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The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

The regular meeting of The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of Columbia County Transportation Council was called to order by TRIP Chair Mindi Miller at 2:06 p.m.

TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT: Susanna Bradley; Jeff Aerts; Mindi Miller.

TRIP MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rick Barreau; Neal Ford; Sarah Millard.

TRIP MEMBERS ABSENT: Dee Nash; Liesa Zastrow; Kim Germond.

HHS STAFF PRESENT: Becky Mulhern; Ashley Jahn; Sabrina Lopez.

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Porter & Sky Van Rossum, GWAAR.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 24, 2017 AGENDA OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Jeff Aerts. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern advised of one change to the minutes, referencing WARPP (Wisconsin Rural Association of Paratransit Providers). Please change initials WARPP to WRAPP.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED OCTOBER 11, 2016 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Jeff Aerts, second by Susanna Bradley. Motion carried.

OUTREACH & CLASSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Becky reported that one AARP Smart Driver class has been scheduled for this year. The AARP Smart Driver class will be held on April 27th from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at the Pioneer Place in Poynette, WI. ADRC Director Mulhern has heard positive feedback regarding the AARP classes therefore is trying to expand to different cities in the Columbia County area. She also stated that the ADRC office has gotten some phone calls wanting to inquire more about the transportation program and how the intake

process works. Becky will schedule future outreach solutions for this year, nothing has been set up yet.

5310 GRANT DISCUSSION

Becky reported that the 5310 grant was not approved. She stated that the grant was missed by five points. Becky discussed ideas with Wisconsin DOT to see what else could be done to obtain the grant for next year. She will continue to work diligently with the Department of Transportation to obtain funds for 2018.

85.21 GRANT DISCUSSION

Becky reported that the 85.21 grant was submitted and is still waiting to get a response. She is certain she will obtain this grant. This is the main grant that is used for the ADRC's transportation program. The 85.21 grant focus is for medical appointments for elderly, and people with physical or developmental disabilities. The grant funds pay for the Transportation Coordinator and drivers. Becky announced that Sarah Millard attended a volunteer training and will obtain a certificate for Mobility Management this year.

ADVOCACY/GREATER WI AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES UPDATES

Transportation Specialist, Carrie Porter of GWAAR disclosed that funding for the Study grant was granted to them to coordinate human services transportation for older adults, Veterans, persons with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and other transit-dependent user groups using technology solutions. GWAAR is a nonprofit federal program that is funded by the State and Federal government. GWAAR is currently re-establishing collaboration with 11 Southwest counties with the assistance of Business Development Coordinator, Sky Van Rossum. GWAAR is hoping to partner up with stakeholders like Columbia County TRIP Members to help develop, customize and test the software which will be available for county use. The technology solution will outline a physical or virtual Travel Management Coordination Center. Becky's goal is that after this study grant is completed to use the information gathered to apply for federal grants through GWAAR to improve the transportation program.

COORDINATED PLAN DISCUSSION

Becky reviewed the 5-year Coordinated Plan and created sections as an overview to improve transportation. Section A provides a list of transportation services created for clients to view for more services. Under the same section, transportation fees from ADRC and surrounding areas were compared. ADRC's fees are less costly than those of surrounding areas. Vouchers were discussed in Section B of the Coordinated Plan. At this time, vouchers are not attainable by the public because of high liability and accountability. Becky will continue to work with these barriers by talking to customers and creating a chart. There's a great demand in transportation, therefore, an additional goal for The Ride Improvement Project is to request for more personnel when funding becomes available.

SET MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Becky reviewed the dates set for the 2017 TRIP quarterly meetings, the last Tuesday of each month, which would be April 25, July 25, and October 24, at the same time - 2:00 p.m., here at the HHS building.

Sky Van Rossum from GWAAR was invited for April's TRIP meeting.


The next meeting of the TRIP Council will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the HHS Building.

ADJOURNMENT

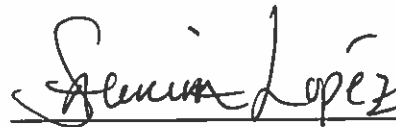
MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:58 P.M.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Jeff Aerts. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeff Aerts, TRIP of Columbia Co
Secretary



Sabrina Lopez, Clerk Typist
Columbia County HHS

cc: County Board Chair Vern Gove
County Board 1st Chair Mary Cupery
County Board 2nd Chair James E. Foley