

Minutes
Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy Advisory Board

July 14th, 2021

Ohio Means Jobs and Zoom Meeting

Present

Patrick Arcaro
Jerome Brockway
Willietta Bunch-
Marbury
Neroy Carter
Emory Moore
Joseph Rapose
Rhonda Rodriquez
Mary Runyan
Dianne Solembrino
Virginia Walker
Lynn Zalewski

Absent

Christine Litweiler
Mary Pepperney
Michelle Thompson
Jane Wallace
Pam Zack

Staff

Ronald Smith
Darcy Mosier

BOCC

Kathryn Whittington

Call to Order

Chair, Lynn Zalewski called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Lynn Zalewski asked the board to review the minutes from May 19th, 2021. After the board reviewed the minutes, Dr. Brockway made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19th, 2021. Neroy Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report

Lynn Zalewski welcome Mr. Emory Moore to the Senior Levy Advisory Board. The board introduced themselves followed by an introduction by Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore shared with the board a brief history and his excitement to be a part of the Senior Levy Advisory Board.

Funding

Ron Smith presented the Revenue & Expense Report as of June 30th, 2021. Ron shared, as of the end of June the Senior Levy collected \$1,088,595.43 and there is an available balance of \$2,022,757.20. Ron showed the total expenses at the end of June was \$970,505.06, which is 49.6% of the contracted expenses for the FY 2021.

Contract Reports

Contract Report: Darcy Mosier presented the contract report. This report represents payments made against provider's contracts beginning in January through the calendar year. Darcy reported the providers goal to date is to have used approximately 42% of their annual budget which is through the month of May 2021. ACCAA; Homemaker services was

below the target at 22%. The trend is indicating an increase in units. Joey Savel of ACCAA shared ACCAA sent out fliers with their home delivered meals in March showcasing the services they provide. Darcy shared there was an increase in units from May to June. CHRC; Chore services has used 0% of their contract for FY 2021. Ryan Tattrie, Executive Director indicated in previous years their Chore services were typically all yard and lawn mowing services. He believes due to no chore services offered in FY 2020; seniors are not aware chore services are again, available. Mr. Tattrie is hopeful once the Senior Together Program at CHRC is open to seniors in person, there will be a demand for chore services. CNP; Chore is at 30%. The units are slowly increasing as the demand for mowing increases. CCOAC; Guardianship/Payeeship has used 27% of their funds. To date, no Guardianship funds have been used due to other funding sources being used, at this time. ACCAA; Independence & Wellness was 26%. When contacted, Alissa Holdson shared the 2-1-1 numbers began to dip due to low calls, overall. ACCAA believes the additional monies available through stimulus, unemployment as well as other funding opportunities have led to less inquires. Alissa added they are monitoring the numbers. YMCA: Independence & Wellness is at 34%. Darcy shared YMCA's overall units compared from the first quarter of FY 2020 to the first quarter of FY 2021 are up 40%.

Wait List: Darcy Mosier reviewed the providers displaying a waitlist. CNP; Homemaker had eight (8) clients, and Personal Care; four (4) clients on the waitlist for May. Darcy noted there was no increase in Personal Care services waitlist for May, however there was a decrease from sixteen (16) to eight (8) on CNP waitlist for Homemaker services. Director Barb Klingensmith, Executive Director continues to have employment vacancies, but some staff have been hired, which may decrease the waitlist for both services. ACCAA; Homemaker had two (2) clients on their waitlist for May and since have hired and filled open positions which allowed them to delete their waitlist, presently.

Committee:

1. Independence & Wellness/Technology Committee Quarterly meeting update: Lynn Zalewski updated the board with a summary from the last quarterly committee meeting with the four Senior Center directors. Geneva Senior Center Executive Director, Robert Gruber stated the Geneva Senior Center had opened to the public and they were also providing transportation. Some activities the seniors were enjoying are BINGO, walking groups, cards and group activities. Geneva did share they are still working on getting the technology component up and running at the center and will be reporting on it at the next quarterly meeting. Conneaut Human Resource Center: Seniors Together Executive Director, Ryan Tattrie shared they have been Zooming with senior clients and averaged 8-9 daily attendance for different activities and health and wellness presentations. Mr. Tattrie also shared he was working with the Conneaut Health Department to assist in the re-opening of the center following the health and safety regulations currently in place. Conneaut planned on opening July 12; however, they were able to open a week earlier. Ashtabula County Council on Aging, Senior Center opened on July 6th with approximately 60 seniors in attendance. The center provided snacks, entertainment and several giveaways were donated by local establishments. ACCOA's regular programming began the following week. Lisa Bruckman, Executive Director, added bill paying is available through the drive-thru and many virtual programming will remain in place. Country Neighbor Program has had major turn over in staff and as a result their re-opening was delayed from original date

of July 6th. Barb Klingensmith, Executive Director, shared it was a slow opening. Barb added CNP will be opening the congregate meal site in Andover and the hybrid programming will continue via Zoom and Facebook Live as apart of their long-term plan along with the in-person programming.

Old Business

Lynn Zalewski reminded the advisory board that a new component called Senior Companionship was added to Senior Levy Independence & Wellness; Homemaker Services for the FY 2022 RFP. The release date for the SL RFP's was on July 9th, 2021.

New Business

1. Geneva Area Seniors Corporation: Independence & Wellness was reviewed and discussed. Lynn Zalewski added the board needed to determine whether to extend Geneva Area Seniors Corporation; Independence & Wellness contract for a three- or six-month term, for the remaining FY 2021. Dr. Brockway made the motion to grant Geneva Area Seniors Corporation, Independence & Wellness a six-month term. Mary Runyan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The board discussed making a monetary donation to Feed the Hope, September 10th, 2021 at Mount Carmel Community Center, as done previously. After much discussion, it was determined by the board to table the discussion until the next Senior Levy Advisory Board meeting on September 15th, 2021.

Public Comment

No public available for comment.

Adjourn

Mary Runyan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Virginia Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting
September 15th, 2021 at 10 a.m.
Zoom Meeting