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Subject: Re: Senior Options' Finances

Thanks for the update

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On Apr 1, 2014, at 3:37 PM, "Vanessa Wideman" <vwideman@uppersavannah.com> wrote:

Tony,

I just had a conversation with Joy Lindsay, Executive Director, and Frankie Robertson, Finance Director, of Senior Options in Laurens County. They will most likely be having an emergency Board of Directors meeting within the next week to discuss the critical state of their finances.

They informed me that letters have been sent to their local municipalities and county council as well as United Way for budget requests for the coming year. I suggested that staff and Board members may want to call these elected officials and let them know how critical their funding will be in order to keep the agency operational.

Senior Options has let both Logisticare and MTM (potential bidders) for Title XIX transportation know that they are willing to enter into contracts with either of them for Title XIX transportation (should Senior Options be able to remain open).

Senior Options currently has two part-time employees at their Laurelwood Nutrition Site and two part-time employees at their Clinton Senior Center. I have made the recommendation that they should consider closing their Laurelwood site and bring any congregate client from that site to the Clinton center for group dining meals. This would enable them to alleviate several part-time staff positions as well. Likewise, I've encouraged Joy to contact her local legislators to let them know the problem the agency is facing so they are not blindsided if constituents begin calling them.

I am hopeful that Senior Options will remain open and operational. However, my staff and I will begin preparations in case we need to implement drop-shipped meals to Laurens County residents in the future.

Additionally, we will seek out alternatives for transportation. I will keep you abreast as events unfold and I know more.

Thanks,

Vanessa Wideman
AAA Director

From: frankierobertson@senioroptions.org [<mailto:frankierobertson@senioroptions.org>]
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Good morning Vanessa. Joy asked me to send you an email to see if you will be available this afternoon to speak with her regarding our finances. They have, we believe, reached the critical stage. Our checking account currently is \$128,345.31 and I just processed payroll and payables which reduced it to \$110,120.32. We have \$66,000 in reserves that we want to hold on to as long as we can. Our monthly expenses run around \$70,000.

She is currently out of the office meeting with the Advertiser regarding running ads to encourage public donations but should be in after 1:30.

Thanks,

Frankie

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