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**Meeting of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging**
**Transportation Advisory Committee**
**Friday, February 24, 2023**
**Hopewell Senior Citizens Center, Hopewell, PA**

The Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging Transportation Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 24, 2023. The meeting was opened by Connie Brode, Executive Director of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging.

Item 1- Welcome. The committee welcomed new member Bruce Maxwell of the Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministries.

Item 2- CART Statistics. The Agency provided CART statistics as it relates to total trip and trip purposes for fiscal year 21/22. The majority of trips provided by CART were coded for medical purposes. Dialysis was identified as the second highest purpose for the trip followed by Senior Center trips. The CART does provide trips to all ages, however, this is an area in which the Agency needs to provide more education. Individuals over the age of 60, persons with disability and medical assistance eligible individuals receive reduced subsidies making the trips more affordable. The CART program is a public transit system and will provide trips to the general public at the full fare rate. There are few individuals who utilize CART to travel to work on a regular basis.

Item 3- Travel Lanes. The current travel lanes were shared with committee members. Discussion was held as to how the travel lanes have changed over the years due to changes in medical provider availability. Chambersburg is not utilized as a destination as much since the Fulton County Medical Center has attracted more specialist and the fact that dialysis is now being done in McConnellsburg. Bedford County has observed additional requests for trips into Blair and Cambria Counties due to the hospital not

providing as many specialty services. Huntingdon County has also observed changes due to provider availability.

Item 4- Suggestions on fare structure. The committee discussed the difference between zone based funding and mileage based funding. A request was made for the fare to remain as zone based due to upcoming MATP budget timeframe. Comment was made that, although there is a need for fares to be changed in a quick timeframe, it would be wise to consider a mileage based structure in the future because of it being more fair. Recommendation is to continue with a zone based structure at this time.

Item 5- Future Travel needs. Due to the changes observed in the travel lanes in Item 3 the suggestion would be to consider additional trips to Blair, Centre and Cambria Counties as the ridership increases and travel lane requests increase.

Item 6- Next Meeting. Next meeting scheduled for March 14, 2023, 1:00 PM at the Hopewell Senior Center.