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**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(TAC)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 28, 2016

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Carroll County Transit Conference Room

NAME	AGENCY	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	AGENCY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Sonja Leggett	Transit	X		Weslee Warner	Southeast, Inc.	X	
Vicky Peoples	Transit	X		Mathual Campbell	CCBDD		X
Deb Knight	CCDJFS		X	Sue Henderson	CCCOA	X	
Rachel Rinkes	CC Prob/Juv	X		Ray Heaston	CCBDD	X	

Ms. Leggett opened the meeting asking for approval on previous minutes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rinkes to approve the minutes from August 31, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Warner, all in favor, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Leggett advised on the fully allocated cost stating the gray part are 2015 rates which she broke down per trip, per cost, and per hour. All the contracts for CCCOA and CCBDD are a daily rate and those that are out of town trips are a rate per mile.

Ms. Leggett had approved along with the Commissioner’s approval on contracts with CEVSD and Centreville Village of Carrollton of an increase from \$1.20 to \$1.75. She did not approve them at the fully allocated cost. Mrs. Henderson appreciates easing into the increase. Ms. Leggett stated that if the State questions her why she did not use the fully allocated cost, she will explain that there are many that are low income and we would lose business. Mrs. Henderson stated that the County does not have a hospital and we need to go out of the county to get to a hospital. Ms. Leggett added for even special activities as well. Ms. Leggett stated in regards to the spreadsheet, for the total cost showing at the bottom, if she used the vehicle miles, it would be extremely high. Ms. Leggett questioned if everyone thought the costs were fair. She does not want to charge the fully allocated cost because it would not be fair. Mrs. Henderson replied she appreciates wading in instead of jumping in and feels it is up to Ms. Leggett. Mrs. Henderson stated Area Agency increased CCCOA’s rate for the last quarter as a trial basis since she gets paid per trip and Transit charges per mile. Mr. Heaston added that he would be comparing the charge with Medicaid’s non-medical transportation rate for Carroll County which is \$18.93 per

trip. Mrs. Henderson questioned if the public fare would be increased. Ms. Leggett replied the only charge she is looking at is the wait time on waiting for a client. Mrs. Warner questioned if money is charged for clients through DJFS or if Medicaid pays for remaining charges. Ms. Leggett replied no. DJFS pays only \$1.20 per mile for trips completed. Mr. Heaston added that with the UCR (Usual Customer Rate) with Medicaid, you cannot bill Medicaid more than what is being charged, but he is not sure how it would be with private providers, you can. He knows that with County Boards, they do a cost settlement. Ms. Leggett believes they would be considered as general public and whatever we charge for general public, Transit would charge Medicaid because there would be no contract involved.

Ms. Leggett advised that Transit is not really approved through Medicaid even though Transit is listed on the Ohio DODD website because a Medicaid Provider number has not been provided yet.

Mrs. Rinkes questioned when the costs will be determined. Ms. Leggett replied most of the contracts start January 1<sup>st</sup> so she will be sending out the information in December.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Peoples advised that there is a link under the County's website on the left hand side for Transit that has a subfolder named TAC for all the information regarding Transportation Advisory Committee along with the minutes and attachments. The link is <http://www.carrollcountyohio.us/transit/tac.html>

Mrs. Warner questioned the outcome of the temporary operating hours from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Peoples replied that Transit has been very busy and having more than one driver staying later or coming in earlier. Ms. Leggett added that she asked for the Commissioners approval to hire 4 part-time drivers since she has been having drivers working more than the threshold of less than 29 hours. Therefore, hiring 4 more drivers, she is hoping to eliminate that. Mrs. Henderson questioned who the early or later trips were. Mrs. Peoples replied medical trips. Before, we were asking clients to reschedule their appointments to be earlier and now we do not have to ask. Mr. Heaston questioned for a DD client who may get a job right now, how would they be charged? Ms. Leggett replied the general public cost, at this time. Mrs. Warner questioned if a client is dropped off in Canton at 9 a.m. for work and does not need picked up until later afternoon, is there a charge for on the way back to Carrollton? Ms. Leggett replied no because there may be another driver in Canton in the afternoon. We try not to deadhead; only if needed. Mrs. Peoples added we only charge the client one way, if they only request a one-way trip. Most of the trips to Cleveland, Columbus, etc. are the trips with wait time that Mrs. Leggett is looking into charging which are mostly general public trips. Those that are contracts, there is a wait charge of \$10.00/hour after 1.25 hours of waiting which does not happen very often and is charged to those contracts.

Mrs. Leggett questioned Mr. Heaston that since Mr. Campbell will be mostly in meetings on the days of our TAC meetings, if Mr. Heaston would be mostly attending or be considered the alternate for Mr. Campbell. Mr. Heaston advised he would talk to Mr. Campbell. Ms. Leggett stated it doesn't matter, but she appreciates the representation.

Ms. Leggett questioned if anyone had anything else to present to the committee, nothing was presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rinkes to adjourn @ 10:21 am, seconded by Ms. Leggett, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes by:

*Vicky Peoples*