

WAUPACA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes
March 14, 2019

This meeting and all other meetings of this committee are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press in accordance with Wisconsin statutes so that the citizenry may be aware of the time, place, and agenda of this meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gerald Murphy at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, WI, LL43 at 10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerald Murphy, Dave Lowe, Jesse Cuff, Carl Kietzmann, Janna Taylor

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Johnston, Chad Hoerth, Karl Schulte, Bob Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Leah Klein (ADRU Manager), Kolin Erickson (ECWRPC Planner)

- I. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** *Motion by Jesse Cuff, seconded by Carl Kietzmann to approve the agenda. Motion carried.*
- II. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES of January 10, 2019:** *Motion made by Dave Lowe, seconded by Jesse Cuff to accept minutes from January 10, 2019. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III. Veterans Transportation – Jesse Cuff:

Jesse advised members that the Waupaca County Veterans Service Office has applied veteran's medical transportation funding and was awarded a \$15,000 for one year. Jesse is hoping to continue to receive this funding and possibly leverage more grant dollars year to year. DHHS, VSO and County Finance staff will be meeting soon to determine best method to track and report this new funding source for veteran medical transportation. Jesse mentioned that the new data management system has been helpful and that the veterans have not had any issues with transportation from the volunteer driver program. Jesse noted the upcoming 3rd Veteran's Benefit Expo occurring Friday March 22, 2019 at the Waupaca Recreation Center. About 30 vendors are signed up to offer resources.

IV. 85.21 Transportation Program – 2019 Budget Predictions – Leah Klein:

Leah reviewed the projected 2019 Volunteer Driver Transportation Program operating deficit as approximately \$95,500.00. This is in part due to the expansion of the program's ridership, reduction of rider copays, stagnation of Dept. of Transportation grant dollars, and increase in IRS mileage reimbursement rate. The projected deficit reviewed does include the additional 5310 operating expenses grant dollars received for 2019 which totaled \$34,577. The Veteran's Transportation grant has yet to be factored in.

Leah also reviewed the recent increase in requests for non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for individuals who do qualify for NEMT through Medicaid via MTM. Leah noted a recent decision that requires WI Dept. of Health Services to reissue the procurement for NEMT services in the state of Wisconsin. MTM will continue to be the designated NEMT provider until another contract is secured. There will be issues with the transition and Medicaid NEMT eligible ride requests will be handled on a case by case basis.

Leah reported on the status of the ThedaCare CHAT Team Plunge on Transportation. The group has decided to focus on the transportation needs of individuals under the age of 60 for any trip purpose. The group is considering a mobility management position and the expansion of an established ride scheduling service in the Fox Valley area.

Discussion was held regarding the unsustainability of the Volunteer Driver Transportation Program's operating deficit. Discussions regarding additional grants and revenue streams was held in addition to discussions regarding increase to rider copays and possible holding of mileage reimbursement rate to be reviewed regularly.

V. Keyhubs Transportation Project – Leah Klein:

Leah noted that the DHHS Board approved the funding for Phase II of the Keyhubs Transportation Project at their meeting in February. Phase II includes the creation of a Minimal Viable Product (smart phone application) that will be rolled out on a trial basis to 12-15 individual employees of DHHS, volunteer drivers and riders. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

VI. 5310 Vehicle Transfer to Lessees – Leah Klein:

Leah presented two options in moving forward with the 5310 Vehicle grant with Dept. of Transportation. Leah noted that corrective action steps would need to be taken in order to regain compliance with the 5310 grant requirements OR the vehicles currently being leased by Wisconsin Veteran's Home and City of New London would need to transfer ownership from Waupaca County to those entities. Discussion was held on the options. *Motion made by Dave Lowe to recommend to the DHHS Board that the remaining 5310 grant vehicles be transferred to their respective lessees, seconded by Carl Kietzmann. Motion Carried.*

VII. 5-Year Transportation Coordination Plan Goal Review – Leah Klein:

This was requested as a standing agenda item to ensure that the committee does not lose sight of the goals identified by the community as priorities for transportation related needs in the county. Leah and committee members discussed and reviewed the coordination plan and goals and will continue to do so in the future.

VIII. Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn by Jesse Cuff, seconded by Dave Lowe. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 10:00am – Waupaca County Courthouse – LL43

Respectfully Submitted by: Janna Taylor