

## **A G E N D A**

**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017 – 10:30 A.M.  
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM  
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

- 10:30 A.M.      I.      Call to Order – **Mr. Dennis Claramunt**, Chair
- A.      Invocation
  - B.      Introduction of New Members and Guests
  - C.      Approval of June 23, 2017, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
  - D.      Financial Statement [**Information Only**]

- 10:35            II.      Attracting Retirees to South Carolina – **Dr. Simon Hudson**, Director and Endowed Chair, Center of Economic Excellence in Tourism and Economic Development, College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management, University of South Carolina (Section 2, Board Packet)

Briefing:                      Dr. Hudson will provide an overview of a recently completed strategic plan for attracting retirees to South Carolina that was developed by the USC Center of Economic Excellence in Tourism and Economic Development.

**Board Action Required:**      No

- 11:05            III.      Pursuit Alert – **Mr. Tim Morgan**, Founder, PursuitAlert (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing:                      Mr. Morgan will provide information on PursuitAlert, which is a smart phone app that alerts people when there is an active high-speed police pursuit within three miles of their location.

**Board Action Required:**      No

11:25 IV. Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2018 - 2022 – **Mr. Don Godbey**, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee; **Ms. Brooke Ferguson**, Economic Development Director

A copy of the draft CEDS will be available for review on the ACOG website at [www.scacog.org](http://www.scacog.org). Anyone wanting a hard copy may request one by contacting Debbie Courson by phone at (864) 242-9733 or by e-mail at [courson@scacog.org](mailto:courson@scacog.org).

Briefing: For projects to be eligible for US EDA grant funding, they must be identified as a priority in a CEDS. ACOG is the designated agency for developing and maintaining the CEDS covering the SC Appalachian region. A new CEDS is required every five years, with annual updates and progress reports to be completed in the intervening years. In accordance with that schedule, at this time staff is developing a new five-year plan. Ms. Ferguson will provide an overview of the process and findings. The Board of Directors will be asked to approve the final CEDS submittal to the US EDA at the September Board meeting.

**Board Action Required:** Not at this time

11:40 V. Letter in Support of Continued SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) Funding - **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: SHIP provides insurance, Medicare, and benefits counseling to seniors. On an annual basis, ACOG staff serves more citizens through this program than any other initiative of the agency. The House Labor-HHS funding bill, which has been submitted from the committee to the full House for action in early September, calls for the elimination of SHIP. The Senate Appropriations Committee will begin consideration of the Labor-HHS Funding bill soon. Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors send a letter to the two South Carolina Senators and three House members who represent the region to advocate full funding for SHIP. A draft letter is included in Section 4 of the Board packet.

**Board Action Required:** Yes

11:55 VI. Executive Director’s Report – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director

12:00 Noon VII. Adjourn to Lunch