

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday January 27, 2025

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on January 25, 2025 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros made for recording purposes. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 940 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present: Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Joyce Munden (Phoned In), Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, Stephen Short and Mary Ellison (Phoned In)

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Debbie Allen, Ashley Fleming (CFO), Amy Jardell, Bob Stevens (Ozarks Literacy Council), Rene Frazier (OATS), Stephanie Woehl (Springfield-Greene County Health Department), James Rees and Courtney Park (CoxHealth at Home)

Meeting Minutes: December 23, 2024. Motion to approve with corrections made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for December 2024 was presented Denny Pilant Cash Balance as of the end of December is \$1,600,486.11. Property Tax Revenue is \$184,307.35, Bank/Investment \$1,604.03, Refunds & Reimbursements \$0.00, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$185,911.38, the YTD Revenue is \$3,253,909.90. Total Expenditures \$167,233.63 the YTD Expenditures are \$3,365,396.67. Checks issued: Debbie Allen (2), Salvation Army, Mercy Health Foundation, Strafford Senior Center and Jordan Valley Health Center. Total Ending Balance of \$1,488,999.34. Total Investments Principal \$1,365,963 at longer term investment and that should yield Approximate Annual Interest \$58,587.00.

Denny also stated that United Way and Council of Churches are no longer doing work on senior housing and there might be some additional funding for Habitat for Humanity since they will be picking up the slack. This is only made possible since we had funding left in 2024.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion carried.

Chuck Marinec made a slight change in the agenda with concurrence of the Board. This morning the Board welcomes Ashley Fleming from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks who is presenting a check in the amount of \$40,000.00 to the Board. This donation has been a tradition which dates back at least ten years or more. It is CFO's way of showing their gratitude for everything the Board has accomplished throughout the many years with the knowledge and expertise provided to the senior citizens of Greene County.

Old Business:

Presentation: Ozarks Literacy Council – FY2025 Revised Funding Application – Amy Jardell and Bob Stevens
Amount Requested \$7,340.00. Motion to table requesting a breakdown to the Budget page.

Motion to Remove from Table made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

Revised FY2025 Funding Application has been re-submitted in the amount of \$3,948.00 as a Pilot program. The revised budget includes only the Greene County Senior Centers by removing library's it reduced the request by at least half. This would be broken down to the "Freed Verse" workbook which walks each attending through the difference steps in different ways of writing, writing poems and recording their memories. So far, the response they have received from the senior centers is of interest and excitement. They have folks there that would really like to record some of their memories and thoughts and bring in something like this would be a useful tool in sharing their legacy.

Since this is a pilot program, Denny suggested that their record keeping be diligent to allow the Board to be able to assess the numbers of attendees.

Motion to approve FY2025 Revised Funding Application made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion to approve 5-in favor and 2-against. Motion carried.

Presentation: OATS – Rene Frazier

Amount Requested \$600,000.00 – which is the same amount that was requested last year. A signed budget request did not accompany the application. At which point a motion to table was requested. Denny asked Rene if it would be possible to supply numbers the outlining areas

Motion to Table made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion Tabled carried.

Presentation – Springfield-Greene County Health Department – Stephanie Woehl

Amount Requested \$221,871.00. The Shingles Vaccine Program is an invaluable partnership that began in 2008. Support of this proposal will enable the continuation of outreach and clinical efforts to the senior population in Greene County. During 2024, the program administered approximately 322 doses of shingles vaccine to Greene County seniors. In addition, with the expansion the grant, we helped protect 60 Greene County seniors from the respiratory synovial virus (RSV). Vaccines have been administered both on-site, at the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, Bengsch building and through outreach clinics hosted at community partner locations such as libraries and senior centers. The 2024 date does represent a decrease in the demand for the shingles vaccine: however, delivering almost 400 doses of vaccine demonstrates there is continued interest for senior focused vaccination clinics.

Based on current trends, we anticipate continued interest in the program, and are encouraged by the interest in the RSV vaccine. We would like to capitalize on this interest and expand the program to offer all vaccines recommended for adults to our Greene County senior community. There are currently six vaccines recommended for individuals age 60 years and over by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Listed below are the Vaccines recommended by the ACIP for individuals age 60 years and older:

Vaccines	Who Should Receive the Vaccine	When to Vaccinate
Shingles	All adults age 60 years and over	Anytime
RSV	Adults age 60-74 years if at increased risk, all adults age 75 years and over	Anytime, recommended time is late summer and early fall
Tdap	All adults	Anytime
Pneumococcal	All adults ages 60 years and over	Anytime
Influenza	All adults ages 60 years and over, high dose vaccine for adults ages 65 years and over	Annually recommended months are September and October
COVID-19	All Adults ages 60 years and over, 2 doses for adults age 65 years and over	Anytime, and when updated vaccine is released

Denny did request the possibility of providing a cost comparison from previous years. Stephanie said that she would get the numbers for him.

Motion to approve by Denny Pilant pending signed copy of Budget page. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Presentation – CoxHealth Foundation – James Rees and Courtney Park

Amount Requested \$125,000.00. Demand is high for home monitoring services and no other funding sources exist for home monitoring services for seniors in Greene County. The average length of assistance in the program is 18-24 months. By rotating new clients in as openings occur, they can help more seniors and maximize funding.

The requested amount will provide services to approximately 221 clients per month for one year, which will allow to add 40 seniors to the program and back-fill any openings due to attrition. A discounted price structure will remain for equipment and CHAH will provide the installation, administration and maintenance/replacement of equipment at no cost to the participant. With CoxHealth's in-kind services, total costs to serve approximately 221 clients.

This program can assist seniors on fixed incomes to remain in their own homes, which is where the vast majority indicate that they want to be. It provides indirect economic benefit to the community, as family members and loved ones do not have to miss work when they know that their elderly family member has access to 24/7 medical assistance.

Motion to approve Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Presentation – Ash Grove Sunshine Center Food Enhancement

Amount Requested \$8,000.00. The funds are intended for the Food Enhancement Program to add some nutritious selections to the lunch menus, as well as funding a volunteer-run salad bar, to provide fresh vegetables and healthy options. By doing this it is hoped to attract more of the area seniors to participate in the noon lunch program, where they can enjoy an affordable meal while visiting with friends. It has been proven that food insecurity and social isolation contribute to mental and physical decline in the elderly population. Besides the Sunshine Center, there is no other organization in this area that provides programs to help combat this problem.

Motion to approve Stephen Short. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

9:50 A.M. Mike Jungers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion Carried.

Next meeting February 24, 2025 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309. If additional people are in attendance, a waiting area with appropriate social distancing will be available.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah Allen