



Board Meeting ~ Minutes ~

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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9:00 a.m.

BOC Chambers

DRAFT: 05/17/16

APPROVED: 6/21/16 as amended

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at the Commission on Aging office, 520 West Front Street, Traverse City, MI., by Chair, Rodetta Harrand.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rodetta Harrand	Chair	Present	
Sandra Busch	Vice Chair	Present	
Bill Rokos	Treasurer	Present	
Shirley Zerafa	Secretary	Present	
Christine Maxbauer	County Commissioner	Present	
Kory Hansen	Member	Present	
Carl Kucera	Member	Present	
Michelle Mercer	Member	Present	
Carol Sullivan	Member	Present	
David Taylor	Member	Excused	

Staff Present: Laura Green, Deputy Director

Cyndie F., Office Specialist

Marsha J., Office Specialist,

Guests: Bob Schlueter, Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM)

Theresa Kerry, Director Senior Companion Program, Catholic Human Services (CHS)

Lisa Robitshek, Director Meals on Wheels (MOW),

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA)

Lori Wells, Senior Center Network (SCN) Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT

Laura Green read the GTCOA (Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging's) Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Cyndie F. took roll call.



RECYCLED PAPER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVED:	Maxbauer
SECONDED:	Kucera
AYES:	Busch, Hansen, Harrand, Kucera, Maxbauer, Mercer, Rokos, Sullivan, Zerafa
NAYS:	None

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

All in attendance were listed on the Agenda.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Employee Anniversaries

Green introduced Brenda V., Home Health Care/Respite Aide and provided background on her and her Ten years with the GTCOA (Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging.)

NMC BBQ-Marsha J., Office Specialist

Marsha J. updated members on her volunteer needs for the NMC (Northwest Michigan College) BBQ, relayed that GTCOA was still taking reservations, and that she provided Cyndie with some tickets for sale. Marsha also explained that the following day, would be Senior Expo and she was busy preparing for the event. Marsha answered a few questions for members.

Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan 2015 Annual Report- Bob Schlueter, Executive Director

Robert Schlueter provided members with an overview of the AAANM (Area Agency on Aging)'s Annual Report. Schlueter discussed upcoming changes with insurance, programming, certification for providing diabetes information, and efforts to receive a Medicare billing number. He updated members on the loss of State aging funds and meeting with State Senators on the subject at OMD (Older Michiganian's Day.) He relayed information on the September Senior Empowerment Day, September 22, 2016 at the Casino in Manistee. He noted that he is awaiting approval by the AAANM Board on their three year plan. Discussion on the MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Planning) provided by AAANM.

Catholic Human Services/Senior Companion Program, Outside Agency Funding Update-Theresa Kerry, Program Director

Theresa Kerry provided members with an update on the status of 2016 grant funding provided to SCP from GTCOA. Theresa provided an overview of the SCP, relaying the seniors served, the number of

volunteers, service hours, and miles traveled. She answered questions on liability, background checks, maximum number of clients, waiting lists, and assisted living/long term facility clients.

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency/Meals on Wheels, Outside Agency Funding Update-Lisa Robitshek, Senior Nutrition Director

Lisa Robitshek provided information to members on their 2015/2016 numbers of MOW clients served, growth, volunteers, routes, miles driven, expenses and revenues. She relayed several client stories, wait list information, funding difficulties and shortages, and conveyed information on efforts to find new funding. She answered questions from members on differentiating between clients who can't prepare food vs. not having the money to purchase it, screening/assessments, training, grants, and referrals.

Lori Wells arrived 10:12

Commission on Aging Public Service Announcement

Members viewed the current PSA (Public Service Announcement) and were informed it would be running 15 times per month.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Green relayed that this would be a millage renewal year for the GTCOA. She imparted information on the election date, term and mills requested. She relayed that committee, whose sole purpose is to get the millage renewed, was established to raise funds. She noted that the millage provides 80% of GTCOA funding, and that GTCOA also provides funds to AAANM, SCP, and MOW. She read the ballot language and noted that the initiative is on the August ballot and turn-out is important to that vote.

Green passed around a brochure from the National Council on Aging entitled, You Gave, Now Save. She noted it is available on the National Council on Aging's website and explains benefits to seniors which are not being accessed.

Green updated members on the reauthorization of the Older American's Act, and discussed some of the benefits contained therein.

Green relayed that the State has a new program, Senior Reach, which is offered at Northwest Michigan Health Services, and explained the program.

Green reminded members that the BASA (Bay Area Senior Advocates) Ideas for Life Senior Expo is Wednesday, May 18th at the Civic Center, over 100 exhibitors will be there, and it starts at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Maxbauer stated that she was going to have to leave and that there were two issues on the BOC (Board of Commissioner's) meeting this week.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER LIASION REPORT

Commissioner Maxbauer relayed that the first is a proposal for swimming at Twin Lakes. She explained that the rules had been tightened, and that the Parks Board had discussed a compromise for which a swimmer must sign a release, and be educated on the dangers in the lake. She relayed that swimming is still permitted inside a marked area, and a discussion on wet suits being required outside that area would be part of the proposal.

Commissioner Maxbauer also relayed that the BOC would discuss a .8 FTE for the Sheriff's department on the agenda.

Commissioner Maxbauer relayed that she attended the 90 over 90 luncheon at the Senior Center, and thought it was great.

Commissioner Maxbauer left at 10:30 am.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Cyndie F., read the Consent Calendar

ACTION

A.	Approval of the March 21, 2016 Board meeting minutes and April 19, 2016 Board meeting cancellation minutes.
B.	Approval to use grant funds from Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation as follows: \$1,500 for Universal Aides for vacuums and \$5,324 for Clara's Cupboard.
C.	Acceptance of the March 2016 Program Report.
D.	Acceptance of staff's recommendation on Lawn Maintenance vendors of Leslie's Outdoor Maintenance and Cuttin It Close Outdoor for the 2016 season.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVED:	Zerafa
SECONDED:	Rokos
AYES:	Busch, Hansen, Harrand, Kucera, Maxbauer, Mercer, Rokos, Sullivan, Zerafa
NAYS:	None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No questions or comments.

REPORTS OF AD HOC/SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING REPORT

No report, next meeting is scheduled for June 10th.

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

No questions or comments.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Green updated members that Kory Hansen was acknowledged by NMC (~~North Central~~ **Northwest** Michigan College) as an Outstanding Alumni, and members relayed their congratulations to Kory.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Wells, SCN Manager, relayed thanks to Commissioner Maxbauer for attending the 90 over 90 luncheon and to Green for serving as hostess. Wells also relayed thanks to Cordia, presenting sponsor, and noted there were a host of supporting sponsors including the Pavilions.

Wells relayed that Ride BATA day would be May 24th at 11:00 am from the Traverse City SCN, and explained the program.

Wells stated that Senior Expo is tomorrow May 18th and provided information on what would be available at the Expo.

Wells updated members that the Newsletter now contains information for Parks and Recreation department.

Wells relayed that the millage for SCN is also up for renewal this year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Harrand adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.

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