

Senior Activities Committee
Minutes
January 20, 2026
Senior Resources of West Michigan

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Michele Hazekamp, Chris McGuigan, Peggy Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Becky Injerd, Greg Scott, Shawn Vanderstelt and Jessica Cook

Absent: Rachel Cereska

Also Present: Nancy Bramer, Sonja Crenshaw and Sabrah Romanelli (County of Muskegon); Kris VanderStelt (AgeWell Services); Joshua Buibaker-Salcedo (True North); Chris Cross (Living Word Church); Alyssa Gustmand and Lisa Manhart (Neal Fitness Center); Amy Florea and Uvett Brown (Senior Resources)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 20, 2026

It was moved by McGuigan, supported by Scott to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2025

It was moved by McGuigan, supported by Scott to approve the minutes once the typographical errors have been corrected. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

2026 Committee Officer Nominations

- A. Committee Chair It was moved by Scott, supported by Foster to appoint Rachel Cereksa as the Committee Chair. Motion carried.
- B. Committee Vice Chair It was moved by Scott, supported by Foster to appoint Marcia Hovey-Wright as the Committee Vice Chair. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Report from Kathy Moore: Bramer notified the committee that the Board Chair has appointed Commissioner Michele Hazekamp, Rebecca Injerd and Shawn Vanderstelt to the Senior Activities Committee. The Board Chair also reappointed Commissioner Jessica Cook, Commissioner Chris McGuigan and Peggy Foster to the committee. The board approved 4 housing assistance senior millage grant awards for FY26. Hovey-Wright inquired about the fund balance and Bramer indicated that she would have to confirm, but estimated that there's about \$400,000.
- B. Updates from Committee Members: Foster stated that everyone appears to be doing great. There's been a lot of participation and it's steadily increasing. She anticipates that there will be more requests for funds given the increase in attendees at the events.
- C. Updates from Senior Resources: Brown reviewed the proposed updates to the standards with minor changes and listed on page 2 of the packet.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:**A. Provider Requests for FY26**

1. Love INC requested to use funds for repairs and new installs. *It was moved by Scott, supported by Foster to allow the use of funds for repairs and new installs with no change to the funding amount. Motion carried.*
2. Volunteer for Dental discussed that the rates have been updated to match the service fees. Previously they were taking a loss. They are requesting to update the unit rate. *It was moved by McGuigan, supported by Vanderstelt to update the unit rate with no change to the funding amount. Motion carried.*
3. Living Word Church requested an additional \$45,000 for snow removal. They stated the average cost is \$40-\$50 per push. They do have a separate bank account for the senior millage activities from the church funds. Chris Cross stated that they have completed approximately 17 pushes this year and the forecast is calling for 2 feet more than average. McGuigan asked if their cost is comparable to private companies and Chris stated they are lower, especially since they include side walk service. They do ask for donations, but receive less than \$1,000. They do not plan to roll over the funds to another year or to their lawn care services. *It was moved by Scott, supported by Hazekamp to recommend additional funding for FY26 in the amount of \$45,000 for Living Word Church for snow removal. Motion carried.*

B. Provider Highlights

1. Neal Fitness Center: Lisa provided an update and skit showcasing how seniors access the Energize and Thrive program with Allyssa the Energize & Thrive Coordinator. This is an eight-week plan that has seniors meeting 3 times a week and has a transition to the fitness center membership option available.
2. True North: Josh is the Housing Program Manager and provided an update. They follow state guidelines and are part of the get housed and stay housed in low income housing. Millage funds help fill the gaps, as state and federal funds have strict guidelines and restriction. Their main office is in Muskegon and they are at the Community Resource Center on Wednesdays.

C. Advice on Categorical Allocations:

1. There were four responses received. Two stated same as current, 1 for option 1 and 1 for option 3, so the recommendation is to continue with option 2, same as previous. The Letters of Intent will go out next month. There are 23 providers that currently receive funds. *It was moved by Cook, supported by Injerd to use option 2. Motion carried.*

- D. Request for Proposal Timeline: The committee reviewed the proposed timeline. *It was moved by Cook, supported by Foster to approve the timeline as presented. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Emergency Need Fund Service Standard Revision: The committee reviewed the proposed revision (page 6 of the packet). *It was moved by McGuigan, supported by Hazekamp to revise the Emergency Need Fund Service Standard as presented. Motion carried.*
- B. Priority Service – Congregate Meals: The committee reviewed the proposed recommendation (page 7 of the packet). *It was moved by Hazekamp, supported by McGuigan to establish congregate meals as a priority service. Motion carried.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR April 21, 2026 MEETING

- Annual Report
- Provider Request for Current Fiscal Year FY26
- FY27 Proposal Invitations

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

ADJOURNMENT

[Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.](#)

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.,

Senior Resources of West Michigan, 560 Seminole Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49444

Submitted by: Sonja Crenshaw

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