**South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation**

**June 9, 2015**

**Attendee list**

Mary Basilone, Tanja Ryden, Gary St. Fleur, Jane DiBiasio, Angie Azevedo, Rachel Fichtenbaum, Joanne LaFerrara, Mary Ellen DeFrias, Sarah Alden, Steve Salwak, Joe Yasaian, Filomena Tripp, Cindy Curran.

**Welcome & Past Meeting Notes**

* Angie Azevedo welcomed attendees
* The group accepted the June meeting notes with two amendments:
	+ MaryEllen is reaching out to Craig, not Tobey Hospital
	+ SERCCOT meetings will be held from 9 to 10:30

**Tufts Health Plan Foundation Grant Update**

* Based on recommendations from last November’s healthcare forum, the group is preparing a proposal for an outreach project to increase awareness of transportation options available to seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals
* Janet Richardi has drafted a LOI and circulated it with the outreach subcommittee. The subcommittee is currently reviewing it and will share the final version with the larger group
* The LOI is due July 20
* The group is reaching out to local hospitals and banks to see if any will offer some matching funds to help show the Tufts Foundation that we have local support. Currently Morton and South Coast Hospital Systems have pledged funds. Sturdy Hospital declined to offer any financial support but is interested in participating in the project.
	+ If the LOI is accepted, we will need to write a full application. That could be a good opportunity for Sturdy to get involved
* Angie put together a list of local banks and corporations with community giving programs
	+ She will add information about what each one funds/focus areas
	+ She will also add information about deadlines & timelines for the grant cycles
	+ If you have contacts at any of these institutions, please let Angie know so we can personalize the outreach to the extent possible
		- Jane DiBiasio knows Amie Vieira at Baycoast and could reach out
		- Angie will share the project summary as background on the project for when you reach out to these banks and corporations
	+ We can pursue this more after we hear from Tufts if we have made it to the next round

**Wareham Update**

* Steve and Janet met with Sal Piña
* Angie, Janet, and Steve will present at a Community Development Block Grant meeting on June 17. They will talk about vehicle sharing and coordination strategies
* Tanja is happy to reach out to Craig Dutra after June 17

**Fall Forum Planning**

* Last fall we held a forum on healthcare transportation. Some medical facilities came (though some that we hoped would attend were ultimately unable to leave their workplaces). Councils on Aging and other human service agencies were also present. We used a World Café style setup to facilitate discussion. The need for more awareness of transportation options emerged as a priority, which led to the project we’re pursuing with the Tufts Health Plan Foundation
* The group would like to host another forum this fall, this time focusing on employment and education transportation
* We liked the World Café style. Discussion questions were general, but we wrote scenarios to accompany each one to help people consider specifics and individual needs as well
* Employment & education transportation needs
	+ A big issue is getting students to community colleges
	+ Amazon in Stoughton has very high turnover because no one can get there. Gary has met with Amazon about carpool options, but carpooling only goes so far, and the company has not been interested in pursuing other solutions
* Where to hold the fall forum
	+ Idea: an educational establishment
	+ Joe can host for free in BCC Attleboro and will investigate how much it would cost to host at the Fall River Campus - Joe will look at availability for November 13, October 23, and December 4
	+ UMass Dartmouth Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center (ATMC) New Bedford (Route 6) campus charges about $150
	+ The New Bedford Heritage State Park building has an auditorium, but the rest of the space is open to the public
* Whom to invite
	+ Businesses
		- Chambers of Commerce – they usually have newsletters
		- MassRIDES contacts
	+ Colleges
	+ Literacy centers
	+ Career Centers – Sarah has contacts
	+ WIBS – Jane has contacts for Fall River & MaryEllen has contacts for New Bedford
	+ Angie will write up an outreach plan
* Survey – last year we did a pre-survey. Should we do that again?
* Agenda
	+ MassRIDES could do a presentation (like the one Adam Blye did at the May 5 conference)
	+ Mary could present on Ride Match

**Next Meeting**

* July 14, 9-10:30 at SRPEDD
* We will discuss the Tufts LOI, get an update on the Wareham meeting, and continue planning the forum