

TRADE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Art Ball called the Advisory Council Meeting to order at 4:57 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2006.

II. Attendance

Members Present: Art Ball, Wayne Kraemer, Otilie Lucas, Steve Ronin and Nicole Davis.

Staff Present: Marty DeNero, Tim Sharpe and Angela Termen.

III. Approve Minutes

All members were in favor of the Minutes from September 20, 2006.

IV. Open Issues

a. Human Service Transportation coordination Plan- Overview of Stakeholder Meetings Scheduled

Marty met with Matthew Lawson and put together a Steering Committee. The purpose of the committee is to give advice and invite stakeholders. Otilie Lucas, our representative from TRADE, reported on the first meeting.

The next meeting will be as follows:

January 11, 2007 - Introduction and Assessment.

February 15, 2007 - Current situation and future alternatives.

February 22, 2007 - Prioritizing Action Steps.

March 22, 2007 - Review Draft Coordination Plan.

After this it will go to the Mercer County Freeholders.

b. Rural Transit-Section 5311 Grant

This grant is for transportation for rural areas of Mercer County. Marty declined the invitation to apply because he said it would cost the County and the requirements for purchasing were lengthily.

c. Year-to-date ridership

Ridership continues to rise. The first 10 months of 2006 we TRADE did 104,829 rides. Marty feels that we will do between 120,000 to 125,000 rides for this year.

d. Voluntary Donation Policy

Marty had the driver's handout instructions to the customers for our voluntary donation policy last week.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Waiting List for Service

Marty explained that we have been working on reducing our waiting list for dialysis. It is now down to 23 from 40 customers.

We also have another waiting list for employment.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Our next meeting will be January 17, 2007

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.