**Tusco Bus Advisory Board Meeting**

**January 19, 2023**

**10:00 am**

**Tuscarawas County Senior Center**

IN ATTENDANCE: Drew Litty, Tuscarawas County Board of DD; Jill Cunningham, Mobility Manager; Jamie Smith, Tuscarawas Senior Center; Cheryl Wetzel, Tuscarawas Senior Center Transportation; Kevin Hannahs, SEA; Glenn Groh, Consumer; Joe Krocker, Tuscarawas County JFS; Tracey DeMattio, Horizons Transportation; Tyler Shea, Horizon’s Transportation; Shannon Hursey, Access Tusc Transit.

ABSENT: David Haverfield; Jerry Waltz; Mike Harrington; Nate Kamban; Donna Merrill; Bill Cozart; Deb Hill.

Drew Litty, President called the meeting to order at 10:25 am.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting was made by Cheryl Wetzel and seconded by Jamie Smith. All Yea; President declared the motion is approved.

Financial Report: Cheryl Wetzel, Treasurer presented the financial report showing a beginning balance of $15,850.64. A donation of $500 was received from Great Works and a donation of $2900 was received from the Elks. The present balance is $19,252.76.

Jamie Smith made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Shannon Hursey. All in favor, the President declared the motion approved.

United Way Community Impact grant report: Monies available $2,000. From May-December, 2022: **38** individuals for job transportation; **38** medical (most being out of county), **7** social determinants of health. So far for January 2023 there has been **14** out of county medical trips taken or booked, **2** job interviews.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. 5310 Mobility Management update – waiting on contract from ODOT and then will be hiring a bilingual navigator available to assist with transit companies with non English speaking residents. Education, going to reach out to the medical community. ODOT will be helping with local match of $9,000 until there is buy in in Harrison and Carroll Counties
2. 5311 Rural Public Transit Update – Shannon Hursey gave an update of Mobility Ohio which is being looked at by the state and still have some unfavorable issues. The contracts from ODOT have been delayed and no date has been announced. ODOT is changing it’s fiscal year to July 1-June 30.
3. Regional Coordination Updates – Deb Hill was unable to attend the meeting but did send an email with her updates regarding the regional survey. The update is as follows:

There is a regional project of providing the CarFit program at no cost in every county this summer. The regional coordinated plan rewrite will begin after June when ODOT guidance is due to be completed. We are also looking at a regional project in developing a volunteer Transportation Companion project and at the potential for a Social Return on Investment project which is the focus of the RCC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. United Way has allowed for the caveat of social determinates of health to be used with current funding grant.
2. Discussed using charitable donations from United Way and the Elks for bilingual decals for vehicles and an accounting system. Survey results were viewed and discussed.
3. Unmet needs goals and strategies were voted on and submitted to OMEGA for Tuscarawas County’s update.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Voting of 2023 officers was held and are as follows: Jamie Smith, President; Bill Cozart, Vice President; Cheryl Wetzel, Treasurer; Shannon Hursey, Secretary. Cheryl made the motion to accept the slate of officer; Glenn Groh, second. Motion carried.
2. Jamie made a motion to use funds from the Elks for Quickbooks software. Cheryl second the motion. Motion carried.
3. A discussion was held regarding fixed routes in the county. The conclusion was because the county is so large and spreadout, and only a certain area might benefit from a fixed route, the discussion was ended.
4. Jamie made a motion send a letter to United Way thanking them for the partnership that was developed last year granting funds for transportation needs. The letter served as a means to let United Way know the partnership would like to be continued and requested $15,000 for Tuscarawas County residents that need transportation and are unable to pay (funds from a grant previously received was used for this purpose). The award would be shared between the four local transportation providers and managed by TuscoBus.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tracey DeMattio and seconded by Shannon Hursey. All were in favor and the President declared the motion approval at 11:30 am.