

SENIOR SERVICES GRANT COMMISSION (SSGC)
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road, Conference Room A
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

Chairman Salgado called the meeting to order at 9:30a.m. The following Commission Members were present: Sandra Salgado, Chairman; Dan Ryan; William Markison; Suzanne Hoban; Mary Donner; Catherine Nash; Jack White; Don Kopsell; and Virginia Peschke. Staff present: John W. Labaj, Deputy County Administrator. Mary McCann entered the meeting at 9:34; Tamara Valentine-Garza, 9:36; Mark Shepard, at 10:09 and Jim Heisler at 10:30am. Absent were Anna May Miller and Don Larson.

	Sandra Salgado, Chairman	
Don Larson		Jack White
Suzanne Hoban		Jim Heisler
Don Kopsell		Mary McCann
Mary Donner		Anna May Miller
Catherine Nash		William Markison
Virginia Peschke		Mary Reid
Mark Shepherd		Dan Ryan
Vacant		Tamara Valentine-Garza

MINUTES

Ms Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms Donner to approve the minutes of August 10, 2007 meeting. The following changes were made to the Friday, August 24, 2007 minutes: Crystal Lake Food Pantry Treasurer is Cate instead of Kate. Family Alliance Inc. are asking for \$30,000 not \$20,000 for a small car. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Interviews with applicants for proposed FY 2008 Senior Service Grant Projects: The following agencies/organizations were interviewed and their applications were reviewed by the Commission:

Applicant

Project

The Salvation Army Golden Dinners

Nutritional Meals for Seniors

Captain Horton stated that the Salvation Army is currently serving in 6 different locations and are hoping to open one in the Huntley area in the near future. They are requesting \$75,000 to increase their meals for seniors. It was noted they would accept a lower amount if necessary.

McHenry County Department of Health

General Dental Needs Pilot Program

Diane Metrick, DDS stated they are requesting funds to support a dental program focused on senior citizens. Those who qualify will be given a discount up to \$300 for dental services. A denture services would be free of charge to those who qualify. Funds will also be used to cover the expense of a part time clerk and the purchase of a computer. Exact and separate amounts are not specified everything is included in the \$102,000 total request.

McHenry County Department of Health

Senior Home Care Program #2

The request for funding in the amount of \$347,902 would be used to support the hiring of 2 full-time nursing assistants, 2 full-time homemakers, and 1 part-time registered nurse to help in checking mental/physical states, driving, shopping, etc. free of charge to the seniors.

Intermission was made at 10:36a.m. The meeting continued at 10:46a.m

Pioneer Center for Human Services

Senior Care Residential Program

Funding in the amount of \$141,819 to support an additional full-time nurse for on-call services of the program was requested.

Pioneer Center for Human Services

SOAR

Funding in the amount of \$56,036 is request to support a full-time employee.

Family Health Partnership Clinic

Rx Match

Applications for Rx match a program that helps pay for senior citizens medications was distributed. The Clinic is requesting \$29,450 in grant funds.

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.

McHenry County Senior Citizen Legal Services Project

Linda Rothnagel and Gerrri Doland noted the project is requesting \$155,741 to employ 2 full-time attorneys to provide free of charge for seniors to assist with civil and non criminal cases such as evictions, social security payments, etc. It was noted that 99% of their cases are referred by other agencies and word of mouth. For the convenience of the seniors, attorneys would be willing to make home visits. There currently have 174 senior clients. They would accept a part-time attorney if one is available.

Senior Services Associates Inc.

Case Coordination Unit

Funds amounting to \$338,512 are requested to use towards the cleaning of carpets at the Community Resource Center and to support the Senior Compassion Program that provides close friendships for seniors, of which there are 48 current clients. Funds would also be used to support the Frail Adult Program that provides dentures, glasses, ramps, transportation etc. It was noted that they have served 133 clients this year.

Senior Services Associates Inc.

Community Seniors Services and Resource Center

\$217,452 is needed for the funding of a home repair program for seniors and is asking for \$8-9,000 from the committee.

After each interview Ms Salgado told each agency that there was approximately \$1.7 million budgeted for the 2008 Senior Services grant program and that their requests for funding total \$3,088,028. Decisions will be made around the end of the month after which agencies will be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

MEMBERS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business Ms Hoban made a motion, seconded by Mr Kopsell, to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 .The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all present.

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