

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

Chairman Salgado called the meeting to order at 9:30a.m. The following Commission Members were present: Sandra Salgado, Chairman; Jack White; Suzanne Hoban; Jim Heisler; Don Kopsell; Mary Donner; Catherine Nash; William Markison; Virginia Peschke; Mary Reid; and Tamara Valentine-Garza. Dan Ryan arrived at 9:31a.m. Anna May Miller arrived at 9:32a.m. Mark Shepherd arrived at 9:37a.m. Don Larson and Mary McCann were absent. Staff present: John W. Labaj, Deputy County Administrator.

	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

Mr. Kopsell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the minutes of September 14, 2007 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Mr. Ryan arrived at 9:31a.m. ; Ms. Miller arrived at 9:32a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

*2008 Senior Services Grant Program Funding Allocations:* Chairman Salgado requested that anyone that needs to abstain from voting on an allocation, because of a possible conflict of interest, to let the committee know now. Anyone who abstains may not participate in a discussion surrounding said allocation. Chairman Salgado stated she would abstain from discussing and voting on issues for Pioneer Center. Ms. Hoban will take over the meeting at that time as Vice Chairman of the Commission. Ms. Valentine-Garza abstained from voting for the Salvation Army, Townships and transportation requests, Mr. Kopsell abstained from voting on Township requests, Ms. Miller abstained from Township and possible transportation requests, Ms. Nash abstained from voting on Sr. Services requests, Ms. Hoban abstained from voting on Family Health Partnership requests and Ms. Peschke abstained from voting on Family Alliance Inc., requests.

After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend the commission withhold \$250,000 of grant funds until additional budget information could be obtained regarding the transportation service programs. Ms. Peschke amended her motion to set aside \$250,000 of grant funding for future consideration. Ms. Donner amended her second. County Board members, who are part of the Implementation Task Force questioned if they need to abstain from voting since one of the grants requested came from the Task Force. They also question if members of the Transportation Committee should also abstain. Chairman Salgado noted she would delay discussion of the transportation grant requests until a State's Attorney's Opinion has been received on the issue.

Commission members noted that during the presentation process the transportation presenters had stated that the most important transportation request to be approved would be for Richmond Burton Township which is \$97,000 of the total \$238,000 Collaborative Township Senior Transportation Program request. Additional consideration will be made at a later date. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Markison to recommend approval of \$97,000 in grant funding for the Richmond Burton Township transportation program. The motion carried on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Reid, Shepherd, Peschke, Heisler, Donner, Salgado) abstain (Kopsell, Miller, Valentine-Garza) It was noted that the requests for the Township transportation programs could be four separate contracts and commission members noted that the townships involved should include a bigger buy-in of the plan. Commission members noted concern that the Implementation Task Force members are trying to make the Senior Services Grant Commission responsible for the transportation problems of the County. They noted their application is overwhelming and that a more detailed budget would be helpful. Commission members noted that transportation issues are the number 1 issue of the county board. Commission members stated funding decisions are made by the

Senior Services Grant Commission and these requests give the Commission an opportunity to kick off a comprehensive transportation program in the County. Commission members agreed there were huge questions surrounding the transportation programs and the commission should not unilaterally determine transit policy for the County.

Commission members reviewed the grant request from the Adult & Child Rehab Center for McHenry County Inc., for the Balance/Fall Risk Program. Mr. Shepherd noted he would like to remove a portion of the request because some of the equipment would be available from other entities. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shepherd to recommend approval of \$26,000 in grant funding for the Balance/Fall Risk Program. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Heisler, Donner, and Salgado)

Commission members reviewed the request from the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. They noted that there are a lot of services in the county that handles these programs and did not feel this was a program to approve since they could not guarantee services would be for seniors only. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoban to decline funding for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Commission members reviewed the request for Faith in Action Volunteer Services. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to recommend full funding, in the amount of \$76,650, for Faith in Action for their Volunteer Services. Commission members noted concern that the commission would be paying such a large amount for salary increases when a lot of volunteer programs cannot give their staff members raises and therefore the amount suggested should be decreased. Mr. Ryan made an amendment to the motion to fund \$40,000 for Faith in Action Volunteer Services. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. Ms. Miller made a motion to amend the request to fund \$50,000 for Faith in Action. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote. (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Heisler, Donner, Salgado)

Commission members reviewed the request from Family Alliance, Inc., Adult Day Health and Dementia Services. Ms. Tamara Valentine Garza made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend funding in the amount of \$334,875 for Family Alliance, Inc., Adult Day Health and Dementia Services. Commission members noted concern that both Family Alliance applications would account for 1/3 of the available grant funds. Ms. Valentine Garza withdrew her motion, the second agreed to withdraw the second.

Commission members reviewed the grant request from Family Alliance, Inc., Recovery and Psychiatric Services. Because of the large request, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Heisler left the commission meeting at 11:00a.m.

