KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Budget and Finance Committee
Senior Tax Levy Presentation Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 6, 2017

Call to Order
The Budget and Finance Committee met at 1:00p.m., and was called to order by Chair John Purcell.

Committee members present: Matthew Prochaska, Bob Davidson, John Purcell, Lynn Cullick, and Matt Kellogg

Others Present: Jason Andrade, Keith Bielema, Latreese Caldwell, Steve Curatti, Debbie Gillette, Tom Thomas, Dr. Amaal Tokars, RaeAnn Van Gundy, Jeff Wilkins

Items of Business

2017 Senior Tax Levy Applicant Presentations – John Purcell reviewed the Senior Tax Levy presentation and grant procedure, the requested amounts, the available levy amount, and encouraged the committee to ask questions of the presenters.

Community Nutrition Network/Request: $30,000 – Louise Maritato, Kendall County Manager, provided background information on the organization, and on services provided, including wellness checks and delivery of meals to homebound senior client homes throughout Kendall County. There has been an increase in clients requesting second daily and weekend meals. Clients are asked to pay a suggested donation per meal, many of these seniors are unable to pay for these meals, and no senior is refused service in the program if they are unable to pay. The cost of $10 per meal includes transportation costs. Clients are assessed by the KC Health Department prior to enrollment in the program.


Steve Curatti informed the committee of the KC Health Department Transitions program partnerships including Senior Service Association, Oswego Senior Center, Fox Valley Visiting Nurses, The Alzheimer’s Association, Rose Terrace and Kendall Drive Senior Apartments, Presence Mercy Hospital, Rush-Copley Hospital, Prairie State Legal Services, local law enforcement agencies, clergy and local churches, senior housing authorities, the KC State’s Attorney’s Office, as well as Kane County and DeKalb County Health Departments. Mr. Curatti stated that these partners meet at the HHS once a month and share ideas, resources concerns, etc.

Keith Bielema, Transition Program Director, provided two examples of client cases showing progress that was achieved with education, outreach, resources, assistance, and service provided through the Health Department Transition Program and collaboration with other local senior services organizations.
Fox Valley Older Adult Services/Request: $60,000 - Cindy Worsley, Executive Director, stated that FVOAS has been in existence since 1992. Ms. Worsley indicated they currently operate an adult day service program with two different facilities, one in Aurora and one in Plano. They are starting a new program with the adult day program this year using the Montessori methods with those exhibiting signs of dementia. Ms. Worsley reported they have found that dementia patients respond well to Montessori methods, and have shown marked response to this type of treatment. She said research in this area continues throughout the United States and Europe.

The second program offered by Fox Valley Older Adult Services is the in-home program available to those individuals 60 years and older, and also to those on state support/public aid. The FVOAS aides come to these homes 2-27 hours per week and assist the clients with non-medical activities, responsibilities or household chores. Having someone to assist with basic non-medical service has proven to be vital in enabling these seniors to remain in their homes.

Community Meals for Seniors/Request: $3,000 – Les Ries

Oswegoland Seniors, Inc./Request: $46,749 – Sandy Pastore

Senior Services Associates, Inc./Request: $139,000 - Bette Schoenholtz, Executive Director, began by providing information on the challenges of the program, the services provided, the clients served throughout Kendall County, and the partnerships the program has with other Kendall County senior providers/organizations.

Senior Services Associates has companion, recreational, educational, and exercise programs as well as wellness activities that they operate out of the Beecher Center in Yorkville, abuse awareness, retired senior volunteer program, the transportation program, and daily meal program. They service seniors 60 years and above, and most are well into their 70’s.

Prairie State Legal Services/Request: $9,000 –Kathryn Bettcher, Managing Attorney of Fox Valley office, and Kathleen Finn, Staff Attorney for Kendall County, provided background information on the not-for-profit organization that has a goal of trying to remove barriers from seniors, 60 years and older, that might hinder their independency and living at home. Ms. Bettcher stated there are currently eight attorneys in the Fox Valley office that provide services to Kendall, Kane and DeKalb County seniors, who can assist with research and provide various other resources.

Ms. Finn reported there are numerous legal issues that seniors face on a daily basis including guardianship, consumer counseling, food stamp issues, elder abuse situations, and counseling regarding foreclosure issues. Ms. Finn meets with clients at the KC Health Department at least
twice per month, at the Beecher Center at least once per month, and at the Oswego Senior Center as needed, as well as in their homes and apartments. Clients must meet specific income guidelines to qualify for the services of PSLS. Ms. Finn said that there is collaboration with other county senior service organizations to assist seniors in Kendall County.

**VNA Health Care/ Request: $15,000** – Ann Cheverton, Vice President of Care Coordination and Clinical Evaluation and Chrissie Howorth, Vice President of Philanthropy and Business Relations provided information and background history on the organization by saying, VNA Health Care has providing care for the under and under-served since 1918, and has 9 health centers in the Fox Valley area. Ms. Howorth said that home health care is at the core of their organization. VNA was the first agency in Illinois given a license in the State of Illinois to provide in-home care within a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, pharmacists, nurses, therapists, social workers, and case managers.

Ms. Cheverton said that the need for in home care has increased tremendously in the last 10 years, and that “baby boomers” born in the late 50’s and early 60’s will soon entering the age of needing these basic services. Chronic disease management is on the rise among seniors, especially in the areas of diabetes and heart disease.

Ms. Cheverton said that home health care through VNA includes the physician, physician assistant and/or nurse in-home visits. Ms. Cheverton shared that what is unique about VNA is the extent of the resources available through the organization in addressing any gaps in the care of in-home clients because of their vast network of healthcare providers and specialists. Chronic care and chronic disease care gaps, those gaps after hospitalization, rehab, home-health or therapy care are now being recognized by the government and realizing that chronic disease and chronic disease management isn’t addressed or paid for by anyone.

Discussion and final recommendations of funding allocations to agencies from 2017 Senior Social Services Property Tax Levy. Chair Purcell said the FY2017 budgeted amount was $324,500, the FY2015 requested amount is $356,927, leaving a difference of $32,427.
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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FY17 Budgeted Amount $324,500   FY17 Requested $356,927

Funding Difference of $32,427

Member made a motion to forward the final recommendations for the senior levy awards in the amount of $ to the County Board for approval, second by Member .

Roll Call Vote: Member Prochaska – , Member Kellogg – , Member Davidson – yes, Member Purcell – yes, Member Cullick -

With Members voting aye, and Members voting nay, the motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

Member Davidson made a motion to forward the final recommendations in the form of a resolution to the County Board for approval, second by Member Gryder.

Roll Call Vote: Member Prochaska – , Member Kellogg – , Member Davidson – yes, Member Purcell – yes, Member Cullick -

With Members Gryder, Purcell and Davidson voting aye, and Members Flowers and Prochaska voting nay, the motion passed with a 3-2 vote.
Items for County Board

- Recommend approval of funding allocations to agencies from 2017 Senior Social Services Property Tax Levy

Executive Session – None needed

Adjournment – Member made a motion to adjourn, second by Member. With all members voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 4: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie A. McClain
Recording Secretary