

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: ECWRPC

PRESENT: Nickolas Musson, ECWRPC; Kolin Erickson, ECWRPC Intern; Susan Garcia Franz, Winnebago County Health Dept; Dave Vickman, Go Transit; Holly Keenan, Lutheran Social Services; Kris Fischer, Lutheran Social Services; Mark Weisensel and Pam Bartelt, Winnebago County Department of Human Services

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Nickolas Musson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING:

Mark Weisensel moved for approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting; seconded by Holly Keenan and carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR USE OF THE MRH VAN IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY:

Holly Keenan shared that they secured a Chrysler passenger van. The van will be housed at the office on Richmond Street. They have two potential volunteer drivers that already have done background checks. Guidelines for use will need to be established to identify what criteria needs to be met in order to use this service. Data will be gathered to identify demand. The goal is to fill the gap of services currently provided for these individuals by offering trip to outside the county. Holly shared that the maintenance program is in the works and will be completed.

5. WINNEBAGO COUNTY RURAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITATIONS UPDATE:

Subgroups had been created to work on items. One of the groups applied for and received a grant through Easter Seals. The grant is for \$25,000 for a two day workshop and \$75,000 for implementation of the outcome of the workshop. The planning committee will be

sending out details of all of this soon. The goal date for the workshop is September 2017 with the implementation taking place in 2018.

6. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:

Mark Weisensel shared that the Winnebago County Senior Expo will be taking place Monday, October 9, 2017 and he will send out fliers when they are available.

Mark handed out a brochure about a new program called 'Health Coach' that has been created by the ADRC of Winnebago County and the Winnebago County Health Department. This is a program that will assist people that are discharged from hospitals to help guide them in follow up items such as what medications are now needed, appointments to schedule, understanding healthcare instructions, arrange transportation and find resources that may be helpful to them.

Holly Keenan shared that they went live with their new scheduling software called 'Assisted Ride'.

Dave Vickman shared that they were able to buy five busses from last year's funds and recently were awarded two more from the DOT. They reviewed the Bus Stop Accessibility Study to find what stops they want to target for improvement this year. Dave shared that they now have tablets on every bus and the drivers can track riders by fare type and can also be used for vehicle location. He shared that the Greater Oshkosh Advocacy Coalition is taking place this Thursday. They will be addressing the need to create a procedure and policy to follow when a breakdown occurs with scooters or chairs. There are safety concerns for the rider of the device as well as those that need to handle/move the device.

Nick Musson mentioned that the Winnebago County Coordination Planning Process is coming up with the majority of the work being done in 2018. Previously we had done a survey of the riders and now need to decide if we want to do that again or come up with another assessment. Would also like to decide whether a regional group is needed for this area.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held on August 8, 2017 at the Hooper Building in Oshkosh at 1:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Dave Vickman moved for adjournment; seconded by Susan Garcia Franz and carried at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department