

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
2:00 p.m.

The Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting and that all deliberations of the Senior Citizens Advisory Panel, which resulted in formal action, were taken in a meeting open to the general public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Cantor opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Present

Members: Ellen Cantor, Tom Dreher, and Spence Kline

Staff: Jason Boyd, Alyea Barajas, Donna Tyson, and Kathy Russo

Absent: Ken Gauntner, Frank Doberdruk

From the Public: Mr. Joey Tomsick from Council on Aging, Ms. Lois Orosz

Public Comments -none.

Approval of February 21, 2017 minutes:

Mr. Dreher moved to approve the February 21, 2017 minutes as submitted and Mr. Kline seconded the motion. Discussion: none.

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Correspondence –none.

Senior Services Levy Update/Information:

Mrs. Barajas reviewed several topics:

MOW Volunteer Program:

The Commissioners have approved a new volunteer program which will enable County staff to deliver Meals on Wheels during their lunch hour. She stated that there will be an informational meeting in the Assembly Room on Tuesday, June 27 at 12:15 p.m. to provide staff the opportunity to learn more about the program. Mr. Jason Boyd stated that this promises to be a very positive program and enables our employees to give back to the community.

Senior Levy Campaign

Burges & Burges will sign on to work with the Levy Coalition for the Senior Levy campaign. The next campaign meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at 8:00 a.m. at the Mentor Senior Center. Ms. Vanessa Tey-Iosue, of Burges & Burges has begun to put together several committees for the Coalition members. The County will be taking on a larger role than they have in the past in this campaign. She explained to the Panel that two resolutions must be passed by the Board of Commissioners. The first

resolution is requesting the Auditor's certificate for the Senior Levy and is scheduled to be on the Commissioners' agenda Thursday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m.. The second resolution will include the ballot language. City of Willoughby Mayor, David Anderson, has agreed to serve as a "community champion" for the campaign.

Aging in Lake County Conference

Lake County, in conjunction with the Lake County Council on Aging, will be hosting its first "Aging in Lake County" conference on Thursday, September 21st, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. at the Mentor Senior Center. Dr. Robert Applebaum from Miami University, Scripps Gerontology Center, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event. Mr. Tomsick stated they attempted to get Mr. Richard Brody to speak as well, however he will be out of town. Mr. Boyd and Mrs. Barajas thanked the Mentor Senior Center for donating their center for this event.

2018 Levy Funding Application Review:

Mrs. Barajas reviewed the following timeline with the Panel:

- June 20 - Review 2018 funding applications with Panel
- June 26 - Email applications to current levy recipients for completion
- July 31 - Applications are due back
- August 15 - Review completed applications with Panel
- Levy recommendation to the Board of Commissioners by the end of August
- Award letters will be sent to levy recipients by September 22

Mrs. Barajas stated that the evidence based Matter of Balance Program through Fairhill Partners is seeking volunteers for coach training in their program. The training program will take place at the Lake County General Health District.

Mr. Kline asked what, if anything they would like from the Panel with regards to the Senior Levy. Mr. Boyd stated all are invited to the levy meetings.

Mrs. Barajas reviewed the new 2018 funding application for the current recipients. Mr. Boyd asked how well she is doing with gathering information. Mrs. Barajas responded that to date, she still has not received contracts from the Painesville and Kirtland Senior Centers for 2017. She stated she has been receiving the required data in a timely manner from nearly all of the centers. Mrs. Barajas and the Panel discussed the application, the data she has received from the Centers, and whether the Centers will be able to break down membership by age. Mrs. Barajas stated this year's application requires the Centers to submit their membership lists with the application. Mr. Dreher expressed his view on the application and execution of the senior programs by the Senior Centers applying for funds. He stated there is no emphasis on services and feels there must be a realistic picture of the programs offered, and who and what they are serving.

Old Business –

Mrs. Barajas briefly updated the Panel on the collaborative initiative projects:

Lake County Council on Aging & Beacon Health Collaborative Initiative

Council on Aging and Beacon Health have had the opportunity to hold a joint staff meeting with the

Council on Aging Social Work department and representatives from Beacon Health to lay out a plan for the referral process. Beacon Health has identified staff members that will provide administrative and clinical support to the program. The Council on Aging social work department supervisor, Bernie Brooks, is actively working with their social work staff to identify appropriate clients, obtain consent, and make referrals. Mrs. Barajas stated that to date, twelve clients have been identified and of the twelve, six clients have been agreeable to participating in the program. The referrals have been made and they are currently scheduling intake appointments. She explained that the four clients have completed their intake appointments and all were determined to be appropriate for ongoing services and are in the pipeline for CPST, counseling, or psychiatric care. Mr. Tomsick thanked all involved in this collaborative effort with Beacon Health. He stated they are very happy with the participants they have so far and these clients would be in their homes with no help had this program not begun. Mr. Kline added Beacon Health looks forward to continuing the collaboration with Council on Aging and feels strongly that they will be assisting at least one client per week in the very near future.

Music & Memory Collaborative Initiative

Mrs. Barajas reviewed the following update pertaining to the Music and Memory Collaboration:

- 5 participants started at the Mentor Senior Center last week. Each participant is engaged with a volunteer and sessions run for 6 weeks. There has been very positive feedback from Mentor Senior Center Director, Ms. Renee Ochaya.
- The Music and Memory Program has two parts: Firstly it is a group led by a leader with interactive activities and secondly it involves an Ipod with music loaded and delivered by the volunteers
- Volunteers will teach a caregiver how to use the Ipod so music therapy can be delivered in the home
- The Ohio Department on Aging paid for laptops for the participating senior centers and each of the centers will have a music library they can keep after the project ends
- Kirtland and Willowick Senior Center start dates were pushed back due to low participant enrollment
- 18 RSVP volunteers have been trained to date
- The Benjamin Rose Institute is focusing its efforts on securing all the details for the evaluation piece and registration processes

Mr. Dreher asked if there is a possibility for future showings of the “Alive Inside” feature film. Mrs. Barajas stated she would look into future showings and that it was available for viewing on Netflix.

New Business – Mr. Boyd stated he and Mrs. Barajas have been discussing 5 year and 10 year visions. The Panel discussed the possible funding losses with the Federal and State budgets.

General Discussion:-

Mr. Tomsick stated that Council on Aging lost \$30,000 in funding in 2016 and thanks to the Granger Foundation, received a \$10,000 grant for their Meals on Wheels program. He stated that Advocacy in Motion serves as a voice on policy issues at the national, state and local levels related to aging.

Mrs. Orosz asked for clarification of the Senior Levy. Mr. Boyd stated that the Levy is a renewal of an existing five-tenths (.5) of one mill and an increase of three-tenths of one mill (.3) and is administered by the Board of Commissioners. The Panel discussed several options that might assist the Lake County Senior Centers with explaining the Levy to their members. Mr. Boyd stated once the Levy resolutions have been passed by the Board of Commissioners, it is the intention of him and Mrs. Barajas to meet with the Senior Centers to answer questions regarding the levy.

Mr. Boyd asked Mrs. Orosz her opinion on using a scan card at the Centers for sign in. Mrs. Orosz stated many people don't take the time to sign in and she is not sure the scan card would work for them. Discussion continued on how to efficiently track the programs and usage of the Senior Centers.

Adjournment

Mr. Dreher moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. and Mr. Kline seconded the motion.
Discussion: none.

Vote: "All Ayes"

*The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.