

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2012

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hooper Community Center

PRESENT:

Jason Kakatsch, East Central WI Regional Planning Commission; Chris Strong, Oshkosh Transit; Holly Keenan, Making the Ride Happen; Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; Kathryn Nichols, Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh; Bob Poeschl, ARC & Cerebral Palsy of Mideast WI; Dorothy De Grace, Winnebago County Department of Human Services

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Jason Kakatsch welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 MEETING:

Kathryn Nichols moved for approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2011 meeting; seconded by Bob Poeschl and carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2012 GOING PLACES BROCHURE:

Jason said this year's brochure includes the phone numbers to call for non-emergency Medical Assistance transportation. Copies were given to those present for distribution; more brochures are available upon request to Mark Weisensel.

5. ACCOMPLISHMENTS LETTER TO THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD/COUNTY BOARD:

Jason Kakatsch provided copies of the letter explaining the 2011 accomplishments of the Specialized Transportation Council. He asked for any additions or corrections to the letter and said a final copy will be given to the Human Service Board and County Board.

6. UPDATES:

- Medical assistance transportation: Jason said things have been going a lot better locally for LogistiCare transportation. Oshkosh City Cab/Cabulance provides the LogistiCare rides in our area. Jason said a stakeholder's advisory group meets to oversee the administration of Medical Assistance rides and helps address issues or concerns.

- State and federal policy/funding: Jason said that at the state level there are several draft versions of Regional Transit Authority (RTA) enabling legislation going around. An Assembly version would authorize statewide enabling legislation and a separate bill that will address the creation of a stand alone Fox Cities RTA. The purpose is to address the anticipated financial trouble for Valley Transit once it goes over the 200,000 population threshold and loses federal operating assistance. At the federal level there is a transportation bill to reauthorize transportation funding into the general fund where it could compete with state funding. Jason will keep us informed on this issue.

7. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:

Bob Poeschl reported that at a recent ADRC meeting there was a conversation about expanding the access of transportation services within Winnebago County. He suggested at that meeting that we invite town administrators or leaders of the surrounding communities to attend the next Specialized Transportation meeting to reconnect and build some stronger relationships that might enhance ADA services. Bob said some of the towns contribute a nominal amount for transportation, but remaining rides are subsidized within the county. The committee discussed different options for educating the town chairpersons about transportation issues. Jason said we could possibly have this as the primary focus of our meeting in May.

Chris Strong said they continue to work on the proposed route system that was included in last year's Transit Development Plan. He will keep the committee updated on this.

Kathryn Nichols said their application for a 53.10 grant was submitted earlier this month.

Holly Keenan said they will be unfolding their Travel Training Program this year in collaboration with Oshkosh Transit. She said the mobility managers in the state have been asked by the Department of Transportation to make contact with their local veteran's service office to discuss whether the mobility management function and volunteer driver program will be a part of the new veterans grants.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held on May 8, 2012 at the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy De Grace, Secretary, Human Services Department