

Senior Activities Committee
Minutes
October 21, 2025
Senior Resources of West Michigan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jessica Cook, Rachel Cereska, and Peggy Foster

Absent: Kim Cyr, Chris McGuigan, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Greg Scott and Linda Vines

Also Present: Kathy Moore and Sonja Crenshaw (County of Muskegon); Kris VanderStelt (AgeWell Services) Amy Florea and Uvett Brown (Senior Resources); Danielle Bucy (AmeriCorps Seniors/Catholic Charities of West Michigan)

Note: The committee met and discussed agenda items; however, due to the absence of a quorum, no formal actions or votes were conducted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 21, 2025

The present committee members reviewed the items in accordance with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2025

It was suggested that the meeting minutes be updated to add the one-time housing assistance review.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Updates from Kathy Moore: Kathy Moore updated the committee and stated the one-time housing recommendation will be presented to the Board for review at the next Human Services Committee Meeting. Cereska stated that the recipients should be invited to join us at the January meeting.
- B. Updates from Committee Members: Foster has attended several events and said that the need is increasing.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Citizen Appointment Reminder: Foster stated that she has applied and is waiting for confirmation either way. Crenshaw will touch base with County Administration to confirm that they received it.
- B. Provider Requests – Senior Resources presented the funding requests. There was discussion regarding Love INC ramps as they had a time sensitive request and the consensus was that they should proceed and that their request would likely be approved in January, but due to a lack of a quorum any that required action were postponed to the next meeting.
- C. Provider Highlights

1. **AgeWell Services:** Kris VanderStelt provided an update to the committee regarding AgeWell Services. They have reduced 22% of their workforce. They are successfully working with the libraries and other community partners and still looking at contingency plans and priorities. They have prioritized the senior millage funds for congregate meals and focusing on rural communities. They haven't been granted federal funds, at this time. The community has been amazing and very supporting. They are in the process of replacing an over, dishwasher and blast freezer. Their model has changed to be more flexible and give choices, in lieu of services with 43 routes in 3 counties. Muskegon County senior millage funds are only utilized in Muskegon County.
2. **Catholic Charities:** Danielle Bucy provided an update to the committee regarding Catholic Charities. They have community volunteers that provide respite for caregivers. Bilk of the work is going into the community to see seniors in their homes to combat social isolation, encourage hobbies and assist with errands. They have 3 new clients and are recruiting more. Their policy was 5 hours per week and they are revisiting it to see if this should be increased to 7 – 15 hours per week based on the senior specific needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 20, 2026 MEETING

- Election of 2026 Officers
- Requests for FY26
- Provider Highlights
- Categorical Allocations

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.,
Senior Resources of West Michigan, 560 Seminole Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49444**

Submitted by: Sonja Crenshaw