

**Senior Services and Community Transit  
Area Plan FY 2012 – 2015  
Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 to present the FY 2012 – 2015 Area Plan for Senior Services and Community Transit (SSCT). Bob Dermott, Long Term Care Supervisor called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Mr. Dermott introduced the SSCT new Director, David P. Trolio, to the group. He then presented an overview of the highlights of the Area Plan.

Linda Tull, Community Services Supervisor discussed the programs in place that are administered by her team. These include:

- Volunteer Program
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Older American's Act Funded Daily Lunch Program
- Older American's Act Funded Home Delivered Meals – 3-days per week
- Living Well Program – living and coping with chronic pain
- Healthy Lifestyles Fitness Center– 380 active members
- Home Shopping/Chores Program
- Senior Classes
- Various Daily Activities
- Field Trips

Monica Richardson, Acting Transit Supervisor enlightened the group regarding the different types of transportation that SSCT provides. Besides transporting seniors to the Elkton Center Monday through Friday, the general public can utilize the buses/vans for medical transportation to and from appointments. The fixed routes run daily from Glasgow, Delaware to Elkton and from Elkton to Perryville. Many riders use this service for getting to and from their place of work, school or shopping.

Bob Dermott, Long Term Care Supervisor elaborated on the programs that his team offers. These include:

- Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Public Guardianship Program – seniors 65 years and older who have no family members or friends to help them when they are declared incompetent
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) – Medicare fraud
- Senior Care Program – helps seniors 65 and over stay in their homes
- Senior Assisted Living Program – support funds for seniors in assisted living facilities
- Ombudsman – advocate for assisted living/nursing home residents
- Family Caregiver Program – assistance and respite for caregivers of elderly and grandchildren

Mr. Dermott explained that his team helps seniors to remain in the community as long as possible, rather than being placed in an assisted living or nursing home.

Mr. Dermott then reviewed the Area Plan objectives.

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Pat Robey inquired about programs to keep seniors living in their home and provide medication assistance. Mr. Dermott explained the different programs available that provide assistance.

Ron Meddings asked if the programs also include seniors who are 90 years and older. Mr. Dermott informed the group that it does not matter how old the senior is.

Ron Meddings asked what qualifications Debbie Cycyk, Administrative/Budget assistant has to handle Government Grants. She explained that she has over 10 years of experience working with the grants.

Harvey Walls said that the Elkton Center was great.

Angelo Bizzullio asked about the allocation of funds. Debbie Cycyk said that half of the funds are Federal, half are State, and then Cecil County provides some funding.

Pat Robey asked that Dave Trolio, Director speak with the group. Mr. Trolio stated that he was excited about his new position as Director and was looking forward to working with the seniors and staff. Harvey Walls challenged him to a Wii bowling match in the future. Mr. Trolio has Wii experience.

A copy of Cecil County Senior Services and Community Transit Area Plan from October 1, 2011-September 30, 2015 is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

APPROVED:

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James T. Mullin, President

ATTEST:

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Alfred C. Wean, Jr., County Administrator