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Meeting of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging
Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 10:00am
Central Dispatch, 810 Spring Street, Saxton, PA 16678

The Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging Transportation Advisory Committee met on Thursday, April 9, 2026. 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 February 12, 2026, meeting. Marty Dombrowski made a motion to approve the minutes, and Lavonne Lohr seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Item 3- New Vehicle Requisitions Status- Anthony Molinari, Transportation Director, indicated to the committee that the (11) Ford Transits are scheduled to be delivered on Friday, April 17, 2026, the (4) Ford E450 Buses are delayed and are roughly scheduled to be delivered in August 2026, and that the (3) Ford E450 Buses have also been delayed and are roughly scheduled to be delivered in early 2027.

Item 4- Shared Ride Audit- Connie Brode informed the committee that CART was informed by PennDOT and Michael Baker Consulting, that CART would be completing their Shared Ride and PWD audit. Connie informed the committee that this audit occurs every four (4) years. Connie indicated to the committee that the review areas of the audit will surround trip reviews for Lottery and PWD clients, documentation of those trips, review of cash deposits and other administrative areas. Anthony Molinari informed the committee that a select group of PWD clients will be provided for review of their PWD eligibility applications. Anthony informed the committee that he would be reaching out to Center for Community Action in Bedford County, Career Link in Huntingdon County and Family Partnership in Fulton County to obtain copies of the PWD applications once he receives the list from Matt Bodnar at Michael Baker Consulting.

Item 5- New Ridership Opportunities- Connie Brode informed the committee that CART was selected to provide some new ridership project opportunities. Anthony Molinari informed the committee that CART will be providing transportation for Site-Based Psych Rehab clients through Community Services Group to two (2) locations in Lewistown on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays starting on Monday, April 13, 2026. Anthony also informed the committee that CART has, again, been approached by Merakey, to provide transportation for their Summer Therapy Program at Kistler Elementary and Southern Huntingdon High School. Anthony informed the committee that the program will run for roughly 7 weeks from June to July. Anthony informed the committee that, currently, there are 41 children signed up for the program.

Item 6- Staffing Updates- Anthony Molinari indicated to the committee that CART currently has one (1) open, full-time driver position in Bedford County, one (1) full-time driver position in Fulton County and one (1) full-time driver position and one (1) part-time driver position in Huntingdon County. Anthony indicated to the committee that CART has hired two (2) part-time drivers in Bedford County and hired a Transportation Reservationist to fill the open position in Central Dispatch.

Item 7- Open Discussion- Connie Brode asked the committee if there were any areas of improvement that needed to be addressed or any areas of travel that the committee felt was underserved. Committee member, Collin Curfman from Family Partnership, indicated a need for a travel lane to Chambersburg on Tuesdays and Thursdays, especially for clients making appointments to Wellspan. Committee member, Lavonne Lohr indicated a need for a travel lane from Fulton County to Bedford County and from Bedford County to Fulton County. Committee member, DeNita Rhodes, from Center for Community Action indicated a need for a travel lane from Bedford to Altoona in the afternoon.

Item 8- Adjournment- Connie Brode adjourned the meeting and indicated that the next Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 10:00am at Central Dispatch.