

**The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

111 E. Mullett St.
P.O. Box 136
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The regular meeting of The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of Columbia County Transportation Council was called to order by County Board Supervisor Susanna Bradley at 1:59 p.m.

TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Barker; Rick Barreau; Susanna Bradley; Donna Hill; Sarah Lochner; Duane Meister; Jerry Thompson.

TRIP MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Brooks; Ben Hinkel.

HHS STAFF PRESENT: Katie Day; Trina Gaunt; Sabrina Lopez; Becky Mulhern.

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Shimpach.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 21, 2020 AGENDA OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Rick Barreau, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Rick Barreau, second by Duane Meister. Motion carried.

OUTREACH & CLASSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern announced of bringing in classes to the ADRC in the spring to make it easier for the public to attend. The outreach brochures have been updated with helpful guidelines. The ADRC is still recruiting paid medical drivers due to the increase in transportation requests. Director Mulhern is hoping to have a new part time Transportation Coordinator by TRIP's next meeting. She also announced the success of the ADRC Holiday Food drive.

The ADRC was able to assemble 500 bags each containing three meals per household. The community of Columbia County and partners such as Cascade Mountain, Seneca, Portage Lions and Walgreens made this food drive the most successful in five years.

5310 & 85.21 GRANT DISCUSSION

Director Becky Mulhern stated that the ADRC was awarded the 5310-federal grant. The ADRC was approved for one of the two vehicles that were requested under the 5310 grant. The program funds cover 80 percent of the cost of vehicles. Director Mulhern mentioned that Governor Tony Evers awarded 62 agencies to include Columbia County, in awards totaling \$5,128,477 in federal and state funds to enhance and support local transportation for Wisconsin seniors and individuals with disabilities. The specialized transportation program is administered through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) via the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The awards will be distributed early in 2020.

Director Mulhern completed and submitted the 85.21 grant for 2020 and it has been approved. She plans to purchase a new vehicle with these funds.

ADVOCACY/ TRAINING UPDATES

Director Mulhern announced the following advocacy days at the capital:

- Alzheimer's Advocacy Day will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020
- Disability Advocacy Day will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020
- Aging Advocacy Day will be held on March 12, 2020.

GREATER WISCONSIN AREA ON AGING RESOURCES (GWAAR) UPDATES

Director Becky Mulhern invited GWAAR's OAA Consultant, Carrie Diamond for the next TRIP meeting in April 2020. Ms. Diamond focuses at the state level and will give council information about "Transportation for All".

FIVE YEAR COORDINATED PLAN GOAL UPDATE/DISCUSSION

Director Becky Mulhern handed out the 2019-2023 Coordinated Plan goals and discussed the activities and roadblocks of the ten goals listed in the Coordinated Plan.

MEETING DATES

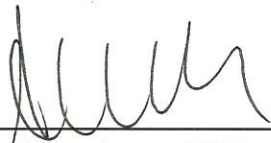
Director Becky Mulhern reviewed the dates set for the 2020 quarterly meetings of The Ride Improvement Project and are scheduled for Tuesday of each month, which would be April 21, July 21 and October 20 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:52 P.M.

Motion by Rick Barreau, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Lochner, TRIP of
Columbia County Secretary



Sabrina Lopez, Clerk Typist
Columbia County HHS

cc: County Board Chair Vern Gove
County Board 1st Chair Dan Drew
County Board 2nd Chair James E. Foley