

Summary of Interview with Crater District Area Agency on Aging

A meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 in the Crater District Area Agency on Aging (CDAAA) conference room to discuss transit service in the Crater District Rural Area. The area encompasses the City of Emporia, counties of Greensville, Sussex, and Surry, and rural portions of (non-urbanized MPO) of Dinwiddie and Prince George counties.

Queenie C. Byrd, Director of Transportation, CDAAA, Joe Vinsh and Victor Liu were present.

Purpose of the Meeting

CDAAA is the major public para-transit provider of transit service in the rural portion of the Crater District. The service is primarily funded by a federal program. It limits its service to low income and elderly population groups.

There are two main objectives of the meeting. They are 1) to compile an inventory/map of existing transit expansion plans, and 2) to identify where transit service or the expansion of services is needed.

Existing Transit Plan

CDAAA provides two types of transit services: medical and social to low income and elderly populations in its service area. Medical transit service requires a 24 hour advance notice. CDAAA will transport a patient to a medical appointment anywhere in the Crater District or to MCV in Richmond. Social and lunches are provided by CDAAA at area's senior centers. Scheduled transit service is provided for seniors to various senior centers in Emporia, Jarratt, Sussex Courthouse, Disputanta and the Surry Recreation Center.

CDAAA has ten large vans and two mini vans. The large vans are 15 passenger. Six of the large vans are designated for social/recreation transit purposes, while the remainder are for medical transporting services.

Regarding a map of an existing transit plan, CDAAA does not have one. It is difficult to prepare one because the service routes are not fixed. They pick up different clients every day from different homes and transport them to various destinations. A copy of the passenger route page is attached as an example.

Transit Service Needs

Regarding the question where transit services are needed, the answer is that a greater medical transportation service is needed in the Crater Rural Area. No specific location was identified.

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In general, the poor families have no medical insurance. They tend to seek medical care at MCV in Richmond. MCV is the only medical facility in the region that accepts uninsured patients. When such transportation service is requested, a vehicle can be tied up for a patient for a day for a trip to Richmond.

Again, no specific expansion plan is available.