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The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

The regular meeting of The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of Columbia County Transportation Council was called to order by Vice Chair Sarah Millard at 2:02 p.m.

TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT: Susanna Bradley; Neil Ford; Jeff Aerts; Sarah Millard; Rick Barreau; Liesa Zastrow.

TRIP MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dee Nash; Mindi Miller; Kim Germond.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Peggy Ford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Liesa Zastrow. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern advised of two corrections to the minutes, referencing WRAPP (Wisconsin Rural Association of Paratransit Providers), and Sarah Millard's goals for Outreach in 2016 included 3 presentations not 2.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AMENDED JULY 12, 2016 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Rick Barreau, second by Neil Ford. Motion carried.

CLARIFICATION OF TRIP COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Director Mulhern reported that per discussions with the State, the ADRC Director is not a member of the TRIP Council, instead the Director is to work as an advisor to the Council.

OUTREACH & CLASSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Becky reported that the Car Fit workshop held in September was successful and the ADRC plans to offer it again next year, possibly at Divine Savior Hospital (DSH). The workshop includes a 13-point safety check of the seated driver. The workshop also included training for car fit event coordinators, of which Sarah Millard attended.

Although the weather was rainy, there were 10 participants for the workshop. Two occupational therapists from DSH helped with the event. Becky reported that Sarah continues outreach in the community, mostly at assisted living facilities. Sarah attended a transportation conference last week and has learned of new ways to outreach. Becky discussed including all types of transportation vendors in TRIP business for the future, and the group also discussed providing more services for the DD population and other populations. Sarah reported that there is a drivers' training class scheduled for the ADRC drivers, and that drivers from surrounding counties will be attending the training with the Columbia County ADRC drivers.

5310 GRANT DISCUSSION

Becky reported that she is still waiting to hear about the success of the grant application. She requested two new vehicles to replace two current vehicles with high mileage.

85.21 GRANT DISCUSSION

Becky reported that the ADRC will be applying for the 85.21 grant again as they do every year. This is the main grant that is used for the ADRC's transportation program. The ADRC Board will be holding a public hearing regarding the application and will be approving it at their next meeting. In 2017 the funding for the grant will be \$136,276 which is based on the population in Columbia County. There is also a 20% match by the County for the grant. The 85.21 grant focus is for medical appointments for elderly and the disabled population.

ADVOCACY/GREATER WI AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES UPDATES

Becky reported that when discussing transportation in the State budget, most people think roads, but funding includes money for getting all people to where they need to go. Carrie from GWAAR will be invited to a 2017 TRIP meeting by Becky to do an update next year about new options with state funding. Becky will also invite Running, Inc. from Portage to attend too.

COORDINATED PLAN UPDATES

Becky reviewed the 5-year Coordinated Plan and reported that she will begin writing the new plan next year, then in 2018 the ADRC will need input from the community in order to finalize it. The Council discussed portions of the current plan regarding expanding transportation through increased volunteer drivers, and providing additional transportation opportunities for disadvantaged clients. Sarah agreed to research what other counties are doing about volunteer drivers. Becky advised that she will include in the next plan the idea of collaborating with churches and service clubs to help with volunteer transportation, and that she is hoping to make the plan more broad and robust.

SET MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Becky suggested the last Tuesday of each month, which would be January 24, April 25, July 25, and October 24, at the same time - 2:00 p.m., here at the HHS building.

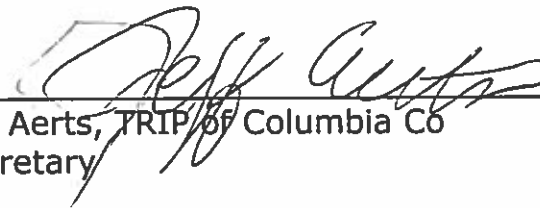
The next meeting of the TRIP Council will be Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the HHS Building.

ADJOURNMENT

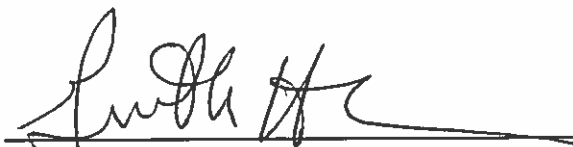
MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:05 P.M.

Motion by Rick Barreau, second by Susanna Bradley. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeff Aerts, TRIP of Columbia Co
Secretary



Gretchen Halvorsen, Exec Sec
Columbia County HHS

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