

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 11, 2015

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hooper Community Center

PRESENT:

Erin Roberts, Winnebago County Health Department; Holly Keenan, Lutheran Social Services; Mark Ziemer, Oshkosh Senior Center; Dave Vickman, Go Transit; Jim Collins, Go Transit; Steve Komp, Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh; and Mark Weisensel, 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 MAY 12, 2015 MEETING:

Steve Komp moved for approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting; seconded by Dave Vickman and carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

4. STATE BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Mark Weisensel said the county will receive a 1% increase in 85.21 funding for each of the years of the biennial budget – 2016 & 2017. Dave Vickman said there had been speculation that the state would move their funding out of transportation and put it into the general fund, but that didn't happen.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON “MAKING THE RIDE HAPPEN” SECTION 5310 APPLICATION:

Holly Keenan said she's been working with someone from UW Extension in Outagamie and Winnebago counties to put together a plan to expand transportation services, which will be included in her grant application. The Door County and Manitowoc/Kewaunee transportation programs were researched in putting together a business plan. They looked at voucher programs, as well as van shuttle options. They also looked at including employment rides into their system to fill their capacity. Holly will include in the grant application a focus on rural transportation for 2016 and building capacity with volunteer drivers. She will submit the results of two needs assessments—one in Omro and the town of Vinland; and one in Outagamie County. She will include a request for money for an upgraded software package to build an infrastructure to move to the next level.

Dave Vickman moved to support the Making the Ride Happen application of a Section 5310 grant application for 2016; seconded by Steve Komp and carried unanimously.

6. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:

Mark Ziemer reported that he recently attended a Transit Board meeting and a Human Services Public Hearing. He asked if a small allocation could be made with the money going into para-transit with a portion of it being used to support the Making the Ride Happen program.

Steve Komp said that Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh is the first health care facility in the U.S. to get licensed for the "Cycling without Age" program. It is an international movement to enhance the lives of elderly individuals by getting them outside in rickshaws. There will be a presentation and kick-off on August 24 at 10:00 a.m. with a chance to meet the founder of the program, Ole Kassow of Copenhagen, Denmark. Individuals can volunteer to become pilots of the rickshaws.

Holly Keenan said the Winnebago County Advocacy Coalition continues to meet monthly. They plan to educate the group on issues that have come up, such as wheel chair accessibility in the city. It will include discussion on handicap parking, bus shelter accessibility, among other issues.

Jim Collins said he is currently working on their capital and operating budgets. Fox Valley Tech students can ride the bus for free by showing their student ID, provided it has a current sticker on it. They've been working on a bus procurement to replace an older bus.

Dave Vickman said their bus service for EAA was up by 28% this year. Last week there was a Back to School Fair at Oshkosh North High School, and Go Transit had information available at a booth.

Mark Weisensel said the 2016 Human Services Budget, which included the transportation budget, was approved by the Human Services Board at its June meeting. It will be presented to the County Board at the end of October.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE – NOVEMBER 10, 2015:

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held at 1:30 p.m. on November 10, 2015 at the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in Menasha.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Jim Collins moved for adjournment at approximately 3:00 p.m.

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