

Minutes
Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy Advisory Board
May 15, 2019

Present

Patrick Arcaro
Jerome Brockway
Willietta Bunch-
Marbury
Paul Fuller
Susan Hill
Mary Runyan
Dianne Solebrino
Michelle Thomas
Jane Wallace
Pam Zack
Lynn Zalewski

Absent

Neroy Carter
Casey Kozlowski
Mary Pepperney
Virginia Walker

Staff

Alissa Drees
Darcy Mosier
Ronald Smith

BOCC

Kathryn Whittington

Call to Order

Dr. Brockway called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Introductions

All attendees of Senior Levy Advisory Board made introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Brockway asked the board to review the minutes from May 15th, 2019. After the board read over the minutes, Paul Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes from May 15th, 2019. Mary Runyan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report

Dr. Brockway brought the committees attention to an updated Contact Information handout.

Funding

Ron Smith presented the Revenue & Expense Report as of April 30th, 2019. He stated the year began with \$968,429.59. The current year revenue is \$1,027,719.34 for a total amount of \$1,996,148.93. The total expenses YTD were \$609,756.56, leaving a total available balance of \$857,922.37.

Contract Reports

Contract Report: Darcy Mosier presented the contract report. This report represents payments made against provider's contracts beginning January 1, 2019 through the calendar year. Darcy reported that all the providers should have used approximately 25% of their annual budget by April 30th. Protective Services reflects an increase in referrals to date by 31%. Michelle Thomas stated Adult Protective Services is recording an increase in reports while visits have decreased by 31%. Michelle went on to explain mandated reporters must report concerns, however visits are not always necessary yet noted and recorded. Over-all, reporting is occurring more frequently and is being monitored.

Wait List: Darcy Mosier reported that CNP- Home Delivered Meals had 18 individuals on the waitlist and all 18 were receiving services from another provider until CNP has either assessed or has availability for them. ARHHS-Personal Care had 3 individuals on the waitlist which is down 1 from the previous month. The 3 individuals receiving other services and, on the waitlist, may include pending removal of acute care needs, pending assessment results or have not return phone calls. ACCAA- Homemaker have 4 individuals on the waitlist and is trending down. CNP- Homemaker had 26 individuals on the waitlist. Again, when asked, CNP confirmed those individuals on the waitlist are all on the low priority level and may be added when space is available. Dr. Brockway clarified the waitlist and the numbers that indicate those not being served. Dr. Brockway went on to explain, CNP and ACCAA's numbers, for example, first reflect the individual being served by another funding mechanism and the second number reflects currently on the waitlist for a Senior Levy provider. Dr. Brockway added, when space becomes available the client then falls under the Senior Levy Funding. Kathryn Whittington notes the waitlist trend is going down and asked how long is one on the waitlist and how are they being assessed and the frequency of assessment. Alissa Drees stated answers to those questions will be provided with a follow-up email.

Committees

1. Personal Care/Independence & Wellness Committee – Meeting scheduled June 10th, 10am at Job & Family Services, front conference room, Donahoe Drive. Committee members asked to send topics to Darcy for agenda.
2. Senior Conference Committee-(Senior Conference set for Friday June 7, 2019)- Darcy reviewed details of Senior Conference, budget and sponsorship information. To date, 378 registered attendees, 39 sponsors and vendors combined will be attending. Currently, \$7,584.22 from sponsors/vendors, expenses \$3810.78 and using \$1,189.22 of Senior Levy funds.

Old Business:

1. CNP Van Update- Dr. Brockway gave the board an update on the CNP Van Matching Funds and reported that the amount needed from the Senior Levy was \$2,964.80. CNP was very appreciative of the Senior Levy funds.

New Business:

1. Feed the Hope for consideration of sponsor/ corporate sponsorship - Dr. Brockway asked the board if they would consider donating towards Feed the Hope again this year and reminded the board they donated \$1,000.00 last year. Paul Fuller asked for confirmation of seniors in the county that use the pantries. Kathryn Whittington confirmed majority of the people utilizing the pantries were seniors. After discussion, the board agreed to set aside \$4,000.00 however, would like to revisit the discussion in July. Mary Runyan made a motion to set aside \$4,000.00 to Feed the Hope and was seconded by Willietta Bunch-Marbury. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

1. *Focus Group Ashtabula County Coordinated Transportation Plan* – Dr. Brockway opened discussion to the Senior Levy Advisory Board on the Focus Group; Ashtabula County Coordinated Transportation Plan. Dr. Brockway explains this is a required five-year review from committee. The focus group gathers input from citizens and community members across county to establish priorities and needs in the county with regards to transportation. A survey was handed out to get input from Senior Levy Advisory Board which is also available online for county members. SLAB members filled out survey, discussion followed. The discussion was to identify need and challenges of transportation for the senior population in Ashtabula County. Dr. Brockway asked if there was a day of the week where a transportation need is most prevalent. The committee thought perhaps Wednesday's may be a target day for need due to the public library programs. Also, food bank and pantry days may be considered however, the district needs would have to be identified. Days and times will vary upon district. The members agreed that transportation to medical appointments time frame may be considered and it was identified that between 10am- 4pm is best for the senior population. Seasonal hours should also be considered especially during winter and summer. Wait time is a problem for many especially during group appointments because others must wait. There was a suggestion that perhaps there should be a centralized scheduling/ reverse scheduling to where the transportation provider makes the appointments. Another possible item would be identifying reasons why individuals go out of town for medical needs. There should be a discussion and educational opportunity for the community on quality health care available in county by possibly providing a partnership with ACMC, UHS. An informative discussion at Senior Center possible to strive to keep medical needs met within county. Also, the topic of Uber/ Lift Transportation options and exploring subsidizing transportation and safety for seniors in the Uber world as well as education and safety. It was suggested the Senior Centers host safety sessions, informational discussions on this topic. Dr. Brockway confirmed the committee is considering all suggestions.

Adjourn

Paul Fuller made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting
July 10th, 2019 at 10 a.m.
Ohio Means Jobs