**Tusco Bus Advisory Board Meeting**

**January 20, 2022**

**10:30 am**

**Zoom Meeting Due to COVID Pandemic**

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Krocker, Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services; Jill Cunningham, Mobility Manager Tuscarawas County; Shannon Hursey, Access Tusc Transit Director; Jamie Smith, Tuscarawas County Senior Center Director; Cheryl Wetzel, Tuscarawas Senior Center Transportation Coordinator; Ada Mears, Society for Equal Access; Tracey DeMattio, Horizon’s Transportation Coordinator; Nate Kamban, Tuscarawas County Board of DD; Sarah Gwyer, Health & Wellness Navigator; Deborah Hill, OMEGA Transit Planner; Drew Litty, Tuscarawas Board of DD; Jeff Bray, Public Services Associate for Tuscarawas County Public Library, Guest. ABSENT: David Haverfield, Donna Merrill, Jerry Waltz, Mike Harrington, Bill Cozart, Glenn Groh.

Drew Litty, President called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 was made by Jamie Smith and seconded by Cheryl Wetzel. Motion carried.

1. Mobility Manager Grant Report and Financial:
* Jill Cunningham reported CY2022 award of 75,000 which is a traditional 80/20 grant, therefore match funds will be needed. Membership invoices are going to be sent out the beginning of CY2022.
* Cares Act Funds: Jill reported there was enough Cares Acts money to finish out the 4th quarter of 2021 which was sufficient funding for the Mobility program. The Cares Act program was be finished as of Dec. 31, 2021

Regional Coordination Update:

* Deb Hill reported coordination in county and ODOT has allowed a 1 year amendment for 2022; full rewrite for 2023 and 2024.
* The PSA of 30 and 60 second commercials are still airing.
* The regional resource guide is averaging 100 hits a month. Magnets are available with the website to access the guide as well as a QR code.
* Access Tuscarawas 501c3 is seeking funding for a regional call center.

Voting of Officers:

 Jill Cunningham ask for nominations of 2022 officers. No nominations were presented, therefore officers didn’t change from 2021. Officers are:

* Drew Litty, President
* Bill Cozart, Vice President
* Tracey DeMattio, Secretary
* Cheryl Wetzel, Treasurer

Jamie Smith made the motion to accept the nominations, Joe Krocker, seconded.

Old Business:

* OMEGA Media Outreach Campaign has been completed. Inserts in publications were completed with 29,000 inserted into The Bargain Hunter, 7,200 inserts in the Times Reporter in September and December, 5,000 grocery inserts at Mako’s, 2,000 grocery inserts at Dover’s Giant Eagle. Inserts were also placed at the service centers at New Phila and Dover Buehler’s locations. WJER Radiogram both November and December issues and an ad placed in the Outreacher paper in December.
* Unmet needs/goals and strategies (with amendments), along with provider updated for the coordinated plan were submitted to OMEGA, as they will report for our region to ODOT.

New Business:

* COVID Access Team Spring events began January 13 and will continue through May 4. Flyers have been distributed to transit companies and also Allied Machine, St. Joe’s Catholic Church activity center. A grant was wrote by the Senior Center to cover the costs of the flyers. Ohio Department of Aging commented they were impressed with the team in Tuscarawas County and requested to assist other counties with a project. Also mentioned getting the flyers in Spanish.
* Mobility Management advertisement is on the bill board by Miller Studio.
* Treasurers Report:
* Present balance is $13,462.23
* Dividends received in the amounts of .57, .59, .67.
* A donation from the New Phila Elks was received in the amount of $2,400
* Ending balance 12/31/21 is $15,864.06
* Surveys for 2022 are open and link and QR code are active.
* Regional intake form to begin in 2022.
* Discussion was held about finding funding for unmet needs in the county. Jeff Bray, Latino Advocate, offered his assistance regarding unmet needs in the Latino community.
* Jill Cunningham reported local foundations require a non-profit to be a requestor and manager of funds. Jamie Smith made a motion to grant permission to Jill Cunningham to apply for grant monies on behalf of TuscoBus to fund unmet needs. , Nate Kamban seconded.
* Jamie Smith suggested no grant money for more than $50,000 combined for 990 filing. All members agreed.
* A suggestion that funds be available to residents that do not qualify for any transportation but are at the 200% poverty level or below. Any resident over the 200% possibly a sliding scale for eligibility.
* Funds possibly used for in and out of county medical transportation and work for only 3 weeks.
* Jill reported 50-60% of residents in the probation system have trouble finding transportation. It was also reported there may be funding available to purchase vouchers.
* A discussion was held regarding having a Spanish speaking operator in the call center for the Latino population. Jeff Bray made the suggestion.

Jamie Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jill Cunningham seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am