

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

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Tuesday, October 20, 2020

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 2:05 p.m.

TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Brusveen; Rick Barreau; Sarah Lochner; Jerry Thompson; Phil Brooks; Ben Hinkel (by phone).

TRIP MEMBERS EXCUSED: Donna Hill; Patrick Barker.

HHS STAFF PRESENT: Trina Gaunt; Becky Mulhern; Gretchen Halvorsen; Heather Gove (by phone).

OTHERS PRESENT: HHS Board Chair Eric Shimpach.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion by Phil Brooks, second by Rick Barreau. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 21 & JULY 21, 2020 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Rick Barreau, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern reported that ADRC Driver and TRIP Council member Duane Meister has resigned. Becky asked that suggestions for a new TRIP Council member be forwarded to her.

OUTREACH & CLASSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern reported that all transportation classes are on hold due to the COVID-19 epidemic. All safety precautions are being taken with transportation staff to prevent spread to consumers including decontamination of the ADRC vehicles. The ADRC will soon have an ultra violet decontamination machine from Emergency Management. Becky also notified the Council that the ADRC's annual Food Drive has begun for Home Delivered Meals recipients in case of bad weather this winter that prevent meal delivery. Becky shared flyers about the Food Drive.

COVID-19 UPDATES/DISCUSSION

Becky reported that the ADRC is currently only offering transportation for medical appointments, and they are only transporting one consumer (and a guest) at a time. Becky advised the Council that free COVID testing is starting in Cambria, every other Friday, beginning on Friday, October 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5310 FEDERAL GRANT UPDATES/DISCUSSION

Becky reported that she has received word that Columbia County will be awarded the 5310 grant to purchase one vehicle. She is waiting for official notice on the grant award which should arrive in December.

85.21 STATE GRANT UPDATES/DISCUSSION

Becky advised the Council that a public hearing will be held for the 85.21 transportation grant application at the next ADRC Board meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 9:00.

ADVOCACY/ TRAINING UPDATES

Becky reported that Trina Gaunt, ADRC Transportation Coordinator, will be able to begin classes soon for her Mobility Manager Certification through virtual classes. Becky also reported that DHS has awarded a new MA Transportation carrier contract and more details are to come in 2021. Ben Hinkel, Access to Independence, reminded the Council that they provide free temporary wheelchair use along with other types of assistive devices from their lending program.

Becky reported that the ADRC has received calls from volunteers interested in helping with transportation to get voters to the polls. The ADRC has not made any plans at this time to transport for voting.

GREATER WISCONSIN AREA ON AGING RESOURCES (GWAAR) UPDATES

Becky reported that GWAAR staff are working with the Insurance Alliance and other agencies to protect volunteer drivers who receive mileage reimbursement from price gouging. GWAAR is also working with a handful of counties to research travel and routing software for use in the Home Delivered Meals program. Becky reported that she has invited Nick Musson, OAA Consultant – Transportation Specialist from GWAAR to speak at a future TRIP Council meeting.

FIVE YEAR COORDINATED PLAN GOAL UPDATE/DISCUSSION

Becky reported that the ADRC has met the goals of the first two years of their 5-year Transportation Coordinated Plan. The 2021 goals are to increase transportation for social events and identify software for transportation coordination which Becky reported the ADRC has already completed. Becky requested ideas from the Council about how to obtain feedback from the community and agreed to place a URL in the Grapevine newsletter that readers can visit to provide feedback about the 5-year plan.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Becky shared the following 2021 meeting dates for the Council of January 19; April 20; July 20; and October 19. All meetings begin at 2:00 p.m.

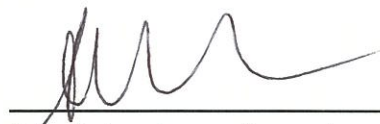
The next meeting of The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) Council is Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Rooms 2 & 3 of the Columbia County Health & Human Services Building, located at 111 E. Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

ADJOURNMENT


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

Motion by Rick Barreau, second by Phil Brooks. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Lochner, Secretary, TRIP Council



Gretchen Halvorsen, HHS Exec Sec

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