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Re: Allegany County Coordinated Public
Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

The Allegany/Western Steuben Rural Health Network, Inc. (AWSRHN) is committed to effectively coordinating local efforts in order to produce a coherent coordinated transportation plan. These efforts will help to increase people mobility, attract future funding opportunities, build strong community support through partnerships, and achieve greater operating efficiencies.

In conjunction with the Allegany County Transportation Task Force (a subcommittee of the Friendship House, AWSRHN), the AWSRHN has written a "plan" for the development of a Coordinated Transportation Plan. On July 24, 2007, the Allegany County Board of Legislators passed a resolution supporting the Allegany County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, which was offered by the Ways and Means Committee.

To ensure the development of a comprehensive coordinated service delivery system, the AWSRHN is requesting that Task Force members and "Plan" users share information on their use of the plan in resource development and planning activities that are conducted regarding transportation services in Allegany County and surrounding areas. This information can include, but is not limited to,

1. Funding applications: source, due date, target population, objectives, etc. (The Task Force can assist with distributing "Letters of Support" requests.)
2. Planning information on transportation or related services
3. Service information including expansion or changes in current programs

AWSRHN would also like to request that organizations submit any pertinent information that can be used in the development of the plan. Task Force Members will receive updates to the Plan as they become available.

Background

The Allegany County Transportation Task Force was assembled in January 2007 with the intent to create a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. Although the mandate calling for the creation of a locally-developed, coordinated public transit human service transportation plan was not recognized until the efforts of the Task Force had been conceptualized, the Task Force has been able to perform much of the groundwork for this Plan through the collaborative efforts of Transportation Providers, Human Service Agencies, Allegany County Officials, Faith-Based Organizations and Members at Large.

The plan will serve as a framework for action and will include activities and outcomes of the Allegany County Transportation Task Force. In addition, the document will serve as a comprehensive transportation resource reference as information and activities are completed, and the document is updated.

Sincerely,

Carrie Whitwood

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Executive Director

To improve the health and wellness of our community by collaboratively identifying unmet needs and gaps in services, and serving as a catalyst for program development and improvement.