**SERCCOT Meeting Minutes**

**June 14, 2016**

**Attendees:**

Julie Boren, MCB; Angie Azevedo, SRPEDD; Janet Richardi, Southeast Coalition to End Homelessness; Mary Basilone, GATRA; Joe Yasaian, BCC; Eileen Wheeler Shula, ABLE; Mary Ellen DeFrias, SRTA; Maritza Aquino, SRTA; Adam Blye, Mass Rides; Aniko Laszlo, MassDOT; Sarah Alden, MRC; Anne Bisson, Dept. Humans Services/Taunton COA; Steve Salwak, SSCAC; Joanne LaFerrara, GATRA; Bill Shine, Independence Associates.

**Meeting Minutes review from May:**

May 2016 SERCCOT Meeting Minutes were reviewed and accepted by the group.

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Janet Richardi introduced herself and Angie Azevedo as the new SERCCOT Co-chairs for the next 2 years. Bill Shine will be the new Secretary also for that time.

**Consumer Outreach:**

* Last year SERCCOT applied for a Tufts grant, but we were not asked to move forward and submit a full application. One of the reasons cited was a lack of consumer group participation.
* Last month we decided we would use GATRA, SRTA, and other agency consumer advisory groups to reach consumers.
* Others outside these groups may also be included in the outreach.
* At this month’s meeting, we decided we would create a transportation needs survey that could be distributed to the consumers at the RTA advisory meetings and also at the Career Centers. We should have both online and paper surveys. We could add a line about having the surveys translated in Portuguese and Spanish, if needed.
* Angie will draft the survey for the September meeting.
* We will use SRPEDD staff to update consumers at the GATRA/SRTA consumer advisory meetings and report back.

**Directive Tools Medical Brochure:**

* The content for the Medical Brochure is almost complete. Mary will send it to Angie to review and then we will work on the design.
* It was asked if private carriers should be added to the brochure. It was decided that we should direct them to the Ride Match website for this information.
* A draft of the brochure should be done by September.
* It was mentioned that there is a statewide Councils on Aging (COA) Meeting in October- Kathy Bowler to head meeting – and we should see if we could get Ride Match on the agenda.
* MARTA (Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities) is having a conference in September (9/11-9/12) and there will be a presentation on Ride Match.
* Once the Ride Match redesign is complete, Mary will contact Aniko and MassDOT for help with advertising.
* Registry of Motor Vehicles has a website for COA’s to get information. Michelle Ellicks may be able to help with this. Maybe this can be added to Ride Match.
* Mass Rides van pool program will no longer be funded after June 30th.

**Action Items:**

* Talk to Community Colleges and others to try to get other people involved in SERCCOT.
* Julie will sum up the results of the forum and send it to Angie, they hope to have it done by mid-July.

**Tufts Grant:**

* Janet Richardi received a notice from Tufts that the new grant cycle will begin next month and asked if we want to re-apply?
* We all agreed that we are not in the position to apply for a new grant now and that we will move forward with our info brochures as planned.
* A valid reason for the grant must be submitted.
* Janet motioned that we should see how our outreach efforts go this year and work on the grant for possibly next June.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at Coastline, 1646 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 on September 20th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.