

Approved 1/25/2017 – meeting recorded.

Roll Call:	District	#3	William J. Bunek	PRESENT
		#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
		#5	Patricia Soutas-Little	PRESENT

1. Overview of Leelanau County demographics and LCSS program report:
Senior Services Director April Missias presented a PowerPoint presentation of the demographics and the Leelanau County Senior Services programs. (A copy of this presentation is on file in the Clerks office.) Commissioner Wessell questioned Missias about any additional services, such as recorded books for the blind, but, Missias said not at this time. Wessell recommends this program and would like Leelanau County to look into it. Commissioner Bunek said that this program should come through area Libraries.

2. Collaboration between Area Agency on Aging and LCSS:

Denise Plakmeyer from the Area Agency on Aging gave an overview of their programs. Plakmeyer stated that the majority of in home service dollars come from the program called MI-Choice Waiver Program that is a Medicaid funded program. About 8 million dollars in their budget come from Medicaid dollars from this program. This funding is for 18 and over and has high care needs. The program that they tend to partner more with the area counties is the Older American Act, this target is for residents over the age of 60. Seniors are referred to them if their needs are more than can be taken care of at a County level.

Commissioner Wessel questioned about the percentage of money that is distributed to Leelanau County and the percentage the County receives, Plakmeyer states it is not based on geographical location, but on need and Medicaid money that is received, and if the senior happens to live in Leelanau County.

Commissioner Wessell questioned what it would cost for the County to be a provider of the MI-Choice Waiver Program, Missias distributed a cost analysis spread sheet for in home care and it shows that would not be feasible for Leelanau County. Plakmeyer stated the best way to help is by accessing their resources, and she says Missias does a great job for Leelanau County.

3. League of Women Voters-Age friendly survey results.

Phil Mikesell of the League of Women Voters explained the senior survey that was taken at the Senior Expo. (Copy of the results of survey handed out, and on file in clerk's office.)

Discussion followed regarding better transportation for seniors. Missias stated she was working with BATA to apply for a grant; she distributed a hand out of a possible pilot program of a grocery loop. Seniors would need to make reservations with Bata to get on the bus. Missias was excited about this possibility of using this program. Wessel would like the committee to send a message to the Board that they like this, but other routes should be also available. Missias says this is a pilot program and they are just trying this out with the route that shows on the hand out.

4. Future senior millage ideas.

Commissioner Chairman Bunek stated that the vote for the Senior Millage was strong, and that it should possibly go to a six year, but with no reduction.

5. Other issues:

None.

Public Comment:

Eric Lind noted in the survey of the list of things wanted, one issue was grass cutting. Missias explained why that service was terminated. Lind also suggested transportation by voucher, like an Uber.

MOTION BY WESSELL TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE.

AYES -3 (Bunek, Wessell, Soutas-Little)

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MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Becky Sterrett
Leelanau County Deputy Clerk