

MINUTES
NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 23, 2018, Green Bay Metro, Green Bay

MEETING ATTENDEES: Kim Novak (ADRC of the Lakeshore)
Jeffrey Agee-Aguayo (Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission)
Lisa Conard (Brown County Planning Commission)
Nick Musson (East Central WI Regional Planning Commission)
Meri Tawawili (Forward Service Corp. WETAP)
Essie Fels (Green Bay Metro)
Jennifer Hallam-Nelson (Green Bay Metro)
Melissa Annoye (Kewaunee County)
Paul Scoglund (MTM)
Sandy Popp (Options for Independent Living)
Korbin Figg (Go Transit/Oshkosh)
Valerie Hoff (Enterprise Holdings, Inc.)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Christel Giesen (ADRC of Brown County)
Mark Weisensel (ADRC of Winnebago County)
Sue Pomplun (ADVOCAP)
Pam Busch (Door-Tran, Door County)
Peggy Zielinski (NEWTC/NEWCAP)
Derek Muench (Shoreline Metro – City of Sheboygan)
Holly Keenan (Make the Ride Happen)
Linda Grider (Metro Transit)
Amy Devine (Disability Rights Wisconsin)

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Sandy Popp called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

2. Agenda Review, Repair and Approval

Moved by Lisa Conard, second by Jennifer Hallam-Nelson, carried without amendments.

3. Review and Approval of July 11, 2018, NEWRATC Meeting Minutes

Jennifer requested that her name be listed as Jennifer Hallam-Nelson in program updates.

Moved by Lisa Conard, second by Essie Fels, carried as amended.

4. Public Input – Valerie Hoff, Enterprise Holdings, spoke, and discussed her efforts in the work commute area. Her company has partnered with transit agencies around the country. Enterprise Holdings has been working with QPS Employment Group (a lot going from Fond du Lac to Milwaukee, but there's also a presence in Oshkosh, Appleton, and Sheboygan). Enterprise covers damages with the vehicles. Enterprise has also started to expand to employers, such as Ariens. Some federal agencies have used Enterprise's services. Valerie Hoff explained how the vanpools worked, and discussed the approval process for drivers. Enterprise bought V-Ride.

Lisa Conard asked if the employee pays for this service; Valerie Hoff responded that it depends on the situation. In Ariens' case, employees pay about half the cost of the service. Jennifer Hallam-Nelson asked how Forward Service and Enterprise found each other. Valerie Hoff stated that she has been in contact with other temporary employment agencies as well. Valerie Hoff noted that typically, 20 miles is a good threshold for this service, but many employees are closer to work but don't have reliable transportation. Sandy Popp asked about 2nd and 3rd shift transportation; Valerie Hoff said that Enterprise is doing some of this. Lisa Conard asked if Chambers of Commerce know about their services; Valerie Hoff responded that she is starting to reach out to them.

Valerie Hoff distributed a fact sheet regarding her program to everyone in attendance, along with her business card.

5. State and Federal Legislative Updates

Nick Musson and members discussed upcoming elections. 2019 will be a budget year.

6. Update on Medical Assistance Transportation Management

Sandy Popp stated that the NEMT Advisory Committee meeting that was scheduled for yesterday was cancelled. Paul Scoglund, MTM, reported that the next contract award has been given to LogistiCare, while MTM's contract has been extended to 3/31/19, but this has not been verified. Paul Scoglund asked that concerns be expressed to legislators, which Sandy Popp noted has been occurring. Nick Musson discussed his efforts to set up a "transportation plunge" in a rural part of his region and wants his participants to experience NEMT. Paul Scoglund gave ideas on this. This experience would include having experience on navigating a call to request transportation. This would take place in a health care facility in New London. Sandy Popp suggested trying to navigate this without the benefit of the internet. Lisa Conard asked Sandy Popp what advocacy Options and similar agencies have done regarding the NEMT contract issue; Sandy Popp responded that they wanted more regionalized (as opposed to statewide) contracts, but are not advocating for specific providers.

7. Committee Member/Program Updates

Melissa Annoye reported that Kewaunee County will be expanding service to children with disabilities in 2019.

Kim Novak reported that Manitowoc County was awarded a vehicle through Section 5310; hopefully, it arrives by the end of 2018. Manitowoc County hopes to provide service to people released from the hospital after hours (Maritime Metro Transit is working on this).

Meri Tawawili reported that Forward Service Corporation (FSC) is no longer able to do purchase loans, but is still providing repair loans. FSC has received over 100 applications to date in 2018, mostly for repairs. FSC's repair loan program covers most NE WI counties. The loan for vehicle purchases only covers five counties.

Lisa Conard shared that the BCPC approved Section 5310 funding for a mobility manager position and for vehicles for Curative Connections. Lisa Conard is presenting the draft Green Bay Metro TDP tomorrow afternoon.

Jennifer Hallam-Nelson shared that the voucher program was rolled out for Brown County. A \$20 voucher costs \$10. Eligibility is a Brown County resident who is 60+ or disabled. Agency vouchers were also discussed. Sometimes vouchers are issued in emergency situations. Vouchers expire on 12/31 at midnight the same year that they are issued. A brochure explaining the voucher program was distributed to all meeting attendees.

Essie Fels shared that Green Bay Metro recently received 5 new buses (35' & 40'). Ridership is up. Green Bay Metro applied for VW grant funding for buses. Essie Fels discussed the state/federal funding combination from WisDOT and FTA (53.5%).

Korbin Figg is working on the GO Transit TDP with East Central's assistance. GO Transit's cash fare will increase from \$1 to \$1.50, which will also affect ADA paratransit fares.

Nick Musson is meeting with SRF Consulting Group on October 30th regarding the regional commuter study. Nick Musson is finishing the GO Transit TDP and discussed various surveying and outreach techniques, including getting articles in the newspaper. Nick Musson is working on the Valley Transit TDP in partnership with SRF, and is also working on long-range transportation plans for the Fox Cities, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac metropolitan planning areas. Nick Musson completed the coordinated transportation plans for counties in his region. Nick Musson discussed Section 5310 grant administration and the Easter Seals funded study in Winnebago County and some of the recommendations coming out of this study.

Sandy Popp stated that her role is changing due to staff changes. Might need a new NEWRATC Chair starting in Jan. 2019.

Jeffrey Agee-Aguayo stated that he was working on the Update to the *Year 2045 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan (SATP)* as well as an update to the Shoreline Metro TDP. Jeffrey Agee-Aguayo recently assisted Kewaunee County in amending its Coordinated Transportation Plan originally developed in 2016. Bay-Lake RPC staff also recently completed Coordinated Transportation Plans for the region's three northernmost counties (Oconto, Marinette and Florence).

8. Other – None

9. Next Meeting Date/Location

After much discussion, it was decided that Tuesdays work better than Wednesdays.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., at the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

10. Adjournment

Lisa Conard motioned to adjourn at 10:58 a.m., second by Jennifer Hallam-Nelson, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Busch, Secretary