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# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 26, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Carroll County Transit

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

Other(s) present: Barbara Plunket

Mrs. Trbovich opened the meeting asking for approval on previous minutes from August 7, 2019 and notes from November 06, 2019.

Motion was made by Mrs. Myers and seconded by Mrs. Rinkes to approve minutes from August 7, 2019 and notes from November 06, 2019, 2019, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Trbovich advised the contract rates are still the same at \$1.75 per mile. Mrs. Myers advised that her contracts start October so she advised if she could be advised sooner, if the rates did increase.

Melanie Campbell, Board member of Caring Hands which is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. They have raised funds to help Carroll County residents for medical reasons, transportation, etc. They also provide gas cards, but they have to show proof of the medical appointment. Transit is transporting a client through Caring Hands. Attached is a brochure as well as an article from Free Press Standard about Caring Hands. Facebook link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Carroll-County-Caring-Hands-807658042722332/">https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Carroll-County-Caring-Hands-807658042722332/</a>

Mrs. Trbovich received a call from another Transit Agency regarding the cost of trips for NMT to be considered a contract charge versus general public charge and was advised to contact ODOT with questions.

Mrs. Trbovich advised the Carroll County General Health District has a new employee that lives in New Philadelphia and they may get another lab down there. Then that employee would transport the water samples to that facility, rather than utilizing Carroll County Transit for transporting to Canton.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rinkes, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the 2020 schedule of TAC meetings. The following dates are:

- January 29, 2020 (rescheduled to February 26, 2020)
- April 29, 2020
- July 29, 2020
- October 28, 2020

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Trbovich advised on the following 2020 Grant:

#### CY/SFY 2020 Rural Transit Program State General Revenue Fund & Federal Award Project

GRAND TOTAL		\$518,506.00	(Increase of \$16,947)
FEDERAL CAPITAL	(5339)	\$65,536.00	Bus & Bus Facilities (2 MMV)
FEDERAL CM	(5311)	\$55,720.00	Maintenance Personnel & maintenance
FEDERAL OPERATING	(5311)	\$307,250.00	
STATE		\$90,000.00	Operating

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GRAND TOTAL		\$501,559.00	
FEDERAL CAPITAL	(5339)	\$66,573.00	Bus & Bus Facilities (2 MMV) & Cameras
FEDERAL CM	(5311)	\$57,290.00	Maintenance Personnel & maintenance
FEDERAL OPERATING	(5311)	\$338,084.00	
STATE		\$39,612.00	Operating

We are hiring 1 FT Driver and 3 PT Drivers and there is currently 25 employees at Transit (18 PT drivers; 2 FT Dispatchers/Schedulers, 1 FT Driver, 1 FT Maintenance, 1 FT OM, 1 FT IT/Admin Supervisor and 1 FT Director.) Therefore, the increase in funds will be used towards operations (new drivers) and the match for Federal dollars. Carroll County Transit was not awarded any Ohio Transit Partnership Program funds for SF2020.

Mrs. Trbovich advised she is looking at hiring a temporary maintenance employee due to our maintenance man being on sick leave with donated hours up to 800 hours from various employees in other departments.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Trbovich advised Transit tried to help with an individual and Brown Local School/Conotton Valley School who had some issues but our main concern is for our drivers. It is difficult for them to concentrate on driving when the individual does not cooperate, while the vehicle is in motion.

Mrs. Trbovich questioned if anyone had anything else to present to the committee, nothing was presented therefore the next meeting will be April 29, 2020 @ 9:30 at Carroll County Transit.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rinkes, seconded by Mrs. Myers to adjourn @ 10:30 a.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes by: Victoria (Vicky) S. Peoples

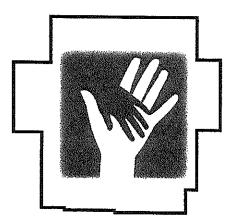
Carroll County Caring
Hands was formed with
the goal of helping
Carroll County residents
in financial crisis created
by medical diagnosis.
The organization
participates in fundraising
and then keeps funds
local to assist county
families in their hour of
need.

CCCH operates with the understanding that financial hardship can stem from loss of work, medical costs, prescription expenses, inadequate insurance coverage, costly transportation to treatments, and more. If you or someone you know needs assistance in this kind of situation, please don't hesitate to contact CCCH.

Carroll County Caring I lands P.O. 322 Carrollton, OH 44615

# CARROLL COUNTY CARING HANDS

Helping Carroll County residents in need.



# **Contact Information**

Email: ccch4u@gmail.com

Facebook: Carroll County Caring Hands

Mail: P.O. Box 322

Carrollton. Ohio 44615

# **FUNDING**

Where does the organization's funding come from? This is a grassroots effort. CCCH began with Lunch on the Square, candy bar sales, bake sales, and Longaberger Bingo. Many of those efforts continue, but having seen the value of the mission and the fruits of volunteer labor, outside donations began to come in. Local businesses and individuals have recognized the importance of the work and began to contribute to the CCCH fund. Board Members pledge to be responsible stewards of the funds so generously granted to this cause.

