

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, August 29, 2008

Chairman Salgado called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Commission Members were present: Sandra Salgado, Chairman; Virginia Peschke; Dan Ryan; Mary Donner; Catherine Nash; Don Larson; James Heisler; Ed Beckstrom; William Markison; Ann May Miller (leaving at 9:30 a.m.); Suzanne Hoban (arriving at 8:25 a.m.); Mary Reid; Tamara Valentine-Garza and Susan Ritzer; Don Kopsell and MaryMcCann (arriving at 8:25 a.m.) were present. Staff present: John W. Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; and Linda McMahon.

Sandra Salgado, Chairman	
Don Larson	Ed Beckstrom
Suzanne Hoban	James Heisler
Don Kopsell	Mary McCann
Mary Donner	Anna May Miller
Catherine Nash	William Markison
Virginia Peschke	Mary Reid
Susan Ritzert	Dan Ryan
Vacant	Tamara Valentine-Garza

MINUTES

It was noted that Commissioner McCann was incorrectly list as being present at the meeting of August 22, 2008 and the the incorreceted dates was referenced on page two. With these two changes a motion was made by Mary Donner, seconded by Jim Heisler to approve the minutes of August 22, 2008. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

**Agency Interviews for FY '09 Senior Service Grant Funding**

The following Agencies were interviewed regarding their funding requests for Senior Service Grant funding:

Nunda Township – Don Kopsell

Mr. Kopsell presented the Nunda township senior transportation request consisting for funds for personnel and fuel.

Richmond Township – Tamara Valentine-Garza, Lisa Kelly, Kay Thomas, Brandi Chem

Ms. Valentine-Garza presented the Richmond Township request for funding noting three of the programs Drivers/Admin. who were present. Cost per trip is \$13.45. Questions regarding fuel costs were discussed.

McHenry County Division of Transportation – Jason Osborn, Jeff Young

Mr. Osborn and Mr. Young presented the Division of Transportations' request to extend the 2008 set-aside of funds for a pilot coordinate demand response bus program. Mr. Osborn provided updates on budgets and agreements with proposed jurisdictions (McHenry Township, City of McHenry, Door Township, City of Woodstock, Pioneer Center). PACE call center dispatch out of the Grayslake facility as well as the purchase of Mobil Data Terminals (MDT) and Trapeze software was reviewed. The program is now anticipated to start by the end of winter 2009. New contract cost per service hour (\$57.50) secured by PACE was discussed. Differences between service hour and costs per trip was discussed. An extensive question and answer period between IDOT staff and Commissioners transpired regarding operational aspects of the coordinated demand response pilot and well and future funding needs to support the program in the future should it be successful.

Family Service and Community Mental Health Center for McHenry County – Robert Martins, Chris Gleason, Barb Schmedige

Ms. Schmedige reviewed the need for the program and how Family Service was able to maintain some senior enrollment in light of last years' lack of funding. Current substance abuse therapists caseloads are at 70, based on the number of therapists about 25 to 40 seniors are being seen annually.

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Senior Services Associates – Bette Schoenholtz, Beth McClory, Barry Glasgow

Ms. Schoenholtz reviewed Senior Services Associates proposals. She noted that a new position of full time receptionist at the Crystal Lake facility with provide Spanish language services. Senior Services has secured assurances that they will be able to stay in the Crystal Lake facility for another year. Mileage reimbursement request for funding has been increased due to fuel costs being borne by volunteers. Senior Services is exploring the possibility of contracting for the web based Network of Care, which was brought to the Commissions attention by Sandy Lewis of the Mental Health Board during recent strategic planning sessions. No decision has been made on the Network of Care. The State Agency on Aging may have it own web based program in the coming year. Senior Services Associates has begun exploring the possibility of locating a resource center in the Richmond/Burton area for an activity program.

OLD BUSINESS: None

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tamara Valentine-Garza questioned whether the levy being used was the maximum allowable under the approved referendum. Mr. Labaj stated that it was his understanding in conversations with the County's Associate County Administrator for Finance, Ralph Sarbaugh, that the maximum levy was being used.

Chairman Salgado noted that the next meeting of the Senior Services Grant Commission would be next Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> with a start time of 8:15 am. Allocation recommendations will be made at that time. Chairman Salgado encouraged members with any questions on the proposals to contact staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business Mary Donner made a motion, seconded by Virginia Peschke, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all present.

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