

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING  
85.21 PUBLIC HEARING**

**Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** ECWRPC

**PRESENT:** Nickolas Musson, ECWRPC; Holly Keenan, Lutheran Social Services; Kathleen Davies, Oshkosh City Cab; Glenn Davies, Oshkosh City Cab; Erin Roberts, Winnebago County Health Department; Korbin Figg, GO Transit; Jim Collins, GO Transit; 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 AUGUST 14, 2018 MEETING:**

Korbin Figg moved to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting; seconded by Nick Musson and carried unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATE ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR 2019:**

Mark Weisensel officially opened the public hearing by stating that Winnebago County Department of Human Services intends to submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation an application for Specialized Transportation Assistance (Section, 85.21, Wis Stats.) in the amount of \$388,663 for 2019. The matching requirement of county dollars in the amount of \$77,733 or 20% is included in the department's 2019 approved county budget.

This funding for the year 2019 is being allocated to the following two programs for the provision of rides to the elderly and/or disabled citizens of Winnebago County. These two programs are: 1) ADA and para-transit service provided by Go Transit; 2) ADA and para-transit service provided by Valley Transit.

There was no public comment. There was informal discussion and questions. All questions were addressed and satisfactorily answered.

Holly Keenan made a motion to approve the plan as presented; seconded by Erin Roberts and carried unanimously.

**5. EASTERSEALS GRANT UPDATE:**

Nick Musson shared that Holly Keenan has been updating their website. A pilot project was started in working with *Phoenix Mobility Rising* which works with mobility as a service. It started in November 2018 and will go until September 2019. There are several components of the project. The first component is technology in order to get a handle on all of the assets. There is an app that can be used to add your origin and destination and the app will provide the options available. There is also a web portal that can be used or a phone service that can be called get this same assistance. Some apps now allow a person to book the trip which may be an option in the future. Make the Ride Happen operates 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and then *Phoenix Mobility Rising* would operate during the other hours providing 24 hour service. Another component is that of the volunteer driver. This will help fill the gap in rural areas where these transportation options are not available.

Go EDC applied for a careers grant that they were awarded through the state where there were funds to help pay subsidies. A person using the volunteer drivers would pay a \$1.00 booking fee and 54 cents per mile. If they were to qualify for the employment program the grant would cover 29 cents per mile and the \$1.00 booking fee so the individual would only pay 25 cents per mile for the ride. There are requirements that need to be met in order to qualify. There are also other opportunities that are being looked at for getting volunteer drivers.

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

Holly Keenan shared some statistics showing that since January 1, 2018 until today there have been 98 rides given; 5363 miles and the rides primarily cross county lines. The rides have been for a variety of reasons including medical appointments, social meetings, airport transfers and specialty conferences.

**7. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:**

Holly shared that she has been doing a lot of travel training in Oshkosh. A new person is being hired to assist. She would like to reach out to Go Transit to find bus buddies. Holly is also looking for help in promoting the program with posting of signs and information.

Mark shared that the increases requested for Go Transit and Valley Transit have been approved by the County Board. All the other requests will continue with the same amounts they were previously receiving. Mark will be working on the grant agreements in December.

Korbin Figg and Jim Collins addressed the fare changes being presented. Once this goes through all the appropriate channels and is approved, implementation would become effective January 1, 2019. Every program is increasing a little. This is the first change in ten years. They are hoping to get the Transportation Development Plan (TDP) approved by December, 2018. A change may be taking place with Route 9 which would be on the west side of Oshkosh affecting the Industrial Park, Outlet Mall and Traeger School. The YMCA located on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue will now be a stop only upon request. Another change will be instead of quarterly passes being sold, there will be bulk discounts for the monthly passes. This will make the passes more consistent. UW Oshkosh had previously had a revenue agreement, where alumni were able to ride for free, which will be discontinued as of

January 1, 2019. They will now have monthly bus passes upon request by current student, faculty and staff. Three more busses are being purchased for next year once final budget is approved.

Nick confirmed that they are wrapping up on the Go Transit TDP and working on the Valley Transit TDP which will involve a lot of substantial updates. They will be having a meeting to look at the recommendations for the system. A Commuter Service Feasibility Study is also being working on looking at transportation options from Fond du Lac up to Green Bay. There is an intern that is assisting with the project in getting volunteers and others on board.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held on February 12, 2019 at the Hooper Building in Oshkosh.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Mark Weisensel moved for adjournment; seconded by Glen Davies and carried at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings: May 14, 2019 (East Central); August 13, 2019 (Hooper); November 12, 2019 (East Central)

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department