**Tusco Bus Advisory Board Meeting**

**October 20, 2022**

**10:30 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; Donna Merrill, Horizons of Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties, Inc.; Kevin Hannahs, SEA; Bill Cozart, Consumer; Glenn Groh, Consumer; Joe Krocker, Tuscarawas County JFS; Tracey DeMattio, Horizons Transportation.

ABSENT: David Haverfield; Jerry Waltz; Mike Harrington; Nate Kamban; Shannon Hursey; Deb Hill.

Drew Litty, President called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022 meeting was made by Donna Merrill and seconded by Bill Cozart. All Yea; President declared the motion is approved.

Financial Report: Cheryl Wetzel, Treasurer presented the financial report showing a beginning balance of $15,873.65. It was reported that $25 was sent to the Ohio Secretary of State for filing that TuscoBus is currently incorporated in Ohio. Jamie Smith asked about bank fees and what is done with the monies. Jamie Smith suggested Jill Cunningham possibly explore projects that can be done utilizing the funds. The ending balance as of September 30, 2022 is $15,850.64.

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

United Way Community Impact grant report needed by transportation agencies by the end of October. A discussion was held regarding Horizons exceeded the $2,500 grant monies. Jamie Smith, offered to reimburse Horizon’s with Senior Center Transportation grant money because they still had the bulk of their share remaining. Horizons will send the Senior Center an itemized invoice for the overage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. 5310 Mobility Management update – Tuscarawas Senior Center has been awarded $122,500. This request includes a full time Health Navigator, to assist with non-English speaking residents and asked drivers to be aware of this assistance. Jill Cunningham offered to assist with “ride along” or speak with passengers before their ride.
2. 5311 Rural Public Transit Update – Shannon Hursey was unable to attend the meeting.
3. Regional Coordination Updates – Deb Hill was unable to attend the meeting but did send an email with her updates regarding the regional survey (attached).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Regional survey have been completed and everyone was thanked for his or her hard work collecting data.
2. It was suggested that Tusco Bus board ask United Way to extend existing funds for social determinations of health.
3. A discussion on goals and strategies was held, and prioritized accordingly.
4. Increase public knowledge of local transportation service options.
5. Increase marketing and advertising of transportation services and options (survey data, newsletter. Create a quarterly newsletter, survey data; social media. Have a strong presence on social media, QR codes, links residents can follow, etc.)
6. Jill Cunningham will explore the options of a public service announcement.
7. Maintain and increase current transportation services and options (this would address Driver/Vehicle shortage, out of county, extended hours and non-cash payments.
8. Create or find ways to attract new drivers and retain current drivers (i.e. mentor program, drivers needed campaign..PSA type promo).
9. Support cost effective vehicle replacement/maintenance plan
10. Create affordable or find funding for out of county transportation
11. Create or expand hours or weekend services
12. Create or find funding for non-cash payments.
13. Increase access and inclusivity in transportation services and options (this would address – Communication barriers, travel companion, and low income residents).
14. Gain insight for providing non English speaking, hearing impaired, sight impaired population with transportation options (collaborate with Bridges and their CHWs, bilingual decals)
15. Create or collaborate with travel companion program (Coshocton Co. is working on a pilot. We may be able to collaborate or partner with them)
16. Jill Cunningham offered to assist on a ride companion option.
17. Created transportation options or find funding for low income residents that do not qualify for other available transportation services. (Continue to partner with United Way or other foundation).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. United Way has allowed for the caveat of social determinations of health to be used with the current funding grant. This will allow extended funds to food banks, etc.
2. Mobility suggested the charitable donations received this year be used for bilingual decals for vehicles. A discussion held and suggested possibly reaching out to fraternal organizations, etc.
3. Survey results as follows: please see attached Tusc Co Regional survey data

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Krocker and seconded by Donna Merrill. All were in favor and the President declared the motion approval at 12:03 pm.