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Meeting of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging Transportation Advisory Committee Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 10:00am Liberty Township Building, 113 Spencer Street, Saxton, PA

The Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging Transportation Advisory Committee met on Thursday, August 15, 2024. The meeting was opened by Connie Brode, Executive Director of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging.

Item 1- Welcome- Connie Brode, Executive Director of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging welcomed all committee members to today's meeting and reviewed the agenda items for today's meeting.

Item 2- Approval of Minutes- Connie Brode asked for a review and approval of the minutes from the May 2024, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting. Committee Member, Lavonne Lohr, made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member, Prudence Harclerode made a motion to second the approval of the minutes. Committee Members voted and approved the minutes from the May 2024, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting.

Item 3- PennDOT Technical Assistance Project Progress- Connie Brode, Executive Director, provided an update on the PennDOT Technical Assistance Project. Connie informed the committee that the project is still ongoing and that a meeting was held last week with both PennDOT and Michael Baker Consulting. Connie informed the committee that CART will be moving forward with a mileage-based fare structure over the current, zone-based fare structure, as recommended by PennDOT and Michael Baker Consulting Group. Connie informed the committee that HBF AAA will need to adjust the AAA sponsorship for shared-ride. Connie informed the committee that HBF AAA has sponsored over \$200,000 per year of shared-ride trips and that this level of sponsorship is no longer sustainable. Connie informed the committee during the meeting with PennDOT and Michael Baker Consulting, that HBF AAA would need to move back the AAA sponsorship for clients aged 60-64 and that this would require those clients aged 60-64 to pay more of a co-pay. Connie informed the committee that there was a discussion to spread the cost of the increase over the longer trips. Connie informed the committee that there would be another Transportation Advisory Committee meeting scheduled before the next Advisory Committee meeting to review the potential options for the fare increase and new fare structure. Connie informed the committee that PennDOT provided \$700,000 of stabilization money to stabilize the program. Connie informed the committee that the implementation of the fare increase and mileage-based fare is tentatively scheduled for December 1, 2024.

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Item #4- Staffing Compliment Update- Tony Molinari, Transportation Director, provided an update on the staffing for transportation. Tony informed the committee that the open, full-time Fulton County and Huntingdon County Driver positions have been filled with the hiring of Kerry Randler in Fulton County and Beth Hearn in Huntingdon County. Tony informed the committee that a part-time driver position in Huntingdon County will need to be filled. Tony informed the committee that interviews for the open, 2nd Dispatcher position was held on July 18 at Central Dispatch and that a review of the candidates was still ongoing. Finally, Tony informed the committee that job postings for the 3rd Reservationist position and Supervisor position would be forthcoming and that these two (2) positions were the result of the Technical Assistance Project with PennDOT and Michael Baker Consulting to address the staffing needs at Central Dispatch.

Item #5- Status of Office Relocation- Connie Brode provided an update on the status of the office relocation for Central Dispatch. Connie informed the committee that a meeting is scheduled for this afternoon between herself, Tony Molinari, Transportation Director and Daniel Zimmerman, landlord, for the Central Dispatch building located at 810 Spring St. Saxton, PA 16678. Connie informed the committee that the meeting will be to discuss office expansion and affordability.

Item #6- Upcoming Events- Lori Heaton, Deputy Director provided an update on upcoming events for HBFAAA. Lori informed the committee that Scam Jam events have been scheduled in September for the following dates and locations: September 24th at the McConnellstown Fire Hall, September 25th at the Fulton County DCNR Building and at the Saxton Fire Hall and September 26th at the Bedford Elks. Lori informed the committee that she will be emailing the Scam Jam event information to all members of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Item #7- Open Forum- Connie Brode opened up the meeting for any further discussion. Committee member LaVonne Lohr posed a question regarding foot pedal requirements for wheelchairs. Transportation Director, Tony Molinari, informed the committee that he has been in discussions and conducting research through the US Dept of Transportation, PennDOT, American with Disabilities Act and the Risk Assessment Policy through the Agency's insurance company, CCAP, to see if there are any policies, rules or regulations that require foot pedals on wheelchairs. Tony informed the committee that, to date, he has not found any policy or regulation that requires foot pedals on wheelchairs but was waiting to hear back from CCAP regarding the Agency's Risk Assessment Policy.

Item #8- Next Meeting Date- Connie Brode informed the committee that there would be a special Transportation Committee meeting scheduled before the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2024. Connie informed the committee that this meeting would be scheduled before the next Advisory Committee meeting and will be discuss the Fare Increase and Fare Structure change from zone-based to mileage-based.

Item #9- Adjournment- Connie adjourned the meeting and thanked the committee for attending.