

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board
Minutes
Meeting Monday July 25, 2022

Chuck Marinec, Chair, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on July 25, 2022 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros made for recording purposes. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 940 Boonville Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present: Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant (Phoned In), Joyce Munden (Phoned In), Amy Montebello, Mike Jungers and Bobbie Wurst.

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deborah Allen, Ashley Walden (Mercy Health Foundation) and Bob Patterson (Mercy Health Foundation)

Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2022. Modification to be made to the Annual Election of Officers to add names of officers. Motion to approve Minutes made by Amy Montebello. Seconded by Mike Jungers.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's formal report for this month but an abbreviated report was submitted. Denny Pilant made mention of the Application Tracking Sheet showing that we have approved over \$2 million dollars leaving a shade over 319,000.00 remaining. A modification to the copy of the Application Tracking Spreadsheet for Ash Grove Meal Enhancement to correct the entry from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 and then redistributed. Motion to approve the abbreviated reversion was made by Amy Montebello. Seconded by Bobbie Wurst. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business

Presentation: Mercy Health Foundation – Bob Patterson

Requesting Funds for \$50,000.00 (new) or \$45,000.00 (used). Funds are being requested for transportation services at Mercy that greatly impacts our seniors. Usually, they offer complimentary transportation service using a permitted vehicle for eligible patients and caregivers. Of the patients who use this service, 90% are seniors and require a wheelchair (ambulatory or non-ambulatory). Their current van was rear-ended in April 2022 and rendered a total loss.

Eligible Patient is an individual:

- Who is located in the relevant Mercy Service Area where Mercy is offering the Complimentary Transportation Service.
- Who is a patient of a Mercy facility or Mercy Provider which provides health care services within the relevant Mercy Service Area.
- Who has no other means of readily available or reliable transportation service as determined through a discussion with designated Mercy personnel
- Who has or had a service, appointment, or treatment provided by Mercy on the day the transportation is requested or provided.

Currently, there complimentary transportation service is being contracted with other vendors for this service, which is significantly more expensive and becoming cost prohibitive.

They are running three vans on a daily basis. However, one was totaled so they are down to 2. Vehicle operators are all emergency medical technicians trained. There is limited emergency equipment on board.

Each van accommodates approximately 10 to 12 patients a day. In order to determine if a citizen is eligible a screening tool is implemented that must be completed from the doctor's office, once submitted the criteria is reviewed and then the dispatch center schedules the pick-up. They would also be able to use the screening tool to determine what pick-ups are over 60 and in the Greene County area. Bob stated that they would specifically limit the van purchased by the Senior Board to seniors 60 and older and that live Greene County area. They would definitely be open to putting the logo information on the van.

Joyce Munden did address the fact that going with a new van as compared to a used would probably be the wisest choice since these vehicles are heavily used the newer vehicle would last longer. And considering the price difference between the new and used the amount is not that significant.

Mike Jungers made a motion to approve up to \$50,000.00 to purchase a new or used van. Bobbie Wurst seconded the motion contingent on three (3) bids being submitted and that it would be limited to seniors 60 and older that live in Greene County. Motion carried.

Communication:

Chuck Marinec inquired on who would be interested in attending the MoAlso meeting September 12, 2022. The Registration fee and all travel expenses would be covered by the Board. All interested please contact Chuck.

9:30 A.M. moved to adjourn by Amy Montebello. Bobbie Wurst seconded. Motion Carried.

Next meeting August 22, 2022 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309. If, additional people are in attendance, a waiting area with appropriate social distancing will be available.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah Allen