Please watch Carroll County Caring Hands' Facebook page for announcements of upcoming fundraising events.



Longaberger Bingo 2018

Recent recipients:

"I just wanted to let you know how much I truly appreciate your act of kindness during this difficult time. Your generosity is deeply valued by both myself & my family."

"Thank you so much for the help last month. It was so appreciated. Your kindness & generosity is a credit to Carroll County."

### Qualifications

- ⇔ Carroll County resident.
- Financial hardship created by a medical diagnosis, illness, accident or chronic condition.
- ⇔ Complete an application by contacting any board member using the contact information 
   ⇔ (All information is confidential)

## **Assistance Awards**

Assistance granted is based upon a review of the specific request, need, availability of resources and funds currently available.

## **Current Board Members**

- Melanie Campbell
- Kathy Stoneman
- Carol McIntire
- Deb Senko
- Tammy Sanderson
- Alana Fedorka
- Barbara Cronin
- ❖ Debbie Herrington

**Donations** are tax deductible as CCCH is a 501(c)(3) and can be made to the address below.

Anyone interested in **volunteering** for one of the CCCH fundraisers, please use the contact information below to be added to the list.

## **Contact Information**

Carroll County Caring Hands P.O. Box 322 Carrollton, Ohio 44615

Email: ccch4u@gmail.com

You can also find CCCH on Facebook Search: Carroll County Caring Hands

# Caring Hands formed to lend a helping hand

By Free Press Standard - November 23, 2017



Carroll County Caring Hands Board Member Carol McIntire (left) accepts the organization's first funds from Abigail Matoszkia. Matoszkia made Christmas ornaments and two pictures, which she sold, and donated the proceeds to the organization.

#### By Carol McIntire

#### **Editor**

Carroll County residents in need of a helping hand have somewhere to turn, thanks to a new local, non-profit agency.

Carroll County Caring Hands (CCCH) was formed just over a year ago and obtained non-profit status with the state of Ohio in July.

A group of seasoned fundraisers saw a need in the county for this type of service and acted upon it.

"We volunteered our time for a national non-profit organization for many years," said CCCH President Melanie Campbell. "We raised a lot of money that was sent out of the county with only a very small



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percentage returned to help our local residents through the programs they offered. There was a void. We had local residents who needed help and couldn't get it. It was frustrating. We got together and decided to do something about it. That's how Caring Hands was born."

which she sold, and donated the proceeds to the organization.

The group's first donation came from Abigail Matoszkia in a small tie-string bag. Her \$20 donation came from money she raised making Christmas ornaments and a couple pictures and selling them.

"Our goal from the start was to raise funds locally and then keep them local for disbursement, to families who need a helping hand," said Debbie Herrington, a board member.

The group raises funds by hosting bake sales, an annual lunch on Public Square, a Longaberger® Bingo event, scheduled March 18, 2018, and through donations.

The group received a boost earlier this month when Rex Energy donated \$7,500 to the group. A bake sale is scheduled Dec. 15

"That was a special gift," said Board Member Robin Palmer. "Their donation will allow us to help more county residents."

Due to limited funds to date, the group has primarily focused on helping county families with transportation needs related to medical emergencies or long-term health problems by providing gas cards, but have also provided prescription assistance.

Articles of incorporation state CCCH was formed for "charitable, religious, scientific and educational purposes specifically, but not limited to financial assistance to persons for short-term non-medical expenses incurred due to a person's illness or catastrophic events and for uninsured prescription medication and uninsured devices with the stipulation that all distribution is for charitable purposes." Only Carroll County residents are eligible to apply for funds.

"Unfortunately medical crisis so often lead very quickly to financial hardship," said Herrington. "This stems from lost work time, inadequate insurance coverage and increased demands on a budget for medications and transportation for treatment. Though we could never raise the funds to cover medical bills for county residents, we can help in other ways. Sometimes \$100 or \$300 can lessen a burden on a family who has so many other pressing things to be concerned about."

Residents in need of assistance can obtain an application from The Senior Friendship Center on Kensington Rd. or Mercy Medical Center on Canton Rd. CCCH board also have applications.

Officers and board members include: Campbell, president; Palmer, vice president; Kathleen Allmon Stoneman, secretary; Carol McIntire and Deb Herrington, treasurer; and Tammy Sanderson, Deb Senko and Alan Fedorka, board members.

Donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to Carroll County Caring Hands, P.O. Box 322, Carrollton, OH 44615. Persons who would like to volunteer for the organization should contact a board member.