

**The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

111 E. Mullett St.
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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 Denise Brusveen at 2:03 p.m.

TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Brusveen; Donna Hill; Sarah Lochner; Jerry Thompson.

TRIP MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Brooks; Ben Hinkel.

HHS STAFF PRESENT: Trina Gaunt; Ashley Jahn; Sue Lynch; Sabrina Lopez.

OTHERS PRESENT: HHS Board Chair Eric Shimpach.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 20, 2021 AGENDA OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Sarah Lochner, second by Jerry Thompson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Sarah Lochner, second by Trina Gaunt. Motion carried.

OUTREACH & CLASSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

ADRC Transportation Coordinator Trina Gaunt reported that all transportation classes are on hold due to the COVID-19 epidemic. She is looking to offer community education, such as the Safe Driver program using virtual online tools. Trina facilitated the new ADRC transportation employees with the education and materials needed for the Train the Trainer Course and met with drivers for their Annual Fraud and Wheelchair restraint training program.

5310 FEDERAL GRANT 85.21 STATE GRANT UPDATES/DISCUSSION

ADRC Assistant Director Ashley Jahn reported that Columbia County was awarded both the 5310 and 85.21 grants that were formally submitted last year. The federal grant was used to purchase one rear-loading vehicle which should be received by the end of next year. Each year, unused allocations are put into a trust fund and those funds can be used to purchase vehicles if needed. The 85.21 state grant helps to pay the day-to-day expenses of the transportation program. Due to the long process of both federal and state grant, the ADRC will start submitting the applications every year instead of every other year.

ADVOCACY/ TRAINING UPDATES

ADRC Director Sue Lynch reported that Aging Advocacy Days will be a virtual event scheduled for Monday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 12 of this year. The importance of advocacy days is to help educate state legislators and our community about issues affecting older adults and caregivers in Wisconsin. Director Lynch highly encourages the community to participate in this event.

The ADRC is currently recruiting for drivers and nutrition center managers. These positions have been posted on various Columbia County social media sites and agency newsletters.

GREATER WISCONSIN AREA ON AGING RESOURCES (GWAAR) UPDATES

Ashley Jahn stated that (GWAAR) transportation representative Nick Musson, will be in attendance for the next ADRC TRIP meeting in July. The latest guidance through GWAAR from the federal level states that at this time masks are continued to be required during transport.

DISCUSSION OF PURPOSE OF TRIP COUNCIL

ADRC Director Sue Lynch informed the Council that federal law requires projects selected for funding under the Section 5310 program, must be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Columbia County is required by law to have a transportation coordinated committee that will carry a responsibility to manage the Transportation Coordination Plan and follow through on the identified strategies. Director Lynch will be reviewing current TRIP bylaws and will report back at the next meeting. She also reported that Patrick Barker and Rick Barreau have resigned from the TRIP Council Committee so the council will need to consider replacements.

FIVE - YEAR COORDINATED PLAN GOAL UPDATE/DISCUSSION

ADRC Director Sue Lynch discussed the goals of the first two years of their 5-year Transportation Coordinated Plan. The goals are to work with local municipalities and explore options to increase transportation services for Columbia County and to identify goals that have not yet been completed. Surveys were distributed, collected, and presented to various Columbia County board committees to provide feedback, which were incorporated into the 2019-2023 coordinated plan.

AGING PLAN DISCUSSION

ADRC Director Sue Lynch is working on collecting community input for the next 3-year Aging Plan for, 2022-2024. The Aging Plan gathers feedback from Columbia County residents that use the Older Americans Act and Aging programs such as nutrition, caregivers, and transportation programs. Surveys have been widely distributed via the Grapevine newsletter to HDM recipients and at different Columbia County events and public facilities. Director Lynch handed out surveys and encouraged the Council members to help identify the needs of the community.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Chair Denise Brusveen shared the following 2021 meeting dates for the Council of July 20 and October 19. All meetings begin at 2:00 p.m.

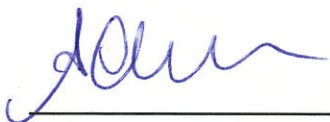
The next meeting of The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) Council is Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Rooms 2 & 3 of the Columbia County Health & Human Services Building, located at 111 E. Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:01 P.M.

Motion by Jerry Thompson, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Lochner, Secretary, TRIP Council.



Sabrina Lopez, Clerk Typist HHS

cc: County Board Chair Vern Gove
County Board 1st Vice Chair James E. Foley
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Bob Koch