

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2019

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: ECWRPC

PRESENT: Nickolas Musson, ECWRPC; Jim Collins, Go Transit; Holly Keenan, Lutheran Social Services; Donna Lohry, Human Services Board Member; Glen Davis and Jared Tierney, Oshkosh City Cab; Rob Paterson, ADRC Committee Member; Bryn Ceman 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 NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING:

Holly Keenan moved for approval of the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting; seconded by Bryn Ceman and carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATE ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR 2020:

Bryn Ceman 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 \$433,982. The matching requirement for county dollars would be at least 20% which would be \$86,676 which the county has approved in their 2020 budget.

This funding for the year 2020 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.

The project description and application was reviewed and questions were addressed and answered. An amendment was made that ambulatory services are provided by Oshkosh City Cab which covers rural areas; with non-ambulatory services being provided by Running Inc. using wheelchair accessible vans within the city. These services cover all of Winnebago County.

Nick Musson made a motion to accept this proposed application for the 2020 Grant; Donna Lohry seconded this motion which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed by Bryn.

5. COORDINATED PLAN:

The coordinated plan created in May 2018 was shared with the committee and reviewed. Every county in the state of Wisconsin is required to provide a public human service transportation coordinated plan every 5 years. The goal is to bring together public and private sectors that have anything to do with transportation in order to identify gaps and barriers for the needs of the county. The plan focuses on goals and strategies which the committee prioritized. In addition, discussion was had regarding bus stop shelters and funding as well as the possibility of having an independent entity for transportation services complaints.

6. SURVEY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

A survey will be created to help increase participation and determine any barriers for those that might be interested in attending these specialized transportation meetings. Important goals or areas of interest that should be addressed will be identified.

7. EASTER SEALS GRANT UPDATES:

The Easter Seals pilot project was done in September 2019. Feonix Mobility Rising has agreed to stay active until the end of the year. Holly Keenan has applied for additional funding through Wisconsin Employee Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP). The goal would be for this program to work with Go ADC to apply for a community grant to possibly hire a part time person to have a connection to the business world. Oshkosh Community Foundation Grant is also being looked at. This pilot project was started in fall 2018 and the first ride was provided in February 2019. There is a lot involved in preparing everything in order to provide this service. Grants would help in recruiting more volunteers in order to extend this program to help more people. We currently use Feonix Mobility Rising technology and call center which grants would also assist with in keeping them.

8. MRH WINNEBAGO COUNTY VAN UPDATE:

Holly Keenan shared that from January through August, 2019 the LSS van was used to provide rides. Holly shared that they now have a new Dodge Caravan. As of the end of October, 102 rides were provided with one side of the ride being in Winnebago County. The majority of rides are medically related.

9. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:

Bryn Ceman shared that once the 85.21 grant application is completed she hopes to hear something by the end of the year in order to move forward.

Jim Collins stated that the city approved their budget last week so they will be submitting their state application soon. Three new busses were put in service this year. City of Oshkosh / Go Transit is working with Nick to draft the RFP for planning for future location of transit system.

Holly Keenan reported they had 4400 calls at the call center. In addition to the employment grant, they also included in their 5310 grant to expand mobility management to Waupaca County.

Nick mentioned that ECWRP is working on a commuter service feasibility study to come up with service option from Green Bay down to Fond du Lac. They are wrapping up the Transit Development Plan for Valley Transit.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held on February 11, 2020 at the Oshkosh Human Services Building in Room 33.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Donna Lohry moved for adjournment; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: May 12, 2020 (East Central), August 11, 2020 (Oshkosh Human Services Room 33), and November 10, 2020 (East Central)

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department