

# **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The CAT People with Disabilities Advisory Committee has been organized to facilitate communications between and collaboration with CAT management to improve transit services for persons with disabilities and/or persons with low incomes.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

### **Attendance**

Roger Jones	Sherry Welsh (Rabbit)	Carolyn O'Brien	Sherry Marks (CAT)
Cathy Long	Londa Peterson	Mark Edwards	Ginger Monsted
Liz Pabon			
Miguel Aciri-Rodriguez (CAT)		Jeff Iseman (Joined @ 11:50am)	

### **Meeting held @ 10:30am via ZOOM**

March 2020 minutes reviewed and approved.

**Covid-19** – Miguel Aciri-Rodriguez gave a power point on how CAT is handling this situation; cleaning of busses: fogged nightly, thorough wipe down, drivers are provided sanitizing supplies to periodically wipe down their stations and fareboxes. Consumers must wear masks that cover both nose and mouth unless they can provide official documentation stating why they cannot. Drivers must wear masks outside the driving barrier. Miguel also informed the committee on renovations CAT has been doing to their headquarters as well as at a facelift to the transfer center including shelters and crosswalks.

### **Performance metrics – Miguel Aciri-Rodriguez**

- Ridership for both fixed route and paratransit has been down about 50% due to Covid and people working from home.

**Veterans' Program– Sherry Welsh** –One of the areas the nonprofit, 3P Ride, decided to focus on, was that of the veterans, including, free transportation to medical appointments (shared ride) and help with transportation for employment (fixed route).

- Once deemed eligible for the employment program, they will receive an 11 day pass that will cover transportation to and from interviews.
- Once they receive employment, they will get a 31 day pass.
- The second month of their employment. The Vet will pay 25% of the cost.
- The third month, 50%.
- The fourth month, 75%.
- 100% the fifth month and after.

For an application, contact Rabbit Transit or find it on their website. York, Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, and Franklin.

**PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources – Ginger Monsted** – The PA Link recently obtained some CARES moneys and they're looking to partner with agencies to do some outreach and marketing in a variety of categories. Sherry W. suggests Miguel connect Abby with Ginger. Londa is also interested in acquiring more info for Vision Recourses.

**CAT recently hired IT manager, Chris Becker** - Chris is associated with both CAT and Rabbit.

**MATP Stakeholder Sessions** - Sherry W attended the sessions and briefed the committee. Cathy can provide an email to send any comments concerning MATP services or the broker.

Jeff Iseman announced the next Transportation Alliance call Tuesday, December 15.

**Amtrak, - Jeff Iseman** – ADA Middletown Station Upgrades. Federal funding through the FAST Act.

Amy Lynn, 717-780- 6298 has taken Angela Susten's position as Grants Management Coordinator, Dauphin County MH/ID Program. Roger will contact her to ask if she is interested in becoming a committee member.

Members are encouraged to review CAT's website, particularly the PWDAC page.

**Action Items:**

1. Miguel will provide Roger with updated flyers for Vet Program.
2. Sherry W suggests Miguel connect Abby with Ginger re. The PA Link CARES money.
3. Ginger will contact Londa @ Lpeterson@vrocp.org to talk more about the CARES money.
4. Liz will send Roger her phone number for the members' contact list.
5. Sherry W to provide Roger with MATP comments hyperlink.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, January 5, 2020 @ 10:30 on Zoom.**

**Upcoming CAT/PWD Advisory Committee meeting dates:**

January 5, 2021      February 2, 2021      March2, 2021

**Meeting Adjourn**