

BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Called to Order: Ron Dykstra 4:31 p.m.

Prayer of Invocation: Al Amstutz

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Roll Call: Ron Dykstra, Deb Rogers, Nancy Call, Rosemary Russell, Al Amstutz, Leo Hughes, Ingrid Turner, Paul Turner and Denise Favreau. Also: Doug Durand, Sabra Boyle and Commissioner Sherry Taylor. Guest: Pam Perry, potential board member.

Approval of the September 16, 2020 agenda: Motion by Nancy, supported by Leo to approve. Roll Call: Dykstra-Yes; Rogers-Yes; Call-Yes; Russell-Yes; Amstutz-Yes; Hughes-Yes, I. Turner-Yes; P. Turner-Yes; Favreau-Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes of August 19, 2020 meeting. Denise found an error under Information Items c: Benzie Shores District Library in Frankfort was omitted from the list of Libraries in collaboration for the Caregivers Resource Library. Motion by Denise, supported by Al to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll Call: Dykstra-Yes; Rogers-Yes; Call-Yes; Russell-Yes; Amstutz-Yes; Hughes-Yes, I. Turner-Yes; P. Turner-Yes; Favreau-Yes. MOTION CARRIED

Public Input: Pam Perry is a potential board member and introduced herself to the board.

Finance Committee Report: An update was given by Doug and the financial statements were reviewed by the board. Motion by Deb, supported by Nancy to approve. Roll Call: Dykstra-Yes; Rogers-Yes; Call-Yes; Russell-Yes; Amstutz-Yes; Hughes-Yes, I. Turner-Yes; P. Turner-Yes; Favreau-Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **Director's Report-August 2020/September 2020:** Doug reports BSR is getting more masks; letters are going out to Care Givers about the Resource Library; Medicare Open Enrollment begins on Oct 15th through Dec. 7th. Everything will be done over the phone and computer. The focus will be on Open Enrollment issues such as: clients needing help comparing their current Prescription Part D or Medicare Advantage Coverage with other options in 2021; staff that answer the phone calls are reminding people to fill out their census forms by Sept. 30th. Legislative News: Doug reports that the Older Michiganians Funding for FY 2021 has been approved.

- B. **Program Reports:** Doug reports that 5 months in a row the HDMs has been over 5,000; the Patio is very popular for people to sit and eat their curbside meals; long term clients are passing or going into Long Term Care facilities so Doug is trying to set up grief support for the staff. Fresh Produce boxes will continue through Dec. 31st.
- C. **Board of Commissioners Update:** Commissioner Taylor reports the budget was approved; the Health Department drive-up testing for COVID-19 is Wednesdays, 9am-12pm.; County received a \$20,000 block grant for home repairs. Must apply through the County Clerk's office. The following is the Update for Census:

Honor Family Market, 10625 Main St., Honor

9/18, 1:30pm-4:30pm; 9/24, 1:30pm-6:30pm; 9/28, 1:30pm-6:30pm

Shop N Save, 1747 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia

9/16, 2:30pm-6:30pm; 9/25, 2:30pm-6:30pm; 9/30, 9:30am-3:30pm

Copemish Family Market, 18541 Cadillac Hwy, Copemish

9/24, 2:30pm-6:30pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the Fiscal Year Budget 2021-Motion by Deb, supported by Nancy to approve the FY Budget for 2021. Roll Call: Dykstra-Yes; Rogers-Yes; Call-Yes; Russell-Yes; Amstutz-Yes; Hughes-Yes, I. Turner-Yes; P. Turner-Yes; Favreau-Yes. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Fresh Produce Boxes Client Survey Results-Questions and Responses:

- a. What has the program meant to you? Positive 100%
- b. Would you have been able to have fresh produce at this time without the help of this program? Yes: 12%; No: 42%; Maybe/sometimes/not as much: 42% (22 responses)
- c. Has this program helped you to change the quality of the food you are eating? Yes: 92%; No: 5%; Maybe: 3%
- d. Has this program helped you to avoid shopping as much in order to reduce the exposure of COVID? Yes: 84%; No: 5%; Some: 11%
- e. When this program ends, how will it change your eating habits? Positive Change: 28%; Negative Change: 56%; No Change: 16%.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Fund Development Committee Updates**-Doug is sending a letter to the area churches asking if they would like to participate in the Holiday Christmas Bags; Nancy sent the draft of the Appeals letter to Dawn. The letter will be a 2-part letter and trifold that will include a note to families of clients. Letters will also be sent to businesses who have donated to the Walk-A-Thon, in the past. The Virtual Walk-A-Thon has generated \$10,750; reminders to send/drop off absentee ballots to townships.
2. Reminders to submit updated Board Member Contact Information Forms-Please get these handed in/sent.

The October Board meeting is our Annual Meeting. The position for President is open.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Favreau, Secretary

BSR Board of Directors

NEXT MEETING

October 21, 2020

Annual Meeting

4:30 p.m.

By Zoom Virtual Meeting