**South Coast Regional Coordinating Council (SCRCC)**   
**November 12, 2014, 1:00PM, Coastline Elderly Services**

***Meeting Minutes***

**Attendees:**  
Debra Lee, New Bedford Council on Aging  
Joanne LaFarrara, GATRA and SERCC  
Tanja Ryden, EOHHS HST  
Angie Azevedo, SRPEDD  
Linda Hennessey, Health First Family Care  
Julie Boren, Mass Commission of the Blind and SERCC  
Aniko Laszlo, MassDOT  
Ann McCrillis, Coastline  
Filomena Tripp, SCIL  
Cheryl Randall, ARAW  
Mitchell Zahn, Mass Rehab Commission  
Eilleen Sheehan, Able Associates  
Jackie Coucci, Mattapoisett Council on Aging

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
   1. There were no comments on the September 10, 2014 meeting minutes.
2. **Brief update on the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan**
   1. A public meeting was held on November 6, 2014 at SRPEDD to release the draft report for public comment.
   2. The plan will be out for public comment from November 6 – December 8.
   3. More information was requested about the Community Grants Program and Aniko offered to supply it. (attached)
3. **Proposal to consolidate SRCC with Southeast RCC**
   1. Group discussion and recommendation
      1. Points such as similar social service coverage areas and similar needs and priorities were discussed.
      2. No objections raised by group to consolidate with SERCC. Consideration given to forming subgroups for local projects/priorities.
      3. Next steps to proceed with merger of Southcoast and Southeast RCCs – combine stakeholder lists; invite Southcoast RCC members to next SERCC meeting with agenda item for SERCC to accept proposal as well. SERCC bylaws can be found here: <http://www.gatra.org/wp-content/uploads/SERCC-final_Policies-and-Procedures_0814.doc> More information about the SERCC can be found here: <http://www.gatra.org/index.php/contact-us/rcc-meetings/>
4. **Review priorities and possible projects for SouthCoast area**
   1. **Information/awareness of services**
      1. **Travel training**
         1. SRTA is interested in partnering with local organizations to support travel training and increase mobility for seniors, persons with disabilities and others not familiar with the SRTA bus routes. An exploratory meeting between SRTA and Southeast Center for Independent Living is set for 11/21.
         2. Mass Rehab Commission refers their consumers to Southeast Center for Independent Living. Julie Boren does orientation and mobility (O&M) training for Mass Commission for the Blind consumers.
         3. If you are aware of organizations that do travel training in the region please send an email to Tanja ([tanja.ryden@state.ma.us](mailto:tanja.ryden@state.ma.us)).
      2. **Community Outreach**
         1. Discussion about getting transportation information (RideMatch and transit info) into libraries to reach those without access to internet.
         2. Discussion about bus stop signage for route and schedules. SRTA is working on a bus stop inventory project already that will start in the spring.
      3. **Medical transportation** 
         1. South East RCC medical forum was held on November 7, 2014 and information about the forum and proposed follow up will be emailed out to the SCRCC members when it is compiled.
      4. **Employment/education Transportation**
         1. SERCC will be planning a public forum on this topic.
         2. Discussion of proposed developments – Amazon fulfillment center in Fall River, wind turbine staging facility/South Terminal in New Bedford – and need to incorporate transportation planning, especially transit connections. Examples of poor planning/follow through were raised – Walmart in Fall River and Raynham. Discussion about drafting a letter to SCCCT about the concerns (from combined SE & SC RCC). This suggestion will be raised at the next SERCC meeting as well.
         3. Angie will check with the SRPEDD economic development department about the Biopark plans and whether transportation/transit is mentioned.
      5. **Volunteer Driver Forum** 
         1. MassMobility organized the first volunteer driver forum held in September in the Berkshires and the next one is being planned for southeastern Mass. Opportunity for volunteer driver programs to get together to share challenges, strategies and possible opportunities to coordinate/collaborate. One goal is to develop a peer network similar to the successful travel instruction network.
         2. If you are aware of any local volunteer driver programs and/or interested in volunteering to assist with the volunteer driver forum email Theadora at [Theadora.fisher@state.ma.us](mailto:Theadora.fisher@state.ma.us)