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**Meeting of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging
Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 10:00am
Bedford Area Agency on Aging Office, 240 S. Wood Street, Bedford, PA**

The Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging Transportation Advisory Committee met on Thursday, August 14, 2025. 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 the committee for the approval of the minutes from the May 15, 2025, meeting. Prudence Harclerode made a motion to approve the minutes, and Marty Dombrowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Item 3- Staffing Updates- Anthony Molinari, Transportation Director, provided an update on the staffing situation with the committee. Anthony informed the committee that there was an open driver position in Huntingdon County due to a driver resignation. In addition, to the driver resignation in Huntingdon County, Anthony indicated that two drivers in Saxton are off on medical leave.

Item 4- New Vehicle Requisitions- Anthony Molinari indicated to the committee that there has been no response from Coach & Equipment regarding the purchase order submitted in March 2024 for new buses. In addition, Anthony stated that no new purchase orders can be submitted for vehicles due to the lack of a state budget.

Item 5- Central Dispatch Office Expansion Update- Connie Brode informed the committee that the Central Dispatch staff would be moving into the expanded portion of Central Dispatch on Friday, August 15th. Connie informed the committee that a new security system was being installed by Park Security through a safety grant and that the contractor was grading the parking lot. Committee member, Prudence Harclerode asked Connie about the grant for the security system without a state budget and Connie informed Prudence that grants are not associated with the state budget.

Item 6- Current Trends- Anthony Molinari informed the committee that CART provided transportation for Merakey's Summer Community-Based and School-Based Behavioral Health Program. Anthony informed the committee that the program was held at two locations, Southern Huntingdon High School and Shirley Township Elementary School and that the program ran for 3 weeks in June and 3 weeks in July. Connie Brode asked committee member, Michele Heane, if this type of program would be possible for Aging Services to address issues of isolation and loneliness. Michele stated that she would need to check with her supervisor but that the group would have to meet with a therapist and explore through Medical Assistance.

Item 7- Defensive Driver Training- Connie Brode informed the committee that Tawnya Creager, Quality Assurance Specialist for HBFAAA, has gained access to CCAP trainings and will be assigning trainings for staff and some of the trainings will involve customer service and customer relations.

Item 8- Open Discussion- Connie Brode informed the committee that the agency had not been made aware of any issues moving forward from the Hyndman area, as addressed in the last meeting. Committee member, Lavonne Lohr stated that she has spoken to clients onboard the CART vehicles, and that clients have stated to her that they enjoy CART and that CART is their lifeline and that they could not "do things" without CART. Lavonne also indicated that it becomes frustrating when CART drivers go to pick up a client and that the client chooses not to go and does not call ahead to cancel their pickup. Connie Brode informed Lavonne that a no-show policy would be under development.

Item 9- Meeting Dates- Connie Brode informed the committee that the next meeting date would be Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Item 10- Adjournment- Connie Brode adjourned the meeting.

