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**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(TAC)**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 7, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Carroll County Transit

NAME	AGENCY	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	AGENCY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Cindy Black	CCVSC		X	Sherri Lewis (A)	CCCOA	X	
Jodi Bracken	CHCC		X	Tonya Myers	CCCOA		X
Mathual Campbell	CCBDD		X	Kate Offenberger	CDJFS		X
Tricia Green	CEVSD		X	Vicky Peoples	Transit	X	
Laura Hanna	CVCC		X	Rachel Rinkes	Prob/Juv	X	
Ray Heaston (A)	CCBDD	X		Weslee Warner	Southeast		X
Sonja Leggett	Transit	X					

Other(s) present: Commissioner Jeff Ohler, Barbara Plunket, & John Rutledge.

Ms. Leggett opened the meeting asking for approval on previous minutes from April 24, 2019.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rinkes and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to approve minutes from April 24, 2019, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Leggett advised that Transit has a contract for transporting water test samples 2 times a week to Canton for the Health Department. The State approved the contract as well as the Health Department. The Prosecutor is reviewing then it will go to the Commissioners for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Leggett advised Transit has renewed their Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) through DODD and just waiting on approval. However, we are losing our contract with DD. Mr. Heaston added that CHI had to be separated from DD for non-private providers with Medicaid waivers. There are 15 individuals that live within the county that do not have Medicaid waivers and 10 individuals that live at the intermediate care facility off of Route 332. DD was contracted with Transit for transportation which August 23rd will be the last day-program for the adults at the CHI facility. There are other providers along with Transit that may be transporting those that will be on Level 1 waivers which can choose any of the following: CHI, St. John’s Villa, Family Disability Services aka The Farm, Mayle Homes and a new one called Starlight Enterprises which is now in Carrollton (beside Goodwill) that is a non-profit workshop that came from New Philadelphia. DD will still pass levies and use levy money to pay match through those Medicaid services. For

these services that the individuals are going to, Medicaid only pays 60% of those costs and the other 40% is paid through from State and the County. CHI they have always had their own non-profit board. However, they would hire the individuals to work and pay them and DD would hire staff to help the individuals do their work. Ms. Leggett added there still may be individuals that we transport, if they decide to choose Transit as their transportation provider to transport them to CHI or to their worksite. So, we may not be completely out then Transit will use our non-medical transportation certification and bill Medicaid directly for providing transportation services for those individuals. Ms. Leggett added that these individuals will be treated as general public and charged as general public which is going to decrease our funds tremendously since we cannot charge what we used to when we were in a contract with DD. Ms. Leggett advised there will be a Meet the Providers meeting from 1-3 p.m. on August 12th @ DD admin building where individuals can get information about various transportation providers. Mrs. Rinkes questioned who else can provide the transportation to the individuals. Ms. Leggett replied anyone can like Transit, CHI, St. John's Villa, Mayle Homes, or The Farm. Ms. Leggett added it is supposed to be the individual's choice on who they want to transport them.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Mrs. Rinkes, seconded by Ms. Leggett to appoint Mrs. Sherri Lewis as alternate for Kate Offenberger, all in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Leggett advised that she is working with Arbor's of Minerva on having a contract with them for transportation which is being reviewed by the Prosecutor and then will be presented to the Commissioners for approval. It will be the same as the other contracts at \$1.75 per mile which she will not be changing any prices on any of the contracts at this time.

Ms. Leggett advised she will be having her public hearing on Thursday with the Commissioners to apply for the 2020 grant. She will be applying for 2 new vehicles that will be replacement vehicles. Also, for cameras to be installed the vehicles. For the next year, she would like to apply for 13 AED units for each of the vehicles and 1 for the office. Ms. Leggett advised there was a decrease in passenger rides by approximately 8% or 1,946 passengers' rides from 2018 compared to 2017. During 2018, DODD started transitioning to Waivers for their individuals and we lost some clients. The money received from the Health Department contract cannot be used this year and will have to be money towards next year funds. The proposed operating budget for CY2020 is \$729,741.00. We have applied for a federal allocation of \$337,370 and state allocation of \$50,000. The proposed capital maintenance budget is \$69,650 (last year \$57,290) in federal funds. The proposed capital projects include purchasing 2 Modified Mini-vans with federal funds of \$63,414 and the purchase of cameras with federal funds of \$18,400.

Ms. Leggett questioned if anyone had anything else to present to the committee, nothing was presented therefore the next meeting will be October 30, 2019 @ 9:30 at Carroll County Transit.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rinkes, seconded by Mrs. Lewis to adjourn @ 10:18 a.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes by: *Victoria (Vicky) S. Peoples*