

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hooper Community Center, 36 Broad St., Oshkosh

PRESENT:

Jason Kakatsch, East Central WI Regional Planning Commission; Holly Keenan, Making the Ride Happen; Barb Davies, Cabulance; Glen Davies, Oshkosh City Cab; Lynnae Sievert, Cerebral Palsy of Mideast WI; Chris Strong & David Vickman, Oshkosh Transit; Kathryn Nichols, Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh; Mark Weisensel and Dorothy De Grace, Winnebago County Department of Human Services

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Jason Kakatsch welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2009 MEETING:

Mark Weisensel moved for approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting; seconded by David Vickman and carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2010 GOING PLACES BROCHURE:

Mark Weisensel asked those present to take some of the 2010 Going Places brochures for distribution throughout the county. He said 4,000 copies have been printed.

5. DRAFT ACCOMPLISHMENTS LETTER TO THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Jason Kakatsch referred to the letter that he drafted for the County Board outlining the accomplishments of the Specialized Transportation Council and the providers and stakeholders during 2009. There were no additions or changes to the letter, and Jason will distribute copies to the County Board.

6. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:

Kathryn Nichols said transportation service is going well at Lutheran Homes. The number of rides went up about 35% in 2009. The New Freedom grant vehicle has been a real asset. In December they received a van that was funded through the 53.10 grant. They will be receiving another vehicle to replace an old one. It will have two wheelchair tie downs in addition to 12 other seats.

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Dave Vickman said ridership on the fixed route decreased about 15% last year, probably because of the economy. He said they continue to work on recommendations for the Transit Development Plan. They are preparing for the county's transition to Family Care. He said the university ridership is increasing.

Chris Strong said that this year they are subject to the triennial review by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) because they are an FTA grant recipient. They need to show that they are complying with all requirements.

Mark Weisensel said the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) has begun operating in Winnebago County. It is located on 3rd floor of the Oshkosh Human Services Building. A satellite office will open at the Neenah building in July when Family Care starts. The toll free number for the ADRC is 1-877-886-2372, and the local number is 920-236-4695. The e-mail address is adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us. The address for the Website is adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us.

Jason Kakatsch said the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will be facilitating the Transit Development Plan for a comprehensive transit system. They will thoroughly look at operations. Jason explained that there have been numerous proposals at the state level for Regional Transit Authority (RTA) legislation, including having exclusive pieces of legislation for urbanized areas throughout the state.

Holly Keenan reported that they were awarded the New Freedom grant for 2010. She said they are planning a sub-committee meeting of the advisory board where they will discuss how they will proceed as a mobility management system. Jason Kakatsch said the service area would extend to all of Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties, and will be for all people aged 18 and over.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Specialized Transportation Council will be held on May 11, 2010 at the ECWRPC building at 400 Ahnaip Street, Menasha at 1:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Chris Strong moved for adjournment; seconded by Kathryn Nichols and carried at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dorothy De Grace, Secretary
Department of Human Services