**SERCCOT Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2016**

**Attendees**

Anne Bisson, Dept. of Human Services/Taunton COA; Mary Basilone, GATRA; Bill Shine, Independence Associates; Janet Richardi, Southeast Coalition to End Homelessness; Filomena Tripp, SECIL; Rachel Fichtenbaum, Mass Mobility; Adam Blye, MassRIDES; Steve Salwak, SSCAC; Julie Boren, MCB; Sarah Alden, Taunton MRC; Mary Ellen DeFrais, SRTA; Joanne Laferrara, GATRA; Angie Azevedo, SRPEDD; Joe Yasaian, BCC

**Meeting Minutes review from March**

* March 2016 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and accepted by the group.

**Election of New Officers**

* Angie Azevedo, SRPEDD, and Janet Richardi, Southeast Coalition to End Homelessness, are the new Co-chairs and Bill Shine, Independent Associates, is the new Secretary for SERCCOT. They will begin their 2-year terms in June, 2016.
* It was decided there would be an officers meeting in early June, possibly on 6/3, prior to the regular Council meeting in June, 2016. Then we will skip the July and August, 2016 meetings and resume again in September 2016. The next regular SERCCOT meeting will be on June 14, 2016.

**Workforce Grants for Southeast**

* Angie Azevedo is waiting on a return call from the contact at the Commonwealth Corp before we can reach out to the individual organizations that received the Workforce Grants.
* Our goal is to reach out to these organizations and tell them about MassRIDES and RideMatch so they can distribute materials to their employees. Additionally, we might want to invite representatives from the organizations to join future SERCCOT meetings. Angie is drafting and sending out the email.

**Initiative to Add Consumers to SERCCOT**

* Julie Boren reported that she did not receive any names or possible candidates from council members, but still put together some “talking points” that people could use when they meet with consumers who might want to participate in a SERCCOT consumer advisory group.
* Mary Basilone said she has several people she wanted to contact. They are people who have gone through the travel training program and are now using GATRA’s fixed route buses.
* There was a discussion about possibly recruiting people from GATRA’s and SRTA’s existing consumer advisory groups. That way we would not be duplicating efforts.
* The idea is get on the meeting agenda and to have someone act as a SERCCOT spoke person and give a brief SERCCOT update at these monthly meetings.
* The RTA members agreed to email Julie the dates of all future GATRA and SRTA Consumer Advisory Committee Meetings.

**Marketing Toolkit Update**

* Angie Azevedo and Mary Basilone continue to work on the content and hope to have something ready to review for the September meeting. We are beginning with the medical brochure and after that we will work on senior, student, disability brochures as well.

**Update on Fall Forum on Education/Employment**

* Julie Boren handed out a summary of Work/Education Forum Action Items that came from the evaluations from the Forum.
* Overwhelmingly, the number one point that people made was that there needs to be better information about transportation options out there. This basically supports what we are already doing, especially our efforts to put together the Toolkit and the Council’s continuing support of the NuRides and Ride Match programs.
* Sarah Alden asked Adam Blye if he could present at the MRC Fall Fair and he said yes.

**Newsletter – Follow up information to forum participants**

* People agreed that we don’t need a newsletter but we should follow up with an email update.
* Angie would either use the draft summary of the forum or put something new together to send out to the SERCCOT email distribution list. The email should ideally include information updates on Ride Match, NuRides as well as GATRA and SRTA services.

**Next Meeting**

* Next meeting is June 14, 2016, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, SRPEDD Offices, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA.