**South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation**May 12, 2015

**Attendee List**Mary Basilone, Angie Azevedo, Sarah Alden, Anne Bisson, Melanie Ramos, Janet Richardi, Mike Moran, Maritza Aquino, Abril Novoa, Tanja Ryden, Mary Ellen DeFrias, Julie Boren

**Welcome & Past Meeting Notes**

* Julie Boren welcomed everyone to the meeting
* The group reviewed and accepted the April 14th meeting notes

**Review of Tufts Health Foundation Grant**

* **Other supporting funds** – Morton and Southcoast Hospitals have committed to $2,000 each, Sturdy Hospital is interested, but we have not heard back from them yet. Julie Boren asked if Mary Ellen DeFrias could reach out to Kerry Mello at Tobey Hospital. Mary Basilone will send Alan Slavin an e-mail to see who he talked to at Southcoast and if their contribution is for the Southcoast group or just a particular facility.
* **Reach out to banks** - There was a discussion about reaching out to the banks for additional supporting funds. We tabled this for the next meeting and Angie Azevedo said she will put together a list of the banks that we can approach about their process for requesting support.
* **Letter of Inquiry** - Janet Richardi and the Greater Attleboro-Taunton United Way are submitting the Letter of Inquiry on SERCCOT’s behalf. The letter is due on July 20th. Janet wanted to know if there was a project title – Project Access. She also wanted to know who would be the contact. We all agreed that Janet should be the contact.
* **Draft Letter** - It was decided that the subcommittee would work on the letter by conference call, Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. and then send a PDF to everyone for review. This will happen after Janet has finished up another grant she is currently working on. Janet or Julie will set up the meeting on FreeConferenceCall.com
* **Marketing Consultant** – Mary Basilone spoke to Lynn Ahlgren at the Community Transportation Conference and she said she was interested in the Marketing Consultant position. Mary sent Lynn the project summary.

**Wareham Collaboration Pre-Meeting**

* Steve Salwak and Janet Richardi met with Sal Pino, CEDA director in Wareham. The purpose of the meeting was to get the right people in the room to talk about transportation coordination in the Wareham area. Sal said he knew of at least 4 vans in Wareham that could be used in coordination. He suggested that representatives from SERCCOT attend the next Wareham Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) meeting because several of these organizations will be at that meeting – Boys & Girls Club and YMCA, among others. Janet said the next meeting is May 20th, but neither she nor Steve could attend; however, Janet and Angie Azevedo could go to the June 17th meeting and they would check to see if Steve is available on that date. Other people we need to contact about coordination: Ken Fonts (Boys & Girls Club, Wareham) and Craig Dutra (Community Foundation of Eastern Mass). Tanja Ryden will contact Craig.
* Janet also networked with a Worcester Homeless group at the Community Transportation Conference in Marlborough. She talked about how that group found a creative way to provide transportation to homeless families that are currently living at a motel in Northborough. The motel provided money to an area church to purchase a van. The van is used for shopping, medical appointments, youth group activities, etc. The motel has no liability because they only donated the funds to purchase the van. The church carries the insurance coverage.

**Sharing and discussion of MA Transportation Meeting (May 5, 2015)**

* Julie Boren shared with the group an overview of the MA Community Transportation Meeting that was held on May 5th in Marlborough MA. The conference was well attended with a focus on collaboration. She also said that SERCCOT was the most well represented Regional Coordinating Council in the state. Not only did many council members attend, but Melissa Vanhorn (Greater Attleboro Taunton United Way and SERCCOT member) was also a panelist on the Private/Foundation Funding session.
* Many people were impressed with Stephanie Pollak’s speech (newly appointed Secretary and CEO of MassDOT) and thought her vision for coordinated transportation and improved customer service was well received and timely, given the woes of the MBTA this past winter.
* Angie Azevedo attended a breakout session that MassRides presented and she was impressed with the NuRide car pool program, particularly their van pools in the New Bedford area. She suggested we should invite them to a future SERCCOT meeting and have them show us the system. She will contact MassRides about this. Also, it was suggested that Nu Rides and Mass Rides should be asked to present at our Work/Education forum in the fall.
* Other breakout sessions of note: Central Reservation/Dispatch programs; Volunteer Driver Programs and Older Driver Programs and Services.

**Other Business**

* There was a quick discussion about our next forum: Forum on Employment/Work/Education Transportation. We decided to put this on the Agenda for the June 9th SERCCOT meeting

**Upcoming Events**

* Subcommittee Conference Call: June 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
* Next SERCCOT Meeting (full forum, all members):
June 9, 2015, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
Location: SREPEDD offices, 88 Broadway, Taunton MA
* At this time, there is no SERCCOT Meeting scheduled in July