



HSTP Steering Committee Meeting (Human Services Transportation Plan)

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – 12:00 PM

Open to the Public

**Meeting Location: 456 Fulton St. Suite 420
Peoria, IL 61602**

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Introductions & Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the November 29, 2016 Minutes (attached)**
- 3. Provider and Agency Updates**
- 4. HSTP Coordinator Updates**
- 5. Presentation – Building Relationships with Public Officials**
- 6. Other**
 - a. RTAC Conference April 5-6, 2017**
- 7. Adjourn**

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded.

For more information, contact Hannah Martin at (309) 673-9796 ext. 225 or hmartin@tricountyrpc.org, or visit <http://www.tricountyrpc.org/human-service-transportation-plan>

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TCRPC Conference Room, 456 Fulton Street, Suite 420, Peoria, IL

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Hannah Martin called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll Call

RURAL AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Name	Organization	Representing	Present	Absent
Shelly Entrekin*	FCRC/FCRT	Fulton	X	
Barb Long*			X	
Doug Manock*	Fulton County Board	Fulton		X
Audra Miles*	Fulton County PCOM		X	
Susan Lindsey	KCCDD	Knox	X	
Kraig McCluskie	Galesburg Transit	Knox	X	
Diana Bradstatter	Marshall-Stark PCOM	Marshall		X
Travis McGlasson	Marshall County Board	Marshall		X
Mary Patton	AARP	Peoria		X
Mark Rothert	Peoria County Asst. Admin.	Peoria		X
Debbie Daykin	Marshall-Stark Transport	Stark	X	
Robert Mueller	Stark County Board	Stark		X
Nancy Proehl	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell	X	
Andrew Rinehart	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Jonathan Gauerke	ADDWC	Woodford	X	
Mike Hutchinson	We Care	Woodford	X	
URBAN AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Dawn Harper	EPIC	Agency	X	
Jeannine McAllister	Advocates for Access	Agency	X	
Doug Roelfs	CityLink	Provider	X	
Renee Razo	Central Illinois Agency on Aging	Agency	X	
Lee Linwood*				X
Connie Schiele	Paratransit user	User	X	
Don Rulis	CWTC	Agency	X	
Greg Cassidy	TCRC	Agency	X	

*Shared seat **Substitute Attendee

Also in attendance:

Hannah Martin, TCRPC

Julie Main, City of Galesburg

Andrew Dwyer, CityLink

Mable Kreps, RTAC
Xin Lu, paratransit user
Traci Dowell, MSW Projects
Adam Duvall, Advocates for Access
Johnnie Sims, CDP, Inc.

Approval of the July 27, 2016 Minutes

Connie Schiele moved to approve the July 27, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by John Gauerke. The motion passed with no corrections needed.

Approval of 2017 Meeting Schedule

Hannah Martin referred to the results of the email survey in October which would guide future meeting time decisions. The most agreeable option was the first Tuesday of the even months. John Gauerke motioned to approve the new meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Debbie Daykin and passed unanimously.

HSTP Coordinator Updates

Hannah Martin briefly reported on two significant activities in which she participated since the last meeting. She first described the Annual HSTP/CIL Meeting which took place at the SILC (Statewide Independent Living Council) headquarters in Springfield on October 12, 2016. All HSTP Coordinators attended this event, along with strong representation of regional CILs. Following this meeting HSTP Coordinators were invited to join the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) meetings for SILC. Ms. Martin will be participating in the TAG which aids in developing, implementing, and monitoring transportation related goals of the three-year Illinois State Plan for Independent Living. The second item shared by Ms. Martin was the Rural and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference. This was a national conference that took place October 2-5, 2016 in Asheville, North Carolina. She and two other HSTP Coordinators attended several sessions involving topics such as mobility management, technology, advocacy, and coordination. In future HSTP meetings, Ms. Martin plans to incorporate presentations and ideas from this conference to help spur new approaches to achieving goals and objectives from the Region 5 HSTP.

Provider and Agency Updates

Council for Disadvantage People, Inc.

Johnnie Sims reported that he had received one CVP minivan in September.

Tazewell County Resource Center (TCRC)

Greg Cassidy announced they have received two vans from IDOT, but are still waiting on a bus. In addition, they have purchased two new vehicles with separate funding. They have also been coordinating with WeCare to help transport clients from longer distances such as far eastern Woodford County.

Association for the Developmentally Disabled of Woodford County (ADDWC)

John Gauerke expressed some frustration with picking up a CVP minivan that did not have a properly functioning door. The repair was completed right away, but there is still some confusion as to how this vehicle had passed inspection prior to being picked up.

CityLink

Andrew Dwyer addressed the concern regarding a potential strike of CityLink union employees, including drivers. The union and CityLink management have until midnight November 30 to reach an agreement. Mr. Dwyer relayed the announcement from the union that CityLift would not be affected by a potential strike.

Beyond union news, CityLift has had five vehicles receive ad wraps. The coordinated dispatch effort also continues.

CWTC

Don Rulis happily announced the University St road construction had finally wrapped up so the transportation of clients to and from the center is back to normal.

MSW Projects

Debbie Daykin will be retiring from MSW Projects effective tomorrow (November 30).

However, on December 1 she will be sworn in as a Marshall County Board Member. Traci Dowell will be taking her place as Executive Director. Regarding vehicles, a van that had been totaled was recently replaced using insurance money and the county transportation funds. They are now looking for more drivers as their vehicle inventory has finally increased.

City of Galesburg/Galesburg Handivan

Julie Main reported that the area nursing homes use of public transportation continues to increase. She also highlighted some controversial language in the DOAP contracts for FY17, namely that the governor now has the ability to change the funding amounts. Without the financial certainty, it makes it more difficult to plan long-term improvements. She also wishes there was an option to apply for heavy-duty buses through the CVP grant program.

Kraig McCluskie added that there has been progress made with student bus pass programs. Currently, there is a student group survey out to estimate buy-in.

KCCDD

Susand Lindsay announced they have now added new links to the public transportation services on KCCDD's website. * Mrs. Lindsay also inquired about any notification of CVP awards. No one had heard anything from IDOT as of that date.

*This fulfills one of the action items under Goal 1 (Increase awareness of public and human services transportation for target populations and the general public.) of the Region 5 Human Services Transportation Plan's Goals and Objectives.

Other

Adjournment

John Gauerke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Cassidy. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.

—Submitted by Hannah Martin