



ROCK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2019

Call to Order: A meeting of the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chairperson Nee on August 9, 2019 at 8:37 A.M. at the Rock County Council on Aging (COA), First Floor Conference Room, 3328 US Hwy 51, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Bachmeyer, Alexander Brown, Teri Downing, Supervisor Craig Gramke, Patty Hansberry, Lynn Jones, Dave Lowe, Jennifer McIlhone, T.J. Nee, Ryan Schomber, Roseann Tremain, Nikki Wolf

Excused: David Hyde, Joe Scharenbroch, Paula Schutt

Unexcused: None

Alternates: None

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Downing seconded by Brown to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Introduction of Members: Present members introduced themselves.

Introduction of Visitors: None

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Approval of May 17, 2019 TCC Minutes: Nee noted a correction to a misspelling in the draft May 17, 2019 Minutes. Downing identified a correction to the noted future meeting date. Motion was made by Alexander Brown, seconded by Mike Bachmeyer to approve the May 17, 2019 minutes with noted corrections. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Medical Transportation Updates

Edgerton Hospital was identified as the only hospital so far that expressed interest in coordinating with the TCC to meet with a transportation provider and discuss available service and/or technology to address medical transportation issues. Downing stated she had a contact at Beloit Memorial Hospital that she would reach out to with the medical transportation questionnaire.

It was determined that the TCC would invite the Edgerton Hospital contact to the next TCC meeting to discuss the role of the TCC and what the interests of Edgerton Hospital are in regards to Medical transportation. The meeting/workshop would allow the TCC to collaborate with Edgerton Hospital, discuss potential shared goals, and potential actions to fill the gaps in medical transportation.

2. 2019-2023 Rock County TCC Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) – Updates

A written outline of actions completed by Mobility Management that qualify as action items for the TCC Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) would be sent out to TCC members following the meeting. Jones suggested the TCC work to provide a yearly summary of activities that met the HSTP. The goal of this item is to track our forward progress, and implementing the HSTP.

New Business:

1. Approval of the 2019 RSVP 5310 grant application

Patty Hansberry of RSVP summarized their 5310 grant application request to be used for a new computer program. The program would be intended to streamline reservations and make scheduling drivers more efficient. The grant would also cover driver reimbursement and enable RSVP to provide more out-of-town trips. RSVP also gave examples of how they fill existing gaps in transportation.

RSVP explained that the goals of the 5310 grant application, are to meet the already outlined needs in their plan. Hansberry described the intake and referral process they complete with each call to ensure that there is no duplication of service between RSVP and already existing programs and providers. The grant would also eliminate their current 2 year waiting list, enabling them to provide transportation immediately to qualifying participants. Their goal is to make the already existing process, including operations, drivers, and reservations more efficient.

A motion was made by Downing, seconded by Lowe to approve the RSVP's 5310 grant application. Further clarification was requested and provided by RSVP regarding the intake process and qualifying factors to participate in the RSVP program. Motion carried.

Member Reports:

McIlhone noted that the DHS/Department of Health Services has issued a new procurement for the Medicaid NEMT services. Proposals are due August 30, 2019. The contract with MTM will continue throughout the procurement period, and MTM and McIlhone/Mobility Management can be contacted regarding complaints. Also noted was the new Rock County Council on Aging Director in place, Paula Schutt.

Bachmeyer noted the Janesville Transit System, Automated Voice Annunciation System RFP proposals were due "today" 8/9/19. JTS hopes to have the RFP completed by November 2019.

Brown discussed the ADA Transition plan underway and noted that the City of Janesville will have an ADA Transition plan for the public completed by the end of 2020.

Jones noted The Community action Driver Education Scholarship Program has distributed 10 of the 20 scholarships for this program. The program is for low-income youth between Rock and Walworth County, and covers the cost of driver education to obtain a driver's license. She encouraged TCC members to refer potential applicants to the program. Jones also stated that Community Action receives a lot of people who request transportation assistance into the Job Center and other resources in Janesville. She posed the question for the TCC to consider the resources to provide transportation/bus passes for these individuals. She noted the gap in transportation for individuals who are not yet in a program that provides transportation, but need to get to resources.

Tremain noted ADRC is fully immersed in Family Care and long-term care registration. They have received many referrals since July 1, and if applicants are eligible, the ADRC is able to help them immediately.

Downing noted that Beloit is working on their Consolidated Plan. At steering committee meetings a recurring topic was transportation and the lack hereof, especially for access to healthcare for individuals with special needs and the elderly. Downing noted that the need for transportation is an issue coming up in community meetings outside the Transportation Coordinating Committee, such as through human services organizations.

Nee noted that STATS is a little more than half-way through completion of a transit study for the Stateline region. They are looking at public transportation in Beloit and some areas not currently served like the Town of Beloit, and how Beloit's system could connect with the demand response system that SMTD runs in South Beloit, Rockton, and Roscoe, IL. A community survey has been distributed and is due 8/9/19. Nee will keep the TCC up to date on what recommendations come out of it over the next couple months.

Items for Future Agendas: TCC and Edgerton Hospital to participate in a meeting or workshop at next TCC meeting, to discuss medical transportation issues, and shared goals.

Future Meeting Dates: Friday September 27th, 2019 at the COA Building.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Jones at 9:18 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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