ACCOA

APRIL 26TH,2022 MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Board President, Delores Schlicker, Vice Pres. Will St John Roland Lynch

Dan O'Connor Kimberly Fleming Stan Wojnar excused

Pamela Ashford Lenny Avery, Exe Dir Mike Maturan, excused

Meeting called to order by Vice President Delores Schlicker, Approval for minutes of March minutes. 3 corrections, the car jeep accident happened on this site not at the carwash. NEMT sentence on page 2, para 4 corrected to read that NEMT with these added contracts will be cost effective. And 3rd, the date for the 50th anniversary will be November of 2023 not 2022. With these corrections Will made a motion that the minutes with corrections be accepted this was 2nded by Rolland. All Ayes.

Delores then called for public comments. There were none.

Delores called for reports. Bill Thompson from the Alcona Board of Comm. was not present. Next up, the School report, Dan, We are wrapping up the year, with continued work on our capitol projects which has been largely worked through. We have asked the state board to waive 2 of our snow days. Still are looking to fill some of our staffing needs looking toward next year.

Food services-Lenny spoke we have recently hired someone who will be the kitchen manager as well as Food Bank etc. Pretty excited for this. The kitchen staff continues to do their best do not have meal counts at present, we are still sending out meals daily.

Felicia, I am working on the Kinship program, thus far no new clients this month but I am tightening down my receipts for reimbursement from NEMSCA. 2 caseworkers report, 1 new referral/requested housing/food and a job. We were able to point into a positive direction for all 3, this person has moved to Alpena. 3) in home services Monday going forward

Delores-Lenny went into food services more talked out the switch from dinners to lunch in the evenings we only had 4 or 5 since COVID in the evenings, with the lunches we are hoping to attract the participants in the tai chai classes etc.

Shawna-we have NODIVCARE contract as of April 14 we transported 5 DHHS clients to Davida offices for dialysis and I continue to shuffle to try to meet each need. I would like to get raises for my drivers. NEMT continues to grow and is working Q from a member about car purchase

situation. Lenny spoke, we bought a Traverse with very low mileage excellent shape traded in the Jeep. ItT will be moving soon right now the cameras etc are being installed.

Delores: Food Bank Lenny spoke; With both TFAB and food bank/services I have been in contact with Eastern Food Bank persons, I have spoke and made apologies for the problems we had at the food bank day. The basically said that we all were more relaxed during COVID months but that rules will were now in effect and full force and specifically to pick up food boxes we had to have an "attestation" from the person asking us to release food for them. We had community partners pay the $1200 for the truck and are so thankful for RealEstate 1 an another person who remains anonymous, this time. We would like to reach out and have more community partners pick up that money and help as volunteers We are looking forward to our new food bank manager to be able to solicit assistance and make our needs clear regarding these things.

Delores asked for Lenny to report. He did say that he has hired 3 new workers , at least 2 of them are going to do the management of 2-3 programs, the experience of just taking on other jobs for the managers we had lost was not successful and we do see the need to hire when positions become open rather than trying to absorb them within. We have hired a Kinship/Phone reassurance/reporting program person and as I said earlier put the food services and food bank coordinator/direct box position as a single job. I have been getting requests for wage increases, we have had 2 increases since October 1 which is our fiscal year beginning and I would hope to wait until then to go forward with that.

The LT Governor met with the COA's and Alcona got great mention, please note the two articles we had been mentioned in the April Exe Dir packet. Lenny spoke with him and have received positive emails back regarding the "rural development" plan/grant we have been trying to break into. He (Lt Gov.) also discussed with Broadband internet services for rural northern MI

Lenny spoke with Senator Stabenow's office regarding Rural Development Plan and how to qualify for the "special appropriations" grant, also Senator Peters on these issues and garnered a lot of interest regarding these finances because the funding is based on the projects and who is significantly "ready" He was encouraged to seek this financing and **both Stamas and Allor have agreed to support letters regarding this funding** so it is positive because of the bipartisan support. Will interjected with a question as to what amount Lenny was asking for and what the reaction was. Lenny replied that he only talked about the total cost of 33.5 million and no one seemed phased by the request accept positively. Because we have all the front work done, feasibility studies, geographical studies etc etc by ETHOS and SIDOCK (Larry 's team is getting ready to put together numbers for the surveys of 1000 in this area of which 97% were positive) our long range planning has paid off. We are trying to get our percentages together and so far Detroit at 94% and Alcona is at 81% but definitely more rural.

We are asking for a COMMUNITY HUB WITH 3 steps 1) housing 2) Community/Senior Center and 3) infrastructure as part of this grant.

Lenny asked that the by-laws committee get something in writing from the attorney r and get ready asap to present. He spoke again about the new hires that one would manage all food services including kitchen and food banks anyone is welcome to volunteer but the manager would be the lead. The other new manager will handle the kinship/phone reassurance programs and more to follow with the in home care management etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Rolland talked with NE window and door, some of the" wants" were not manageable because of the construction of the building but we will definitely be getting new doors For the main downstairs door and the kitchen doors.

Also mentioned, Rolland has been working on the cement blocks to protect the ditch by the main entrance downstairs he can get them for $135 and have them hauled there then painted, however, he was talking with the Village maintenance man who said he might be able to get them and they are already painted and he has equipment too. So that is very positive.

Alcona Septic will be starting soon on the project of getting rid of the back up we experience sometimes.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

At 11:20 a.m. Dan made the motion to adjourn the meeting until May 24 @ 10:00am 2nded by Rolland all ayes

Respectfully

Pamela Ashford