

4Coordinated Transportation Plan (CTP) Meeting

December 10,2020

Via Zoom

Members Present

Kelly McDade

Deb Hill

Shirley Bowald

Julie Needs

Tom Andrews

Jamie Benner

Jack Hile

Shari Green

Suzie Adkins

Shaunna Karnosh

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order via Zoom platform at 12:01 by Shari Green

Updates

Shari Green spoke about stake holder updates. She added CARTS has been operating at a reduced schedule. She doesn't see this changing due to the recent Covid spike in the county and state. Staffing has also contributed to the reduced schedule. This may possibly follow thru January 2021.

Shari spoke about the Cares Act funds thru ODOT that was awarded to CARTS. This has made it possible to not have no fares for trips scheduled. This should continue possibly thru January as well.

Erica Como had some updates for Peer Resource. They will be closed for in person meetings until after the holidays due to the Covid spike. They will still be doing Zoom meetings with clients.

Jack Hile had some updates for One Stop. They are working from home but staff remains very busy with outreach and trainings. One Stop has taken over some state positions. He encouraged sharing the number for anyone who may need assistance 330-420-9675 ext. 0.

Tom Andrews had some CAA agency updates. Some of the head start classes have been cancelled.

The Health Center has a new Covid testing machine that gets results in 15 minutes. Positive results will need additional test to follow. There is drive thru testing available behind the health department set up for the community. He also mentioned he doesn't have an answer on when vaccine will be available.

Many food pantries have been a success and CAA has vouchers for Save A lot for anyone that may need assistance.

Tom also spoke about the Covid relief fund that was awarded by the governor. This helps CAA to help the community with housing assistance, utilities, etc. Please put word out to community. Below is a copy of the memo:

November 2, 2020

The Community Action Agency of Columbiana County announces rent, mortgage, and water assistance for Ohioans impacted by COVID-19

(Columbiana County, Ohio) – Community Action Agency of Columbiana County who serves has announced that there are funds available to assist households impacted by COVID-19 with rent or mortgage payments and to prevent water and sewer disconnections as of November 2, 2020. Ohioans, who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and have fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments, water bills, or sewer payments are encouraged to contact the Community Services department of Community Action Agency of Columbiana County to submit an application for assistance. Funds are available for a limited time and applicants are encouraged to reach out early.

“We are thrilled to have this resource available to help our community maintain safe and healthy homes for their families as we recover from the economic fallout from COVID-19,” said Thomas E. Andrews, CEO. “Though the funds are available for a short time, this new resource and our experience administering similar programs will help hundreds of households once again find stable ground.”

Governor Mike DeWine announced the availability of funds last Friday during a joint press conference with members of the General Assembly. The funding is part of the CARES Act stimulus package and are available until December 30, 2020. All households who are experiencing challenges in paying their past due payments should contact Community Action Agency of Columbiana County at 330-424-4013 to learn more or complete an application.

“Though the eviction moratorium by the Centers for Disease Control has prevented some residential evictions for non-payment of rent and mortgage bills, late fees they are still accumulating,” said Martina Grimm, Community Services Director. “This funding will make a high impact, will keep families in their homes now, and will prevent future evictions.”

Residents outside of Columbiana County can find their local Community Action Agency by visiting <https://oaca.org/agency-directory/>.

Jamie Benner had some updates for Salem Behavioral Health. The program has been closed for the past 4 months. They have reduced the group sizes and are not provided lunches to help keep staff and clients safe.

Susie Aikens had some updated for MCTA. Office is closed but they are doing all virtual appointments. They are still taking referrals as well. Referrals are for clients age 18-24years. Please send referrals to Shauna skarnosh@mctaworkforce.org or Susie

saikens@mctaworkforce.org. They have seen improvement with client referrals and job placement.

Kelly McDade had an update for Mobility Management. She would like to get approval on the new Coordinated Transportation Plan. The new plan lost a couple taxi services that have shut down. Some trainings are no longer outsourced such as Passenger Assistance training, CPR, Blood Bourne pathogens. Kelly will now be doing these trainings. 2019 Census data has been added.

The new Coordinated Transportation Plan was first accepted by Jack Hile and seconded by Erica Como. All in favor and motion carried.

Trip counts on the shuttle have averaged 300 a month. The shuttle will extend free rides as well thru January 2021. Kelly has seen the amount of trips with the shuttle increase.

Kelly would like to see more community involvement in TPC Committee.

Julie Needs added she will share this info with employers.

Open Discussion

Tom Andrews spoke about Neoride. We need permission from the county commissions to do county to county trips. Resolution was sent to join and we are awaiting approval. Shari added we have been working with Neoride since April. She would like to have a decentralized call center to help when CARTS is not in office. This is all in the planning phase.

Questions

There were no further questions or concerns.

Next meeting will be March 12,2021 at 12pm

2021 Meetings are

March 12, 2021

June 10, 2021

August 9, 2021

December 10, 2021

Meeting was adjourned at 12:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tosca Kemp

CTP Secretary

