

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 8, 2017  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Hooper Community Center

**PRESENT:** Nickolas Musson, ECWRPC; Erin Roberts, Winnebago County Health Dept; Jim Collins, Go Transit; Holly Keenan, Lutheran Social Services; Mike Norton, Winnebago County Board and Human Services Board Member; Donna Lohry, ADRC Committee Member; Mark Weisensel, 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 MAY 9, 2017 MEETING:**

Mike Norton moved for approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting; seconded by Holly Keenan and carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**4. EASTER SEALS GRANT UPDATE:**

Nick shared that this process began about one year ago with Winnebago conversation regarding transportation in the rural areas. One of the first meetings involved introductions and addressing issues in the rural transportation area. This was followed by activities that were done in order to create three working groups to look at health, employment and available assets in the communities. A grant opportunity came up during this time on very short notice and it was decided to act on this. Additional individuals were added to the group to create a diversified group. This is a \$100,000 grant with \$25,000 going to the first phase of planning a two day workshop to create an action plan. The additional money would go to implement the plan. The group has been working with the people that do the planning for this workshop which has been scheduled for September 19 – 20, 2017 where thirty people will be able to be invited. Easter Seals will have their people available to facilitate and assist in moving this process along for the next year.

**5. MRH WINNEBAGO COUNTY VAN UPDATE:**

Holly Keenan has secured a van that is handicap accessible and will be picking it up soon. There is a volunteer driver lined up that does have experience and will commit to one day a week. A second driver is also available for future use. Holly shared a flier that they have prepared on marketing the project and is also looking at doing advertising. The van will be used in rural areas to fill the gap of other programs in place. The ride will have to originate in Winnebago County and will be available after other options have already been used. The Omro Community Center shared an interest in collaborating with our efforts for

funding these programs. Discussion was had regarding determining fares and qualifications of riders. Holly will be getting information to Mark and asked that anyone that can identify interested parties let her know.

**6. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:**

Holly Keenan shared that they are using a new software packing that provides a variety of detailed reports. The 5310 Grant is due August 18<sup>th</sup> to the D.O.T.

Jim Collins shared that he has been working on their budget and bus purchases. They will be purchasing seven new busses through a variety of funding efforts that have taken place over the past several years. It will take approximately 12 months before they get them once they are ordered.

Mark Weisensel shared that the Human Services Board has approved the specialized transportation requests for the 2018 budget. It will now go before the County Board in fall.

Nick Musson shared the East Central has been working on the Oshkosh Transit Development plan but this is on hold until they receive the signed agreement, which has recently been received. They have been working on three survey efforts: one survey of the towns surrounding Oshkosh, one for Route 10 and one for Go Economic Development Corp (GoEDC). Also have a project on doing a detailed fare analysis by reaching out to agencies and compiling data.

The County Coordination Plan has reached out to every county and is doing the ground work for the 2018 facilitation. Each county will have an individual facilitation as well as a regional facilitation to address regional issues.

There is another study coming up regarding potential commuter service along interstate 41. Surveys are being prepared to determine the feasibility of this service.

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held on November 14, 2017 at ECWRPC at 1:30 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Donna Lohry moved for adjournment; seconded by Mike Norton and carried at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: February 13, 2018 (Hooper); May 8, 2018 (East Central); August 14, 2018 (Hooper); November 13, 2018 (East Central)

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department