

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
400 Ahnaip St., Menasha

PRESENT:

Carol Kasimor, City of Neenah; Harvey Rengstorf & Mike Norton, Winnebago County Board; Lea Kitz, ARC of Winnebago County; Chris Strong, Oshkosh Transit System; Holly Keenan, Making the Ride Happen; Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; Terri Stern, Nutrition Program; Richard Running, Running Inc.; Dave Moesch, East Central WI Regional Planning Commission; Mark Weisensel and Dorothy De Grace, Winnebago County Department of Human Services

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Mark Weisensel welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2009 MEETING:

Harvey Rengstorf moved for approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting; seconded by Terri Stern and carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lea Kitz asked for the status of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Mark Weisensel said the first proposal failed, but a second bill is before the Legislature. Dave Moesch indicated that if the second one is passed, it might give a more general enabling legislation to any transportation provider to form an RTA.

4. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:

Terri Stern said they have seen a slight increase in riders taking advantage of the transportation services to the nutrition sites.

Dave Moesch said Jason Kakatsch has been working on the Transit Development Plan for Valley Transit. He said copies would be available for everyone.

Richard Running said his transportation service started for the Valley Transit II service on April 1. They had 7,000 calls for the first month, which was more than they anticipated. They subsequently added 10 more vehicles. He said his agency will be participating in a legislative day in Madison in May, along with other transit organizations. The goal is to raise awareness of public transportation. Richard said he attended a consumer coalition meeting in Appleton, and he became aware of things he will be working on to improve service.

Lori Duclon had no updates and said things are going smoothly at this time.

Holly Keenan said she would welcome any suggestions on increasing the volunteer base for the volunteer driver program, as they would like to expand further into Winnebago County. She said she attended the consumer coalition meeting in Appleton. Holly said they are looking at applying for federal funds for a Mobility Manager position and serve all of Winnebago County in 2010.

Mike Norton had nothing to report.

Harvey Rengstorf reported that the County Board will be starting the 2010 Budget process.

Chris Strong said they have been meeting with Cabulance and some major customers in Oshkosh to address patterns of complaints or concerns. There have been positive outcomes. Chris said they filed an application to be a service provider for Family Care when it starts up. He said transportation providers in Family Care counties have seen incredible growth compared to what they planned for. He said it will be important for providers to have agreements in place for Family Care.

Carol Kasimor had no updates to report.

Mark Weisensel reported that he also attended the consumer coalition meeting in Appleton. He distributed copies of Paratransit fact sheets for Oshkosh Transit and Valley Transit services.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Specialized Transportation Council will be Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at the Hooper Community Center located at 36 Broad St., Oshkosh.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Harvey Rengstorf and carried at 2:10 p.m.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Specialized Transportation Council will be Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hooper Community Center located at 36 Broad St., Oshkosh.

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Harvey Rengstorf and carried at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dorothy De Grace, Secretary
Department of Human Services