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The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

The regular meeting of The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of Columbia County Transportation Council was called to order by TRIP Vice Chair Sarah Millard at 2:03 p.m.

TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT: Susanna Bradley; Teresa Sumnicht; Sarah Millard

TRIP MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rick Barreau; Jeff Aerts; Mindi Miller; Dee Nash

TRIP MEMBERS ABSENT: Neil Ford; Kim Germond

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 25, 2017 AGENDA OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Sarah Millard. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sarah Millard appointed Susanna Bradley as Acting Secretary

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

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Sarah Millard. Motion carried.

OUTREACH & CLASSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Sarah Millard along with Diane from Pioneer Place are hosting an AARP Smart Drivers Course scheduled on April 27, 2017 in Poynette, WI. Meridian Group will copay some of the fees for residents that participate in AARP Smart Drivers Course. Sarah discussed in detail the process of ADRC's Transportation Program to the Portage Kiwanis Club and Optimist Club of Portage. Sarah's purpose was to inform the club members of the transportation program and to recruit paid and volunteer drivers.

VEHICLE DISCUSSION

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern disclosed at the previous meeting that two vehicles needed repairs. The ADRC's Transportation budget had enough funds to repair the two wheelchair accessible vehicles. Director Mulhern said that 85.21 funds are being used to buy another wheelchair accessible vehicle. Director Mulhern reported that the ADRC's Transportation Program will have a total of nine vehicles in service by the end of 2017.

5310 & 85.21 GRANT DISCUSSION

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern announced that they did not receive the 5310 Grant funds for the 2017 year, however, they were close in points. Director Mulhern will meet with the new DOT employee to discuss the 5310 grant. Director Mulhern pointed out that the 5310 grant is highly competitive, however, they did succeed in obtaining the 85.21 grant.

Director Mulhern stated that Sarah Millard has shown perseverance in working towards the Mobility Management Certification Program. After two years of attending the Mobility Management Courses, Sarah will complete her certification this fall. She was also asked to serve on the board for Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers (WAMM).

ADVOCACY UPDATES

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern informed the Council that on April 6, 2017 the Joint Finance Committee opted to start from scratch on the state transportation budget instead of using the budget that Governor Walker proposed. Director Mulhern believes that this gives the Advocacy groups an opportunity to help speak for the senior populations and specialized transit grants. The Department of Transportation will be introducing John Swissler as the new DOT representative in the month of June.

GREATER WI AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES UPDATES:

Ashley Jahn summarized the operation of Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR).

COORDINATED PLAN DISCUSSION

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern analyzed the Coordinated Plan and created sections as an overview on improving transportation access and affordability by maintaining a list of transportation services. Under the same section, Sarah Millard reported of a new transportation service provider in Portage, WI. She also mentioned of receiving updated information from local transportation providers. Director Mulhern expressed her concerns of transportation vouchers not being utilized properly and stated that vouchers will be removed when she reviews the Transportation Coordination Plan. Section two of the plan is to increase travel options between cities and surrounding counties. Director Mulhern hopes to increase the numbers of volunteer drivers in Columbia County and mentioned that ADRC's fees are less costly than those of the surrounding companies. She also discovered that the only grants that the County is eligible for are the 53.10 and 85.21 grants. Director Mulhern will take out ideas for funding opportunities when revising the five year Coordinated Plan. Director Mulhern will also discuss TRIP Board

Member's terms, representations, vacancies, and review bylaws for the following meeting.

SET MEETING DATES FOR 2017

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

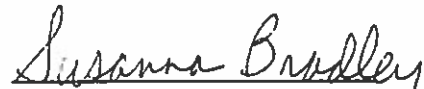
The next meeting of the TRIP Council will be Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the HHS Building.

ADJOURNMENT

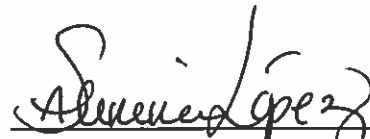
MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:12 P.M.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Sarah Millard. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susanna Bradley, TRIP of Columbia Co
Acting 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