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Meeting of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging
Transportation Advisory Committee
Friday, September 20, 2024, 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 Friday, September 20, 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 to table the approval of the minutes from the August 2024, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting until the next scheduled meeting, as this was a special meeting scheduled to solely review and vote on an option for the Fare Increase to take to the Advisory Council Meeting on Friday, September 27, 2024. Committee member, LaVonne Lohr, motioned to table the minutes and Committee member, Prudence Harclerode second the motion.

Item 3- Proposed Fare Increase for CART- Connie Brode reviewed the current, Zone-Based Fares with the committee. Connie informed the committee, that through this fare increase process, the Agency did not want to impact the seniors coming to the Senior Centers for a meal, so CART will continue to provide free trips to seniors who are attending the Senior Centers. Connie informed the committee that clients aged 60-64, are not covered by PennDOT, only the AAA. Connie informed the committee that the AAA has sponsored trips for clients aged 60-64 for up to over $200,000, but that the Agency can no longer provide sponsorship at that amount. Connie informed the committee that the AAA sponsorship is now at $175,000. Connie informed the committee that through this process, the Agency did not want to have a huge impact on those clients who travel long distances for appointments, such as Altoona and State College. Connie informed the committee that the AAA did not receive additional funds through the Governor's budget and that the AAA has not received additional funds for 14 years. Connie stated that due to this, the AAA sponsorship for CART trips was set at a maximum of $175,000. Connie and Transportation Director, Anthony Molinari, informed the committee that there have been several different versions created and reviewed with PennDOT and Michael Baker Consulting Group and that Versions H, I, J were being reviewed and presented to the committee as the options. Connie informed the committee that neither of the options (H, I, J) will bring transportation to even,

but that the Agency needs to show PennDOT that we are moving forward with getting transportation to even and making a "good faith effort" to do so. Connie informed the committee that PennDOT is subsidizing a large amount of transportation.

Item 4- Fare Increase Process- Connie Brode and Anthony Molinari presented and reviewed fare increase options H, I, and J with the committee. The committee discussed each option and the impacts on the ridership. After the discussions, the motion was made to vote on one of the fare increase options to move forward to the Advisory Council. Committee member, LaVonne Lohr, made the motion to move forward with Option H. Committee member, Prudence Harclerode, second the motion and the committee voted to move forward with option H, with no opposition.

Item 5- Next Meeting Date- The next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10:00am at the Bedford Area Agency on Aging.

Item 6- Adjournment- Connie adjourned the meeting and thanked the committee for attending.