

Discussion Notes
Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy Advisory Board
November 15, 2017

Present

Patrick Arcaro
Joyce Crease
Paul Fuller
Randy Jones
Mary Runyan
Michelle Thomas
Virginia Walker
Camille Zalar

Absent

Jerome Brockway
Debra Boyle
Neroy Carter
Susan Hill
Sandy John
Mary Pepperney
Jane Wallace
Pam Zack

Staff

Alissa Drees
Kira Ernst
Ronald Smith

BOCC

JP Ducro

Call to Order

Michelle Thomas called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the September 20, 2017 meeting could not be approved, due to the fact that there were not enough board members present to form a quorum.

Chair's Report

Michelle stated that they must vote for election of officers at the next board meeting due to not having a quorum. She nominated Dr. Jerry Brockway as chair. She stated that she is willing to become vice chair. Kira Ernst reported that she will send out an email asking if anyone would like to nominate another board member and they will vote on officers at the next board meeting. Michelle stated that the Senior Levy Advisory Board meetings will now be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00am.

Funding

Ron Smith presented the Revenue & Expense Report as of October 31, 2017. He stated that the year began with \$798,874.05, and \$1,804,349.70 was collected in taxes from the Senior Levy for a total available amount of \$2,603,223.75. The total expenses YTD were \$1,433,822.25.

Contract Reports

Contract Report: Kira Ernst presented the contract report. The report represented payments made against provider's contracts that began January 1, 2017 and ran through the calendar year. She stated that Comfort Keepers and Country Neighbor Inc. contract amounts now display their new amended amounts, as approved by the board.

Wait List: Kira Ernst reported that ACCOA has been able to cut their wait list in half. She stated that Lisa Bruckman reported that their waitlist continues to grow. If they served all requests the center would run out of funding prior to the end of the year. Kira stated that Comfort Keepers now has a wait list of three seniors. They are currently serving all of their clients and are fully staffed.

Committees

Michelle informed the board that Paul Fuller, Sandy John, Pam Zack and Jane Wallace's terms will be ending this December 2017. She reported that Paul Fuller and Pam Zack have both agreed to serve another term, however, the additional two board members are undecided. Michelle informed the board that if the two additional members of the board decide not to continue another term then the nominating committee must nominate two new members. JP Ducro asked for the members who would like to re-enroll on the board to resubmit their application to the commissioner's office.

Michelle stated that she would like to reiterate that the Senior Conference Committee is open to all board members. She reported that they are hoping for all the board members to attend the meetings and find a way to contribute to the Senior Conference in any way possible.

Old Business

Michelle stated that she wanted to do a funding update to let the board know that the BOCC did vote to fund GASC. She stated that there are still negotiations happening to decide if they will fund FIA and if FIA will be overseen by Barb Klingensmith at Country Neighbor, to verify they are following the same standards. Ducro stated that FIA made it clear that without funding of the Levy that they would close, however, the BOCC understands that FIA needs to update their procedures. Paul Fuller asked if the contract process is complete. Ducro stated that the contract has been signed and sent to GASC, however, they are still finalizing negotiations with Faith in Action.

New Business

Public Comment

No public available for comment.

Adjourn

Michelle Thomas ended the meeting. No motion was needed because there was not enough members present to form a quorum.

Next Board Meeting

January 10, 2018

Ohio Means Jobs