

Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 8, 2016

Call to Order: Chair Molly Nolte called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lynn Jones, seconded by Rob Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Supervisor Brenton Driscoll, James Thompson, John Hanewall, Patty Hansberry, Lynn Jones, Joyce Lubben, TJ Nee, Vice Chair Terry Nolan, Molly Nolte, Ryan Schomber, Karl Schulte, Steve Skelly, Mike Warren, and Rob Wilkinson.

Excused: Michelle Gavin

Absent:

Alternates Present: Joe Scharenbroch

Introduction of Members: Members introduced themselves.

Approval of the November 13, 2015 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections. Vice Chair Terry Nolan made a motion to approve the minutes as they stand. Patty Hansberry seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Visitors: Also present were Steve Engelbert, staff person for Representative Deb Kolste; Dana Schultz, Senior Manager of Facility, Education, Training, and Outreach for MTM, Inc.; Matthew Starrs, Senior Transportation Network Manager for MTM; Wanda Maeso-Falero, Network Liaison for the Rock County area also for MTM; and Denise Horn, an interested Rock County citizen.

Citizen Participation, Communication, and Announcements: Dana Schultz made an announcement and handed out a flyer regarding an upcoming training event that will take place at MTM's Madison call center. Cori Marsh, Dementia Care Specialist of Rock County, will be conducting Dementia Friendly training for the MTM staff in Madison in March. This partnership began at the TCC's July 2015 meeting. Ms. Schultz also invited the members of the TCC to tour MTM. Next, Matthew Starrs of MTM thanked the members of the TCC for allowing him to attend, and said he would be available to talk to members after the meeting. Wanda Maeso-Falero explained that she is in charge of vehicle inspections and investigations in the Rock County area.

Mobility Manager Report:

5310 Grant Approval: Molly Nolte explained that the Section 5310 grant application was submitted in August and approved in November. The mobility management program is funded by this award.

Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia: Ms. Nolte was invited to speak at a public hearing hosted by the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia in December in Eau Claire. The Task Force is compiled of state Representatives, chaired by Representative Rohrkaste. Ms. Nolte was among a large group who provided testimony that day. The testimony was well-received by the Task Force as Rock County has been recognized as being the only County in the State who specifically trains transportation providers for the Dementia Friendly Initiative. Other speakers included top neurologists in the country, representatives of local ADRCs, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other advocates.

Dementia Friendly Training: It was reiterated that MTM would be receiving the Dementia Friendly training due to the partnership created during July's TCC meeting. Ms. Nolte announced that Beloit Transit System would be the next agency to receive Dementia Friendly training January 12th, as well as the volunteer drivers for RSVP of Rock County in February.

Old Business:

Sub-Committee Assignments: It was decided to restructure the existing sub-committees, add and reassign members to those sub-committees, and determine a set meeting time for sub-committee meetings. The two new sub-committees will be Advocacy and Mobility. Membership was determined as follows: Advocacy—Joyce Lubben (Chair), Rob Wilkinson, Ryan Schomber, James Thompson, Joe Scharenbroch, Jennifer Anselmi, and Molly Nolte. Mobility—Terry Nolan (Chair), Karl Schulte, Steve Skelly, Lynn Jones, Patty Hansberry, T. J. Nee, Mike Warren, and Molly Nolte. It was also decided that meetings will be held at 8:00-8:45 a.m. using the same date and location as regularly scheduled TCC meetings.

It was also discussed how often TCC meetings should occur in 2016. It was decided that the by-laws would be amended to show that TCC meetings will take place the second Friday of every other month. The Chair struck out February's meeting. It was announced that the next TCC meeting would be March 11, 2016. The new meeting times for 2016 will be 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. at the latest.

One resolution will be drafted regarding the restructuring of sub-committees. The resolution and new sub-committee assignments will be submitted for approval to the County Board. The by-laws will be rewritten for amendment and will be an agenda item in March.

Implementation of Action Items and Timeline Discussion: The sub-committees will focus on the implementation plan in the Coordinated Plan during their first meetings in March. Sub-Chairs Nolan and Lubben agreed to discuss those items in preparation of assigning action items to sub-committee members. The focus will be on attainable goals, action plans, and deadlines.

Voter I.D.: Members discussed progress made with Voter I.D. Ms. Nolte advised that an article had been written and published in the January issue of the Senior Review. Rob Wilkinson recommended the article be run again closer to April's election. It will appear in March's issue of the Senior Review also. James Thompson and Mike Warren confirmed BTS' and JTS' participation. Flyers would appear in respective buses in February. Mr. Warren added they will have brochures at the transfer center.

New Business: There was no new business.

Member Reports:

Vice-Chair Nolan reported that there will be a public hearing regarding their Long Range Plan in March. These hearings will take place at the Janesville and Milton libraries.

Lynn Jones stated that she has received official notice from the DOT that there will be no funding in 2016 for the Work 'n Wheels program. Ms. Jones said they will be operating with dollars recouped from payments. The members were encouraged to refer applicable clients to Ms. Jones.

James Thompson said BTS is looking forward to Dementia training.

T. J. Nee advised the members that SLATS is conducting a community survey regarding transportation in the Stateline area. The survey closes on February 5. He will forward the survey to the TCC. There will be a late February meeting recapping the existing analysis.

John Hanewall said the Developmental Disability board is closely watching Assembly Bill 453 which requests that Rock County transition to Family Care. It is on the Assembly's calendar on February 12th and will have

to be passed by the Senate as well. The bill has an ambitious timeline and if this change occurs it will greatly impact the services of the D. D. board. Jennifer Anselmi added that this will greatly affect Long Term Support.

Mike Warren advised that JTS will host a State of the City Event on January 28th at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Department Heads will attend as well as the City of Janesville manager.

Joyce Lubben asked about the Beloit-Janesville Express consortium item that was discussed at a January 7th meeting. Mike Warren stated Riverfront, a current sponsor, would remain involved until June, and had agreed to give a 90 day notice regarding a final decision.

Karl Schulte advised that Edgerton Shared-Ride Taxi broke another record by providing an additional 1,000 rides in 2015 than they had in 2014, which was a record-breaking year in itself. Brown Cab was awarded another five-year contract.

Steve Skelly announced that Rock County Transit has filled the dispatcher vacancy at last. Now Mr. Skelly can return to his regular duties.

Future Agenda Items: Approval of By-Law Amendment

It was also decided that Sub-Committee Reports would precede Member Reports on future agendas.

Future Meeting Dates: March 11, May 13

Adjournment: A motion was made by Karl Schulte to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Hanewall. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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