

## ROCK COUNTY COORDINATING TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2021

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Rock County Coordinating Transportation Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hansberry on May 28, 2021 at 9:04 a.m. via ZOOM

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Chair Patty Hansberry, Jennifer McIlhone, Paula, Schutt, Joe Scharenbroch, Dave Hyde, Ryan Schomber, Supervisor Ron Bomkamp, Kersten Hughes, Michael Bachmeyer, Dave Lowe and Roseann Tremain

**Excused:** Alexander Brown, T.J. Nee, James Thompson, William Anderson

**Unexcused:** None

**Alternates:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Dave Lowe, seconded by Joe Scharenbroch to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Members:** All present members of TCC committee introduced self to visitor/speaker Valerie Hoff.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Valerie Hoff, Sales Executive from Commute with Enterprise

**Citizen Participation, Communications & Announcements:** None

**Approval of 3/26/2021 TCC minutes:** Motion was made by Dave Hyde and second by Jennifer McIlhone. Motion carried.

**Speaker:** Valerie Hoff from Commute with Enterprise. Valerie indicated that company started in California because people were looking for safe/affordable transportation to get to work. Commute with Enterprise has been in Wisconsin for past 10 years. The program works by having 4 to 15 people meet at central location and then take a van to work. They need to have 2 designated drivers and provide 2 sets of keys. Most vehicles are late year models and come with insurance coverage, road side assistance, full maintenance and complete clean kit. Commitment to the program is month to month and cost is determined by number of participants and miles. Cost can be reduced if companies are willing to subsidize. Valerie gave a range of between \$150 - \$300/month per person. If someone is interested they can go to [commutewithenterprise.com](http://commutewithenterprise.com)

### **Old Business:**

**1. Medical Transportation Update** - Jennifer McIlhone provided update on transportation survey. Survey to cost \$10,000 and is being done by UW-River Falls Survey Research Center (located in Sun Prairie). Dave Lowe stated that DOT gets federal dollars through 53.04 Federal Transportation Act. This is a 80%/20% situation. If applied for by July 1, it can be approved for next fiscal year. The 20% that TCC needs to come up with can come out of State money because of it is 8521. Reimbursement is generally in 2- 3 weeks. Paula Schutt suggested that COA could provide some of the 20% but perhaps Janesville Transit and Beloit Transit could help split the cost. Dave Lowe is going to write the grant request and

needs match guarantee by June 15, 2021. Dave Hyde concerned about accessibility being addressed for survey and it was stated that survey committee unsure if survey is technology based or by sending out cards/paper in the regular mail.

**2. TCC Plan Updates** - There is nothing new with the TCC Human Services Transportation Plan.

**3. TCC 16<sup>th</sup> Member Update** - Jennifer McIlhone provided 16<sup>th</sup> member update. She indicated that Katelyn Stauffacher had been approved for seat, but has not followed up with offer/email. Jennifer found out that Katelyn no longer with her previous job and there is no way to get a hold of her. Jennifer to reach out to Dawn Hudson from Beloit Memorial Hospital and offer seat. Community member seat is open and there was something put in the last COA newsletter.

**New Business:** There was nothing for new business.

#### **Member Reports:**

**Bachmeyer** – Dealing within information flow related to masks on transit. Also the transfer center will open June 1, 2021.

**Bomkamp** – No report

**Hansberry** – RSVP received foster grandparents grant that starts in July. The foster Grandparent grant will help youth in Rock County by pairing a senior (Foster Grandparent) with a school age child. They will teach them academic and life skills by spending time with them as a grandparent figure. The program starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. Income eligible seniors will receive a stipend and mileage. RSVP hired a new director as Will moved to Kentucky.

**Hughes** – Community Action has WI emergency rental assistance if you suffered income loss related to COVID in the past year.

**Hyde** – Wisconsin Center for the Blind is partially open with local students. It will be fully open at the beginning of next school year.

**Lowe** – No report

**McIlhone** – During last board meeting informed that for NEMT, DHS signed contract with Veyo that is projected to start November 1, 2021.

**Scharenbroch** – Joe reported that in person visits started again in May.

**Schomber** – Job Center opening is still pending.

**Schutt** – ADRC and COA moving to 1717 Center Avenue in September 2021 and will integrate at the end of the year.

**Tremain** – ADRC still working remotely.

**Items for Future Agendas:** Ongoing discussion about open seat for community member. Discussion on when TCC to return to in person meetings.

**Future Meeting Dates:** July 23, September 24 and November 19. Start time 9 a.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Hansberry, Second by McIlhone. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

**Minutes not official until approved by the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee**