



## ROCK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting of the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chairperson T.J. Nee on March 22, 2019 at 8:31 A.M. at the Rock County Council on Aging (COA), First Floor Conference Room, 3328 US Hwy 51, Janesville, Wisconsin.

### Roll Call:

**Present:** Mike Bachmeyer, Alexander Brown, Lachel Fowler, Patty Hansberry, Lynn Jones, Dave Lowe, Jennifer McIlhone, T.J. Nee, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Joe Scharenbroch, Ryan Schomber, Nikki Wolf, Roseann Tremain

**Excused:** David Hyde

**Unexcused:** Michelle Gavin

**Alternates:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Lynn Jones to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Introduction of New Members:** None

**Introduction of Visitors:** William T. Anderson Executive Director of RSVP and TCC Alternate for Patty Hansberry.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None

**Approval of January 25, 2019 TCC Minutes:** A motion was made by Mike Bachmeyer, seconded by Alexander Brown to approve the January 25, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

1. Medical transportation – Update on Ride Health meeting coordination with area medical providers.

Jennifer McIlhone provided an update on her discussions with Ride Health and area hospitals, noting that Ride Health provided statistics and information regarding cost and operations, which could be provided to area medical providers. There has been some success in initial discussions with area hospitals regarding transportation issues, but additional coordination and participation by medical providers in determining solutions is needed.

Jennifer McIlhone reported that she made contact with Ride Health and Care Pool in Madison, WI about medical transportation issues. Care Pool expressed interest in

expanding service to Rock County. The Committee's consensus was to invite them to a future TCC meeting to learn more about their services and discuss potential solutions.

Jennifer McIlhone provided a report on a meeting between Mobility Management and Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR), including potential coordination and/or partnership opportunities between the TCC and HEAR. HEAR has expressed interest in working with the TCC, and members agreed to explore options with HEAR to help build relationships with area hospitals and coordinate solutions to help address medical transportation needs for Rock County.

### **New Business:**

1. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) – Update to transition to LogistiCare / invitation to upcoming meeting.

It was reported that DHS went out for a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for NEMT services, and so the contract with MTM will continue throughout the procurement period. As such, the Committee decided to monitor ongoing activity for a potential future agenda item/invitation to future NEMT provider to attend TCC meeting.

2. 2019-2023 Rock County TCC Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) – Discuss implementation strategy

Committee members reviewed strategies, noting various TCC activities and activities from their organizations that also support the HSTP strategies. Committee consensus was to review HSTP strategies regularly to document ongoing progress towards meeting HSTP goals. Points discussed in review of HSTP:

- The Committee requested that the Mobility Manager provide regular updates on how Mobility Management work activities support HSTP strategies.
- Mobility Manager to report information from WAMM conference to Committee.
- Possible opportunity to collaborate state line crossing transportation.
- Possible transportation opportunity to link Rock County residents to employment opportunities at Birdseye.

3. I-39/90 Stakeholder Advisory/DOT – Review partnership opportunities related to TCC Plan Implementation

The Committee discussed the agenda item with regard to TCC Plan implementation. The Committee decided that should the opportunity arise in the future for partnership towards achieving mutual goals, the Committee will revisit this item at that time.

### **Member Reports:**

Mike Bachmeyer noted JTS ordered 6 new buses that will arrive September or October 2019. Additionally JTS is working on an RFP for an Automated Voice Annunciation system for the fleet.

Joe Scharenbroch noted a focused sheltered workshop. DHS is referring more of those 18-45 to DVR.

Lynn Jones noted a purchase of 2 busses for childcare, and a new van for employment and training. They also have a second van on order primarily for Merrill Community Center. They are currently trying to get staff trained on these vehicles (CDLs).

Roseann Tremain stated the Family Care Program is taking names, and as of July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be no waiting list.

Alexander Brown noted that the Janesville Metropolitan Planning Organization completed an RFQ, has chosen a consultant and is currently in the process of developing the scope of work to complete an ADA Transition Plan for Janesville.

William Anderson reported on behalf of RSVP that they are working to restart a teen transportation program. The program would work with the school district for volunteer drivers to transport teens from school to doctor appointments and back during the school day.

Lachel Fowler noted the Rock County Transportation's new van would arrive the week of 3/25/19.

T.J. Nee stated that SLATS selected a consultant for the SLATS Transit Plan and will be starting the planning process soon.

Jennifer McIlhone reported updates with hospital contacts, meeting and potential involvement from HEAR to approach medical transportation issues. Additionally details regarding Ride Health and CarePool were discussed.

**Items for Future Agendas:**

Ongoing updates regarding Medical Transportation issues  
Potential presentation by CarePool  
Discussion of coordination with Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR)

**Future Meeting Dates:**

TCC will next meet Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the COA Building.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Alexander Brown, seconded by Joe Scharenbroch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

*Minutes not official until approved by the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee.*