

**The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of  
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council**

**MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL**

An attendance sheet was distributed by Gretchen Halvorsen.

**TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT:** County Board Supervisor Denise Brusveen; Phil Brooks; Sarah Lochner, Ruby Transportation; Jerry Thompson; ADRC Transportation Coordinator Vanessa Chapman; ADRC Director Sue Lynch.

**TRIP MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Donna Hill; Ben Hinkel, Access to Independence.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cathy Karls, Accounting; Gretchen Halvorsen, HHS.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 19, 2021 AGENDA OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.**

Motion by Phil Brooks, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JULY 20, 2021 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.**

Motion by Phil Brooks, second by Jerry Thompson. Motion carried.

**5310 GRANT AND 85.21 GRANT DISCUSSION**

ADRC Director Sue Lynch reported that the 5310 grant application has been submitted and included the request for 2 new vans, one side loading, and one rear loading. The vans requested will be used for medical appointment transportation services. Director Lynch also reported on the 85.21 grant application which is due to be submitted by the end of the year. The final draft of the application will be

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presented at the November ADRC Board meeting and Public Hearing. Director Lynch advised the Council that 2 new vehicles have been ordered for the ADRC's meal program, and will be paid for from COVID funding that Columbia County has received from the Federal government.

### **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

ADRC Director Lynch updated the Board on the nomination of Diana O'Neill. Her nomination is in the process of being approved. Former Police Chief Ken Manthey declined the invitation to join the TRIP Council. Currently the Council has 2 vacancies.

### **AGING PLAN UPDATE**

Director Lynch reported that the Aging Plan will be submitted in November after receiving additional input during the public hearing. The plan does not contain any goals regarding the issue of transportation, however, many comments regarding transportation were received during the creation of the plan.

### **5 - YEAR COORDINATED PLAN DISCUSSION**

Director Lynch provided an update of the goals that were met in the current 5-Year Coordinated Plan. The Council discussed two of the goals from the plan, specifically, how to recruit more Drivers for the ADRC, and how to create more social opportunities for the elderly population in Columbia County.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The 2022 Quarterly Meeting dates and times will be:

- Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- Tuesday, April 19, 2022
- Tuesday, July 19, 2022
- Tuesday, October 18, 2022

The next meeting of the TRIP Council will be Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the HHS Building.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:46 P.M.**

Motion by Phil Brooks, second by Jerry Thompson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Lochner, TRIP Council  
Secretary

Gretchen Halvorsen, Exec. Sec.  
Columbia County HHS

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