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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL
Transportation and Mobility Committee

Tuesday – September 8, 2015

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Adult & Aging Services Division Office

Carnelian Room

3725 Westwind Blvd

Attendees: Terry Kelley, AAA Advisory Council; Rabon Saip, AAA Advisory Council; Michele Alba, Vintage House; Lauren Garibaldi, Petaluma People Services; Jim Poore, Vet Connect; Stan Gow; Robert Cortez, AAA Advisory Council;

Staff: Tracy Repp, Susan Sudduth

Absent: Ruth Robeson, Robert Cortez, Alain Serkissian

1. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was opened with a welcome to all and introductions were made.
2. Approval of minutes from June 9, 2015: without a quorum present, approval of the minutes is postponed to the next meeting. Outlook meeting invitations will be sent and responses requested for next month's meeting.
3. 2015-16 Planning/Goal Setting
 - Tracy reported that Michael Ivory, Mobility Management Coordinator is not available through October. Adult & Aging is hiring an additional AAA planner. The position will dedicate 60% to transportation and will be the staff for this committee.
 - Tracy distributed copies of the Committee organization chart for further refinement of roles and responsibilities. T&M Committee membership is to be comprised of Advisory Council members and grant recipients (OAA funded service providers and FTA/MTC/Cal Trans Grant funded partners). Additional Advisory Council members should be added for FY 2015-16.
 - Goal Setting: Tracy distributed copies of past committee goals and objectives to include/exclude for FY 2015-16.
 - Committee goals for FY15-16:
 - **Expand knowledge of transportation options**
 - **Identify/sustain/implement areas of transportation connectivity for seniors**
 - **Reduce barriers faced in using fixed route and other transportation options**
 - There was discussion about creating a T&M Transportation Plan to identify what the committee can practically do. Include "who are we moving from point A to B"? Identify the problem, Identify the action, Document actions taken, Do follow-up.
 - Discussion of incorporating T&M goals into AAA needs assessment. Also discussed an inventory of existing services to identify transportation gaps. A county-wide needs assessment focused on transportation was suggested. Interviewing bus riders should be included. Also include social service providers input about client's transportation issues.
 - Tracy stated that the new planner will develop a plan with the committee's goals and it will be revisited at each meeting.
4. Agenda Setting for SACTS Consortium Meeting 10/13/15
 - It was suggested that the consortium receive more electronic communication throughout the year and receive copies of the minutes of the committee meetings. Focus will be on increasing engagement of all groups and agencies and create a structure for input.
 - Discuss the three highlighted objectives above.
 - Advisory Council Member Brain Gillespie was suggested as a speaker.
 - Tracy suggested a consortium future presentation on the formation of a Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA). The CTSA could be considered as a goal for the committee.
 - Update on Sonoma Access website and call center.

- Volunteer driver update (the providers have been meeting regularly to create best practices)
- Question and answer to identify transportation issues from each agency's perspective.
- Tracy and Terry will develop an agenda for the consortium.
- SACTS Consortium to be standing agenda item for this committee.

5. AAA Area Plan Transportation Focus Group:

- Q&A suggested above at October SACTS Consortium meeting will be used as focus group for the AAA needs assessment.

6. Transportation Grants Activities update

- Sonoma Access Website and Call Center: Tracy reported that Sonoma Access and 211 is being redesigned but moving slowly due to many factors.
- Travel Voucher Program: Tracy reported no current progress but this committee will be working on it as part of transportation grant activities for grant starting 7/1/16.
- Volunteer Driver Programs: Tracy reported that there are now 4 volunteer driver programs funded partially by OAA. This committee will be working on creating at least 2 additional volunteer driver programs as part of transportation grant activities for grant starting 7/1/16.
- It was suggested that a volunteer driver focus group could give feedback to the committee.
- Tracy reported that she attended the AAA Conference in Philadelphia and learned that Philadelphia received a portion of the state lottery for senior services.
- Tracy distributed the SACTS grant cycle.

7. Planning for Sonoma Access Outreach "Kick-Off" Event: tabled until November.

8. Public Comments (three minutes each)

- Robert will include transportation questions at the focus group held at La Luz.
- Rabon discussed the "Driving Safely as We Age" program and the upcoming seminars and requested volunteers to be part of his group.
- Jim announced that National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Sept. 18, and there will be a commemoration at Santa Rosa Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

10. Next Meeting – Transportation and Mobility Committee

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 1:30PM to 3:00PM
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