

## Region 4 East Alabama HSCTP Annual Report 2020



Prepared by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

## **2020 5310, 5317 Grant Applications**

- AltaPointe Health Systems, Inc – Section 5310  
This application requested replacement of 7 vehicles: 5 for their Child and Adolescent Day Treatment Programs in Talladega, Coosa, and potentially Clay County.
- City of Attalla – Section 5310  
This application requested a replacement vehicle for transportation of elderly citizens to and from the Senior Citizens Center and other senior events.
- Greater Etowah 310 Board – Section 5310  
This application requested purchased transportation from Gadsden Transportation Services and Etowah County Rural Transportation System.
- Sterling Co., Inc. – Section 5310  
This application requested replacement of 2 vehicles to improve access to on demand, after hours, and weekend transportation services for citizens with mental and/or physical disabilities.

## **Stake Holders Meetings for Human Service Coordinated Transportation Plan**

Completed:

- Updated stake holders list from previous plan
- Mailed surveys in December 2020
- Held 3 stake holder meetings along with quarterly RPO meetings in January 2021

Findings from Surveys:

- Strategies:
  - Add:
    - Educate local elected officials of grant opportunities (Clay County)
    - Partnership between Childersburg, Sylacauga, and Calhoun County for rural fixed route (Talladega County)
- Non-Profit Systems:
  - Add:
    - Community Action (Clay, Randolph, & Talladega Counties)
    - Sterling Co., Inc. (Cherokee & Etowah Counties)
    - NEA MR/DD Authority (Cherokee & Etowah Counties)
    - Summit ETC (Cherokee & Etowah Counties)
    - Greater Etowah 310 (Etowah County)
    - Piedmont Benevolence Center (Calhoun County)
    - Piedmont Head Start (Calhoun County)

- Modify:
  - Valley Senior Center only transports their Center between home and the center as well as delivers meals (Chambers County)
- For-Profit Systems:
  - Add:
    - Love’s Taxi Service (Etowah County)
    - Uber (Etowah County)
  - Remove: B&L Taxi (Etowah County)
- Needs:
  - Add:
    - Late evening and early morning transportation service (Etowah County)
    - Non-emergency transportation for medical appointments and dialysis patient transport (Etowah & Calhoun Counties)
    - Transportation for low income persons, elderly, disabled (Etowah County)
    - Transportation service (Chambers County)

Action Items:

- Continue to update stake holders list with new businesses/programs
- Continue to coordinate with Gadsden MPO for additional stakeholders
- Have annual stake holder meetings along with quarterly RPO meetings
- Find other methods of distributing surveys to receive better turnout

## **Human Service Coordinated Transportation Plan 2020-2023**

Completed:

- Completed plan in February 2020
- Plan adopted by the East Alabama Planning and Development Commission September 2020
- Attended ATPA Roadshow in Jacksonville December 8, 2020

Action Items:

- Continue to improve plan maps by adding popular destinations (i.e. post offices, airports, city/town hall, hospitals, other services)
- Continue to gather socioeconomic data for the region to better improve hot spot areas in need of transportation services
- Continue to coordinate with transit services in Gadsden, Calhoun County, and Tallapoosa county to update fixed routes and transit descriptions as necessary
- Use access to mySidewalk dashboard in order to make more dynamic maps of the area as well as have more up-to-date census data for all counties in the Region
- Report findings of a Regional Transportation Feasibility Study conducted by EARPDC in next report and plan