Commission members reviewed a grant request, in the amount of \$74,261 from Family Service & Community Mental Health Center for Senior S.A. Awareness, Prevention, and Treatment. Mr. Kopsell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to recommend approval of the grant funding in the amount of \$40,000 for Family Service & Community Mental Health Center for Senior S.A. Awareness, Prevention and Treatment. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Donner, and Salgado)

Commission members reviewed a grant request, in the amount of \$3,000 for Hearthstone Village Senior Living Community, Healthy Brain. Ms. Hoban made a motion, seconded by Ms. Valentine Garza to recommend no funding for this request. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Donner, and Salgado)

Commission members reviewed a grant request, in the amount of \$46,400, from Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, Life Improves with Friends in Transition (LIFT) program. Ms. Valentine-Garza made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke, to recommend approval for grant funds in the amount of \$35,000. The motion carried with all members present voting ay on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Donner, and Salgado)

Commission members reviewed a grant request from the McHenry County Department of Health, Senior Home Care Program. Concern was noted regarding the high dollar request and the Senior Service Grant Fund should not fund the entire start up costs of the program. It was also noted that the request would be funding for the entire year, which may not be needed. It was noted that Ms. Peschke would abstain from voting/discussing this request since she is a

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member of the Board of Health. Ms. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to approve funding in the amount of \$275,000 for the McHenry County Department of Health, Senior Home Care Program. The motion carried with the majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Miller, Donner, Salgado) Ms. Peschke abstained.

Commission members reviewed a grant request from the McHenry County Cooperative Dental Clinic, in the amount of \$102,000. Mr. Kopsell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shepherd to recommend grant funding in the amount of \$90,000. Commission members noted concern that this was not a well thought out proposal and noted concern with funding the program. The motion failed with six ayes (Peschke, Ryan, Shepherd, Kopsell, White, and Salgado) and seven nays (Donner, Miller, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Hoban, Nash, and Markison).

Chairman Salgado turned over control of the meeting to Vice-Chairman Hoban during discussions of the proposals for Pioneer Center. Commission members reviewed a grant request from Pioneer Center of McHenry County, Senior Care Residential Program, in the amount of \$141,819. Mr. Kopsell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Valentine-Garza to recommend grant funding, in the amount of \$141,819 for Pioneer Center of McHenry County, Senior Care Residential Program. The motion carried with the majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Donner) Chairman Salgado abstained.

Commission members reviewed a grant request from Pioneer Center of McHenry County, SOAR Vocational Program, in the amount of \$56,036. Mr. Kopsell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shepherd to recommend grant funding in the amount of \$52,579 for Pioneer Center of McHenry County, SOAR Vocational Program. Commission members noted concern with the proposed expenses for the program. After review, Ms. Donner made a motion to amend the amount to \$46,000. Ms. Peschke seconded the amendment. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Heisler, Donner,) Chairman Salgado abstained.

Commission members reviewed a grant request from Prairie State Legal Service, Inc., in the amount of \$155,741 for Senior Citizens Legal Services Project. Commission members noted this amount has more that doubled the previous request and with all of the worthy programs that are requesting funds, the funding should remain at last years amount. After review, Ms. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoban to recommend approval for grant funding, in the amount of \$77,160, for Prairie State Legal Service, Inc., for the McHenry County Senior Citizens Legal Services Project. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Donner, and Salgado)

Commission members reviewed a grant request received from The Salvation Army Corps/Community Center, for the Senior Adult "Drop-In" Center, in the amount of \$48,400. Commission members noted concern that this is not a well thought out proposal and would be for a "pilot" program. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Markison, to recommend no funding for the Salvation Army Corps/Community Center for the Senior Adult Drop-in Center. The motion carried with the majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Donner, Salgado) nay (Nash, Kopsell) (Valentine-Garza) abstain.

Commission members reviewed the grant request from The Salvation Army Golden Diners, Nutritional Meals for Seniors, in the amount of \$75,000. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kopsell to recommend funding, in the amount of \$75,000 for The Salvation Army Golden Diners, Nutritional Meals for Seniors. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Markison, White, Nash, Hoban, Valentine-Garza, Reid, Kopsell, Shepherd, Ryan, Peschke, Miller, Donner, and Salgado)

Commission members were informed, based upon allocations discussed today the Commission has \$557,571 remaining in grant funds. They agreed to review the remaining grant applications at the next commission meeting. Commission members agreed to meet on September 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30a.m. for additional grant review. Mr. Labaj cautioned commission members from releasing any figures decided on today. He stated these figures are still tentative, until all grant applications have been reviewed.

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Commission members noted that the Grant Commission should provide a presentation to McCog (McHenry County Council of Governments) regarding services offered.

ADJOURNMENT Noting no further business and that this meeting will be continued to Friday, September 28, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to rise at 12:08 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all present.

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