

WAUPACA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes
September 13, 2018

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 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerald Murphy, Jesse Cuff, Carl Kietzmann, Dave Lowe, Karl Schulte, Bob Thompson, Ron Johnston, Janna Taylor

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kim Ebert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Leah Klein, Kolin Erickson, Natalie Harvel

- I. **ADOPTION OF AMENDED AGENDA:** *Motion by Jesse Cuff, seconded by Bob Thompson to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.*
- II. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES of July 12, 2018:** *Motion made by Carl Kietzmann, seconded by Bob Thompson to accept minutes from July 12, 2018. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Natalie Harvel, Area Director with Clarity Care introduced herself to the committee members and wanted to bring the need for transportation for former employees of WCI to our attention. These riders live in New London group homes and need to get to work Monday thru Thursday in Manawa and Waupaca.

III. Veterans Transportation – Jesse Cuff:

Jesse and his department are continuing to refer veterans in need of transportation to the Volunteer Driver program. Jesse has been in touch with Department of Veterans Affairs and has been researching grants for transportation for veterans for medical appointments. These grants are specifically for transportation for veterans to the VA healthcare facilities. Jesse mentioned that he may need some statistics from the Waupaca County Volunteer Driver program to further assist with his research in looking into these grant funds for veterans so he may apply for the grants. Jesse will also be researching and collaborating with other counties as it pertains to the grants for next year.

IV. 5310 Operating Expenses Grant – Leah Klein:

Leah shared with the committee that Department of Health and Human Services has applied for CY2019 5310 Operating Expenses Grant for an additional \$40,679.00 in funding. This is a new funding opportunity that we explored this year and we have submitted the grant application. This amount is not guaranteed. Leah will share the results of the Grant as soon as it is available.

V. 5310 Vehicle Ownership & Responsibility Transfer – Leah Klein:

The committee discussed the possibility of Waupaca County DHHS transferring ownership and therefore reporting responsibilities of the currently leased 5310 grant vehicles to the Lessees. WisDOT would then allow Lessee's (City of New London & Wisconsin Veteran's Home) as sub recipients of the grant. Items that need follow up is a breakdown of the responsibilities the Lessee's would have as well as the consideration of original 20% match contributed by Waupaca County DHHS for bus 125; leased by Wisconsin Veteran's Home. Waupaca County has

been serving as a pass thru and provided all the administrative responsibilities but Waupaca County doesn't operate it.

VI. 85.21 Program Update & Considerations – Leah Klein:

2nd Quarter Ridership data was shared with the committee. Rides continue to increase. 58% of riders utilize 85.21 program funding while the other 42% riders have fully funded programming to pay for their transportation needs. After the overall county budget has been finalized, the Volunteer Driver Transportation Program may need to adjust its program procedures to attain a more budget neutral, sustainable program. Committee members share that all considerations should be on the table and not be discounted. Additional funding and partnership opportunities will continue to be explored by Department of Health and Human Services as well as the Veteran's Service Office specifically for veteran's transportation needs.

VII. New London ThedaCare CHAT (Community Health Action Team) Plunge – Transportation:

Leah Klein will be participating in the New London CHAT Team plunge on Transportation this fall. Leah will share information with the CHAT Team regarding the Volunteer Driver Transportation program as it relates to the overall health of the community. Leah will share with the Transportation Committee the outcomes and items that transpire from this opportunity.

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

This agenda item 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. Jesse Cuff inquired as to the progress on any of the goals identified. Leah Klein clarified that the County is not obligated to achieve any of the identified goals. Kolin Erickson of East Central Regional Planning Commission confirmed that counties are not obligated to complete tasks associated with the goals of the 5-Year Plan. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of acquiring a Mobility Manager to take the lead on research, outreach and marketing of the transportation needs in the County. Other County's transportation structures were discussed including Door, Walworth and Washington Counties.

IX. Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn by Bob Thompson, seconded by Karl Schulte. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 10:30am – Waupaca County Courthouse – LL43

Respectfully Submitted by: Janna Taylor