**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**February 15, 2024**

***Members Present:*** Adam Olenik, Alicia Evans, Hope Prather, Jacki Hawkins, Janna Bianculli, Lee Stevens, Noah Henderson, Peggy Allen, Richard Reagen, Tristan Winkler, and Victoria Cortes (11)

***Members Absent***: Brandi Claybrooks, Cheri Matthews, Shannon Perry, and Tim Jones (4)

***Guest Present:*** Amy Cook (1)

***WCCA Staff Present:*** David White, Jeff Roper, Bonnie Wilson, Terri Bowman, Tim Camp, and Kim Hall (6)

***Welcome and Introductions:***

Chair, Noah Rose, opened the meeting at 10:01 am by welcoming everyone.

***Public Comment:***

The Chair called for any public comment. None was proffered.

***Minutes of Transportation Advisory Board Meeting:***

The Chair called for any comments and/or corrections to the minutes of the August 17th, 2023 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. None was proffered. The Chair called for a motion to approved the minutes. Janna Bianculli so motioned. Richard Reagen seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved as submitted.

***WNCSource Transportation Directors Report, Jeff Roper:***

* Bonnie Wilson completed “Drug & Alcohol Program Manager Certification (DAPM) and Reasonable Suspicion Determination Training .
* Marvin Holbert completed the NC Transportation Leadership Development Program, PASS Techniques for Training, and the PASS Trainer Certification Program. He is now qualified to train other trainers.

(PASS – Passenger Assistance Safety and Sensitivity)

* Terri Bowman was thanked for your hard work on media releases to promote the Transportation Department.
* Route 3 Update: Route 3 was changed from a 1-hour route to a 1.5-hour route due to I-26 construction causing issues being on time. The new timing has helped with safety and with allow riders to schedule their travel time needs better.
* Bill Gibbs, Maintenance Coordinator was recognized for the great job he is doing keeping the department in compliance with vehicle maintenance requirements. He also discovered a fuel billing discrepancy that netted us a refund.

***Portal Review, Kim Hall:***

Kim briefly reviewed the procedures to get to the TAB section of the WNCSource website.

***HCCBG Report, Bonnie Wilson:***

Bonnie reviewed the data research completed for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) General and Medical Grant applications. The county has already reached numbers projected for aging adults for future years, so we are in need of more funding. This data shows a 23% increase in services from FY21 to FY23 and an 80% increase from FY21 to FY24. We are 58% through the year and 100% through the funding due to the increased need. HCCBG funds come to us from the state through the Land of Sky Council. We as a community need to advocate for this age group.

***Online Reviews, Terri Bowman:***

Terri discussed the need for positive reviews online. She explained that the more good reviews you have the higher you are bumped up in search engines. Please expect an email from Terri with ways each board member can help with this.

***TAB Member News:***

David White announced that Jeff Roper will be retiring as of March 29, 2024. Tim Camp will be taking over as Transportation Director as well as continuing as the director for the Facilities and Safety Department. Tim has years of experience in transportation as the former Director of the Office of Transportation for the State of South Carolina.

***Next Meeting Date:***

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at 10:00 AM. A virtual meeting link has been sent out for this meeting. If you need another link please contact Kim Hall (khall@wncsource.org).

***Adjourn:***

The Chair called for any other business. With no further business proffered, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Hope Prather so motioned. Richard Reagen seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

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Board Leadership

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| Noah Rose | Retired | Board Chair |
| Jeff Roper | WNCSource | Transportation Director |

General Board

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| Adam Olenik | Thrive | Clubhouse Manager |
| Alicia Evans | Council on Aging Henderson County | Assistant Executive Director |
| Bonnie Wilson | WNCSource | Transportation Support Specialist |
| Brandi Claybrooks | NCDOT | Transportation Program Consultant |
| Cheri Matthews |  | Transportation Client |
| David White | WNCSource | CEO |
| Hope Prather | Vocational Solutions | Production Coordinator |
| Jackie Hawkins | Blue Ridge Community Health Services | Director of Practice Operations |
| Janna Bianculli | Henderson County Planning | Planner III |
| Kim Hall | WNCSource | Executive Assistant |
| Lee Stevens | Henderson County Planning Department | Planner III |
| Peggy Allen | The Hope Center of Hendersonville | Executive Director |
| Richard Reagen | Retired | WNCSource Board Member |
| Tristan Winkler | Land of Sky Regional Council |  |
| Shannon Perry | WNCSource Board Member | Content/Copy writer |
| Tim Jones | Hendersonville Rescue Mission | Vice President, COO |
|  | Henderson County Emergency Services |  |
|  | Advent Health |  |
| Victoria Cortes | Henderson County Emergency Services | Emergency Management Planner |
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