

ROCK COUNTY COORDINATING TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2021

Call to order: A meeting of the Rock County Coordinating Transportation Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hansberry on July 23, 2021 at 9:02 a.m. via ZOOM

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Patty Hansberry, Paula, Schutt, Joe Scharenbroch, Supervisor Ron Bomkamp, Kersten Hughes, Dave Lowe, TJ Nee and Roseann Tremain

Excused: Dave Hyde, Ryan Schomber, Jennifer McIlhone, Michael Bachmeyer, James Thompson, Dawn Hudson, Alexander Brown

Unexcused: None

Alternates: None

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Dave Lowe, seconded by TJ Nee.

Introduction of Members: Introduction of new alternate member Pam Carper executive director of RSVP. She is alternate for Patty Hansberry.

Introduction of Visitors: No visitors.

Citizen Participation, Communications & Announcements: None

Approval of 5/28/2021 TCC minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Bomkamp, seconded by Kersten Hughes.

Old Business:

There are no updates to the 2019-2023 Rock County TCC Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)

Medical Transportation Survey Update/Discussion— Paula Schutt verbalized information about Beloit and Janesville Transit completing their own surveys and concern that TCC survey might not be needed if information was just being duplicated. TJ Nee indicated that Transit surveys were likely rider surveys and not specific to what TCC committee was looking at. Dave Lowe reminded committee that half of Rock County is outside of Beloit and Janesville city limits and that input from those regions is needed. Kersten Hughes inquired as to how survey will be distributed. Patty Hansberry indicated that the SRC (Survey Research Center) will ask for randomly chosen sample of 1375 addresses for adults in the county plus 300 more for those under \$40,000 income level, total mail out 1675. Paula Schutt asked about who is paying return postage. Patty Hansberry indicated that the survey people handle that and also will conduct the random drawings. TJ Nee addressed comment on whether survey was strictly medical or if it was supposed to address other areas. His concern is that if it is more than medical, it could get to be too large of a survey and lose focus. Committee agreed on keeping survey about medical transportation and possibility of having just one question at end about other transportation issues that consumers face. Patty Hansberry mentioned that Braille survey option will be done and survey committee will work with Dave Hyde to figure out how that will be distributed. Dave Hyde unable to attend meeting sent email concerns to committee that he would like to see something on survey asking participants if they are

aware of transportation options in their area and follow that with a check box. He would also like to know what is being done to insure accessibility of their product.

TCC member update – We are still looking for a community member. Paula Schutt might have someone who is willing to fill vacancy.

Meeting in person versus zoom – There was a discussion regarding whether it was time to go back to in person meetings or to continue with Zoom. There were ongoing concerns about space large enough to accommodate social distancing, continued use of masks and also new increase in COVID cases in general. Paula Schutt informed committee that new COA/ADRC office will have appropriate space and there are other large rooms available in the DWRC (Daniel Williams Resource Center). Supervisor Bomkamp and TJ Nee made comment that it's also convenient and better regarding time management to continue Zoom meetings going forward or have some type of hybrid available. Joe Scharenbroch also made point that it allows individuals in outlying areas of the county to attend. Roseann Tremain suggested that September meeting continue as Zoom meeting and then reassess at that time. Paula Schutt made motion to carry and Supervisor Bomkamp seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: There was nothing for new business.

Member Reports:

Bomkamp – No report

Carper – RSVP starting Foster grandparent program that matches seniors with students. It helps the students progress academically. They are working with Program 1649 & with young mothers. The seniors help with walking through stages of school and applying for a job. Seniors benefit by using skills and knowledge in productive way and it gives the youth someone to lead and guide them. Hope to have information out no later than August 2021.

Hansberry – RSVP back to normal (since COVID started).

Hughes – Community Action busy with Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance program. They are also giving out emergency vouchers for up to 4 weeks at motels in Walworth County for those who qualify. Walworth County residency not required.

Lowe – No report

Nee – Working on Long Range Transportation Plan update for the SLATS MPO which includes the Beloit area and extends into northern Illinois. About one more month before it goes out for public review. He will notify the transportation committee when it does if anyone would like to provide feedback.

Scharenbroch – No report.

Schutt – Finishing up on 3 year plan for COA. Plan will go to public hearing in early Fall. She is sending plan to GWAAR now. Also finishing up budget for next year.

Tremain – ADRC open and taking calls in office. Previous system of grasshopper phone answering was not always reliable and there were dropped calls. It was only option for remote work, but did not lend itself for great customer service. Being back in office will promote better customer service.

Items for Future Agendas: Ongoing discussion about open seat for community member. Discussion on when TCC to return to in person meetings. Patty Hansberry reminded committee that elections will take place in November 2021 and to think about if they are interested in being chair/vice chair.

Future Meeting Dates: September 24 and November 19. Start time 9 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Schutt, Second by Bomkamp. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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