

**MINUTES OF THE
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

At a meeting of the **Senior Services Committee**, held Thursday, October 1, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Rocca-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Kepler, Mocerri, Rengert, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Camphous-Peterson.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Commissioner Doherty

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Rocca called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Torrice, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Kepler, to approve the September 17, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT FROM AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B

MOTION

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by Brown, to receive and file the report from Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

Ms. Kristin Wilson from Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1-B reminded commissioners about the upcoming Caregiver Expo that will be held on October 24th at Rock Financial Showplace.

Two handouts were distributed. The first handout was entitled, Counting Michigan Snowbirds in Census 2010. The second handout was an official form entitled, United States Census 2010, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U.S. Census Bureau.

Mr. James McGuire from AAA 1-B spoke about the state budget and how it will affect seniors in our region. He then referred to the Census form and spoke about the intent of the Census.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Brown and Rengert.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

ACCEPT AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B NEGOTIATED MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTUAL TERMS FOR THE RESOURCE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT AAA 1-B NEGOTIATED MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTUAL TERMS FOR THE RESOURCE ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,438 FOR FIRST YEAR OF THREE YEAR CONTRACT (FIRST FISCAL YEAR 10/1/2009 – 9/30/2010).

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ACCEPT AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B NEGOTIATED MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTUAL TERMS FOR THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT AAA 1-B NEGOTIATED MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTUAL TERMS FOR THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,835 FOR FIRST YEAR OF THREE YEAR CONTRACT (FIRST FISCAL YEAR 10/1/2009 – 9/30/2010).

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION BY SENIOR SERVICES COUNSELING SUPERVISOR, AARON ERKKINEN

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed, along with two additional handouts entitled, Beck's Depression Inventory and Beck Anxiety Inventory.

Mr. Aaron Erkkinen gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, Counseling Seniors in Macomb County Program Update.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Brown and Rocca.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the presentation by Senior Services Counseling Supervisor, Aaron Erkkinen. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT ON DENTAL CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY OF MACOMB AND BENEFIT CONTROL METHODS

A one-page handout was distributed. The handout listed numerous companies who provide dental plans and the membership fee which compared plans in 48036 (Clinton Township, MI).

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Rengert, to receive and file the report on next steps for dental contract between County of Macomb and Benefit Control Methods.

Mr. Frank Krycia gave a verbal presentation and spoke about the judgment against Benefit Control Methods.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

Ms. Angela Willis addressed the committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY BROWN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO SEVER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MACOMB AND BENEFIT CONTROL METHODS.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Rengert and Brdak.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Director's Report was distributed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Kepler, to receive and file the Senior Services Department Director's Report.

Ms. Willis commented on the Counseling Program and on the Census. She then gave an overview of her Director's Report.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

After the vote, the following commissioner spoke: Brown.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Rengert thanked Ms. Willis and her staff for doing a remarkable job at the Outreach.

Commissioner Vosburg added that the coordination with the Health Department has been outstanding, too.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Kepler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.
The Motion Carried.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter