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**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Members Present:

Francis Crowder, Ernest Riley, Cindy Wilson, Terrence Roberts, Dennis Claramunt, Henry Jolly, Ed Elliott, David Cauthen, Willis Meadows, Joe Dill, Brandy Amidon, Lillian Brock Flemming, George Fletcher, Don Godbey, Grady Butler, Ennis Fant Sr., Rep. Mike Burns, Rep. Mike Forrester, Jane Hall, Larry Chappell, Dana Moore, Ensley Feemster, Fletcher Perry

Guests Present:

Mr. David Sudduth, Ms. Laura Turner, Ms. Nicole Sikoa | Prisma Health Sciences Center, Office of Innovation; Mr. John Lummus | Upstate SC Alliance; Ms. Dana Strock, Ms. Becky Minegar | Santee Lynchs COG; Mr. Joel Dill; Mr. Daniel Gamble; Mr. Michael Wolf, Mr. Kyle Campbell

Staff Present:

Steve Pelissier, Chip Bentley, Brooke Ferguson, Arlene Young, Don Zimmer, Tim Womack, Denise Ernul, Lance Estep, Bryana Mistretta

Chairman Joe Dill called the meeting to order. Invocation lead by Rep. Mike Burns. Steve Pelissier welcomed all guests and presenters. A motion to adopt April 26, 2019 meeting minutes was approved unanimously by the Board.

Financials: April 30, 2019

No action taken on review of the Financial Statements.

Prisma Health Systems, Health Sciences Center, Office of Innovation

Mr. David Sudduth, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Founded in 2017, the Office of Innovation identifies, assesses and markets commercially viable technology developed by Prisma Health physicians, faculty and staff. Additionally, the office manages the development of industry collaboration and assists in attracting new businesses and jobs to the region. Mr. Sudduth provided an overview of the organization's mission and activities.

Prisma Health still in its infancy of the transition stage brings together Greenville Health System and Palmetto Health in the Midlands. Mr. Sudduth discussed opportunities with this transition leads to reducing cost and improving quality health services; also leadership changes.

> Challenges to Health Status in South Carolina

- In the past 5 years, children in poverty increased 28%
- South Carolina ranks 47th for low birthweight (10%, compared to the national average of 8%)
- South Carolina ranks 43rd for diabetes (12%, compared to the national average of 10%)
- South Carolina also ranks 43rd for smoking (21%, compared to the national average of 18%)
- South Carolina ranks 47th for high cholesterol (42%, compared to the national average of 38%)
- South Carolina overall rank is 44th in the country due to its challenged health status.
- Insufficient source of medical and nursing candidates

> Solution

- Shared Health Sciences Center (HSC) – was developed 2 yrs ago to resolve health challenges in a unique, non-conventional model with a collective commitment to developing new model for academic health centers to address health indicators needs and the medical and nursing workforce.
 - > HSC collaborative efforts are made up of Primary Academics Partners (Furman, USC, Clemson) and Prisma Health
 - > HSC is governed by a Board of Managers to oversee the Health Sciences Center, LLC, a single-member LLC owned by Prisma Health Upstate, and created to manage the Clinical Learning Environment
 - The Board of Managers is comprised of 9 Board Members; 2 representing each of the institutional partners (Clemson, Furman, GHS & USC) and the GHS President who serves as Chair.
 - > **Innovation Council** - The Innovation Council provides oversight and strategic direction for the HSC business and economic development functions and submits recommendations to the Board of Managers for approval.

Comprised of the chief academic officer of each partnering institution and guides the oversight and strategic direction of the clinical learning environment.

- > **Management Team** - The Management Team oversees the day to day internal operations of the HSC, focusing on issues related to finances, operation, and implementation of the strategic plan.
- > **Academic Operations Council** - The Academic Operations Council provides oversight and strategic direction of the HSC clinical learning environment; and submits recommendations to the Board of Managers for approval. Comprised of the chief academic officer of each partnering institution and guides the oversight and strategic direction of the clinical learning environment; including partnership with Bon Secours St. Francis Health System

> **Benefits of HSC**

- Improve Community
 - > Economic condition
 - > Health outcomes
 - > Quality of life
- Improve Health Delivery (Quadruple Aim)
 - > Improved outcomes (quality)
 - > Lower cost
 - > Improve patient experience
 - > Improve clinician well-being (work/life balance)
- Increase Financial Sustainability (Value)
 - > Grant funding
 - > Private industry investment
 - > Intellectual property (equity, revenue sharing, royalties)
 - > Venture capital & philanthropy
 - > User fees to support the clinical learning environment
 - > Shared resources among HSC partners

> **The Future of HSC**

- Growing Lifesciences Ecosystem through private sector business partnerships
- Planning for Potential Innovation District (Grove/Faris Rd)

Upstate SC Alliance

Mr. John Lummus, President, Upstate SC Alliance

The Upstate SC Alliance markets the Upstate region for economic development. Mr. Lummus provided a report on current strategies and initiatives of the organization. Formed in 2000, the Upstate South Carolina Alliance is a public/private regional economic development organization

designed to market and promote the dynamic, commerce-rich, northwestern corner of South Carolina.

> **Economic Development**

- Mission to position the Upstate to excel in the global economy through strategic marketing, collaboration, and thought leadership. The Upstate SC Alliance works as a team with our local economic developers, investors, and the SC Department of Commerce to move business forward in the Upstate.
 - The Upstate SC Alliance services a 10 county region
 - > Abbeville > Anderson > Cherokee > Greenville > Greenwood
 - > Laurens > Oconee > Pickens > Spartanburg > Union
 - Traditionally Upstate SC Alliance's role has been to Market and Promote the region to businesses who are looking to expand in to the U.S./S.E., as well as brings together both public and private sector for global competitiveness.
 - With a strong business climate, Upstate SC Alliance has supported to \$10.3B in capital investments and 2,960 new jobs (2013-2017)
 - > 376 total projects
 - > 147 international projects
 - > 39% of all projects were international (either new or expanding)
 - Talent. Talent. Talent.
 - > Close to 20% of the Upstate's labor force is in Manufacturing then healthcare, retail, Education
 - 1,838 manufacturing locations in the Upstate with 104,318 employed in advanced Manufacturing
 - 2nd highest concentration of Industrial Engineers in the nation – employing 3 time the national average; generating 150% utility patenting activity, with 14,000 resident inventors since 2000
- > **International Investments**
- 505 Foreign Owned Companies
 - 38 Countries Represented

SCDOT Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Grant Program Project Recommendations

Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee and Mr. Lance Estep, Principal Planner

The Federal Section 5310 Program provides grant funds to organizations for providing enhanced mobility to its target clients. In accordance with an agreement between ACOG and SCDOT, the COG Board of Directors submits a ranking of projects in the region to the state for funding considerations. Mr. Estep presented Rural and Small Urban Funding Applications for a recommendation from the Regional Transportation Committee for Board action.

> **Funding Availability**

- Projects selected for funding split into Small Urban (SPATS, ANATS, Mauldin/Simpsonville) and Rural areas
- Small Urban – 2018 funding levels are not known at this time (2017 - \$638,032 statewide)
- Rural - 2018 funding levels are not known at this time (2017 - \$668,120 statewide)
- Additional Large Urban funds available for distribution within Greenville-Pickens urban area (GPATS)

> **Selection and Ranking Process**

- Application and selection process developed by DOT
- Staff reviews proposals and works with Transportation Committee to prioritize project based on established criteria
- ACOG Regional Transportation Committee recommends final rankings for Board Approval
- SCDOT makes final determinations on project selection using priorities based on available funding
- Unfunded projects become alternates for any additional funding DOT receives

SMALL URBAN PROGRAM

| Rank | Applicant/ Organization | Ranking Score | Brief Project Scope | Funding Request |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Charles Lea Center (Spartanburg) | 85 | Purchase of ADA cutaway bus to support transportation services for disabled persons Replacing TBD | \$55,000 |
| * | SENIOR Solutions (Anderson) | -- | Purchase of ADA vehicle to support transportation services for disabled persons | \$70,000 |

*SENIOR Solutions is no longer the primary human service transit provider in Anderson County, and thus does not qualify for Small Urban funding

- **Action Item Vote:** SENIOR Solutions no longer provides services in a small urban area. As a result, the Board unanimously approved the Transportation Committee’s recommendation to prioritize the Charles Lea Center request.

RURAL PROGRAM

| Rank | Applicant/ Organization | Ranking Score | Brief Project Scope | Funding Request |
|------|----------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Pickens County DSN | 82 | Purchase of ADA purpose built van to support transportation services for disabled persons Service expansion (no replacement) | \$50,000 |
| 2 | Cherokee County DSN | 80 | Purchase of ADA minivan to support transportation services for disabled persons Replacing 2008 Dodge Caravan with 143,366 Miles | \$55,000 |
| 3 | Oconee County DSN | 79 | Purchase of ADA cutaway van with wheelchair lift to support transportation services for disabled persons Replacing a 2009 Chevy G5300 cutaway van with 90,231 miles | \$55,000 |
| 4 | SENIOR Solutions | 70 | Purchase of ADA bus to support transportation services for disabled persons Replacing 2009 Chevy ADA Bus with 280,349 miles | \$70,000 |

- **Action Item Vote:** The Board unanimously approved the Transportation Committee's recommended project prioritization.

South Carolina 2019 Legislative Update

Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Ms. Ferguson discussed pending legislation from the 2019 session of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments.

> Items of Interest

- 2,500 bills filed with 100 signed into law, 9 awaiting the Governor's signature, 3 vetoed and overridden, and 1 vetoed and sustained
- State Budgeted 9.3B for local government fund
- State employees are getting a raise
- State pension worked out as promised
- New voting machines: will involve printout of ballot selections but vendor not selected
- Schools and education funding have not been ignored just included in the budget since there is not an education bill on its own; covering teachers, school maintenance, school resource officers, and mental health services.

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- Criminal Justice Academy funding will increase capacity by decrease enrollment wait time.
 - Educational reform will return next year
 - Solar energy passed and signed
 - Double flexibility with A-tax and H-tax revenue through Senate but will be back in the House and Committee next year
 - Local Government Fund Predictability, huge for SCAC and MASC awaiting Governor's signature or veto
 - Textile Committee Revitalization Act – language changes made and definitions for Bill 4 40 passed
 - Retirement Amendment to waiver \$10K cap if person sat out for the year did not pass due to Senate Rule 24
 - Request for wait times for Veterans with Healthcare needs

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director, concluded the meeting with information on various topics.

- > Mr. Pelissier thanked all for their attendance during this holiday weekend
- > Briefly discussed the passing of Mr. Workman and his life of service and legacy with the COG as instrumental in creating InfoMentum
- > Dates to remember:
 - Executive Committee Members and Alternates will receive a Save the Date email/postcard regarding Executive Committee Retreat on June 14th at 9:30am in the Board room
 - Next Board Meeting June 28th at 10:30am

The next Board Meeting will be at 10:30 am on June 28, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Joe Dill, Chairman

The South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments has complied with the Freedom of Information Act in scheduling and conducting this meeting