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RCTCC ADVOCACY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – July 8, 2016

<u>Call to Order:</u> Molly Nolte, filling in for Joyce Lubben, called the meeting of the sub-committee to order 8:05 a.m. in the Rock County Job Center Room D/E.

<u>Committee Members Present:</u> Molly Nolte, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Ryan Schomber, and Rob Wilkinson.

Committee Members Absent: Joyce Lubben

<u>Approval of Agenda:</u> Supervisor Pleasant moved approval of the agenda of July 8, 2016, second by Ryan Schomber. ADOPTED.

Old Business: Molly Nolte explained the updates regarding the Industries for the Blind transportation issue. She had done travel training with an Industries employee who has been reabsorbed to paratransit due to the unsafe conditions of walking to work from the bus stop. Because there are no proper crosswalks or sidewalk installed, it is difficult and unsafe for the employees to walk from the bus stop. Ms. Nolte explained that she had discussed the sidewalk matter with staff at Industries as well as with Dave Hyde, director at the Wisconsin School for the Blind. At this time, the committee will wait until Ms. Nolte hears from Mr. Hyde who is attempting to schedule a meeting with the Milwaukee office for Industries for the Blind. It was agreed upon by the group that considering the large population of visually impaired persons in Rock County, accessibility should be more prevalent.

<u>New Business:</u> Ryan Schomber reminded the group that travel training would be a great option for special education departments in schools. He suggested twice a year training and transportation referrals would be beneficial.

Rob Wilkinson added to remind people of Rock County's services because many people often forget about programs and services such as 211.

<u>Adjourn:</u> Rob Wilkinson moved to adjourn at 8:35 a.m., second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Minutes taken by Molly Nolte

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