SMAC.

Powell & Lyng, Motion & Second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried 7-0 with 6 excused.

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b. 2022 Request for Proposal/Contractual Spending

- 1. Dental Services: \$375,000 for three years**
- 2. Senior Fitness & Fun: \$130,000 for three years**

3. Combine Rural Health Education with Senior Fitness & Fun

4. Adult Day Care: \$90,000 for a one-year contract

Lyng & Oo, Motion & Second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried 7-0 with 6 excused.

Note: County Purchasing will issue two Requests for Proposals (RFP). First the Dental Services and Senior Fitness & Fun RFP and then the one rebidding Adult Day Care.

c. Handy Helper Minimum Service Standard Revisions

Manager Helen Guzzo expressed the need to improve the minimum service standards for this program. Seniors are taking advantage of the program with non-safety related items just because they know there is a \$400 benefit. With these changes, program administrators can have better guidance about what tasks are beyond the scope of the program. These changes refocus the program on health and safety items.

Powell & Tabb, Motion & Second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried 7-0 with 6 excused

d. Dental Program Minimum Service Standard Revision

Instead of reimbursing dentists for dentures up to \$1,100 we would increase it to \$1,400. The current market cost is between \$2,000 - \$2,500 for a plate of dentures. The Fountain Clinic's Mo Marshall shared that the demand was down the past couple of years due to COVID, but there has been a significant increase this year, possibly because of outreach activities. Currently Dr. David Heidenrich is the only private dentist that is making dentures. The Fountain Clinic is trying to reach out to other dentists, but they have not had any luck recruiting other private providers. Dentures are also made by Grace Health and My Community Dental Clinic for below the program limit amount.

Lyng & Oo, Motion & Second. Voice vote taken. Motion carried 7-0 with 6 excused

- 8. a. Next SMAC Meeting: Friday, Sept. 2, 8am-9:30am, Notice the change in location:**
Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center, 15885 W Michigan Avenue, Marshall

- b. Strategic Planning session, Friday, August 19, 9am-3pm,**
Eckford Community Center, 99 Maple Street, Homer, MI.

9. Adjourned 9:07 am

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca de Finta

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