**South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation**

**September 8, 2015**

**Attendee list**

Rachel Fichtenbaum, June Fleischmann, Janet Richardi, Shelley Jutras, Laura Beaudoin, Gary St. Fleur, Mike Moran, Stephen T. Salwak, Julie A. Boren, Joanne Laferrara, Mary Basilone, Angie Azevedo, Anne C. Bisson, Melanie Ramos, Tanja Ryden

**Welcome & Past Meeting Notes**

* Angie (and puppy) welcomed the group
* Attendees introduced themselves
* The group accepted the meeting notes from the August meeting with no amendments

**Tufts Health Plan LOI Update**

* Tufts did not invite us to apply, unfortunately. Janet is trying to connect with them to get feedback
* The group discussed next steps. We could still create some of the materials. Mary and Angie are willing to work on some more marketing. They will draft a brochure
* GATRA can help with marketing materials but not with a lot of in-person outreach. Angie said SPREDD already does some of this and maybe a few other RCC members could learn how and do some outreach sessions
* Maybe there is a way to leverage the money the hospitals had pledged as matching funds. Mary will contact the two hospitals that had offered funds to update them about Tufts and let them know that we will be moving ahead on our own with a brochure and TBD in terms of developing a more comprehensive outreach plan
* Mary will reach out to MaryEllen for input on the SRTA region

**Wareham Coordination Update**

* Angie and Julie met with Wareham stakeholders in August directly after the SERCCOT meeting. Rachel and Theadora from MassMobility came along to share information on coordination models
* Wareham participants included the Woods at Wareham (low-income housing), South Coast Hospitals, someone representing education programs and local churches, Turning Point, and some others
* Participants talked about their needs
* None of the attendees seemed to want to own a vehicle, although the Boys & Girls Club attended the first Wareham meeting and seemed interested in getting an older vehicle being bid out by GATRA
* MAP/5310 might not be a good fit since the priority is for seniors & people with disabilities but the big need in Wareham is lower-income people and youth
* The biggest need that emerged is transportation from Wareham to New Bedford. The next step is for Angie to talk to Erik at SRTA and Frank at GATRA. Maybe South Coast Hospital or other health systems could be a partner along with the RTAs
* Janet will reach out to Pastor Dave at the Church of the Nazarene
* There are a lot of homeless people in Wareham

**Fall Forum Outreach**

* The fall forum is scheduled for the morning of Friday, November 13 at the ATMC
* Thanks to everyone who has sent contacts to Angie. Please continue to send her contacts and email addresses
* The group reviewed Angie’s spreadsheet and added more organizations and contacts
* The group will not invite all the COAs since they generally don’t focus on employment or education. Coastline and Citizens for Citizens have an employment focus so we’ll invite them
* We should invite foundations to the forum but not necessarily send them the survey
* Julie is working on the invitation flyer

**Fall Forum Agenda**

* Adam Blye from MassRIDES will speak at the forum
* Julie will draft scenarios to guide forum discussion for review at the next meeting
* We’ll discuss the agenda for the forum at next month’s meeting

**Pre-Forum Survey**

* We decided to send everyone the link to both the employer and education survey and let them self-select as to which to fill out
* The group discussed Mary’s draft and suggested some edits
* The survey will go out the first week of October. The forum invitation will go out around the same time

**General Discussion**

* Question about transportation to Mansfield for a consumer. Answer – GATRA has a bus there. Call Joanne LaFerrara for more information. GATRA’s travel trainer could work with the consumer to help him learn to use the bus

**Next Meeting**

* Rescheduled to **Tuesday, October 6**, 9-10:30 at SRPEDD
* We’ll also meet on November 10 (our regularly scheduled date – shortly before the forum)