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**The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) of
Columbia County Transportation Coordination Advisory Council
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 24, 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 2:09 p.m.

TRIP MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Aerts; Susanna Bradley; Sarah Lochner; Dee Nash.

TRIP MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Primrose.

TRIP MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Barreau; Mindi Miller.

HHS STAFF PRESENT: Becky Mulhern; Sarah Millard; Sabrina Lopez.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 24, 2017 AGENDA OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 25, 2017 AND JULY 25, 2017 MINUTES OF THE TRIP COUNCIL.

Motion by Jeff Aerts, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

OUTREACH & CLASSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Sarah Millard reported that the upcoming AARP Smart Driver class has been scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017. The AARP Smart Driver course will be held in Columbus, WI at the Columbus Senior Center from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. Sarah also reported that there are currently half a dozen people signed up for the course. Columbus Senior Center will cover some of the fees for drivers that attend the course. Director Mulhern stated that future AARP Smart Driver courses will be held in various locations.

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER DIRECTORY

Sarah Millard informed the Council of no current changes to the Transportation Provider Directory. The directory was updated in March of 2017 and was distributed amongst the group. She also shared a pamphlet from Road to Recovery of the American Cancer Society. The Road to Recovery Program is a nationwide program that provides free rides

to cancer treatment patients. Local services are available in Portage, Lodi, Wisconsin Dells, Pardeeville, and Columbus. Further information is listed on the Transportation Provider Directory.

5310 & 85.21 GRANT DISCUSSION

Director Mulhern reported that an application was submitted for the 5310 grant and will await for a response from WI Department of Transportation (DOT) by the end of this year. She also stated that Columbia County had the first transportation audit in history done by Wisconsin DOT. The outcome of the audit was very successful with a few minor details to adjust. Director Mulhern reported that she will be submitting the 85.21 application grant in November 2017. She states that grant 85.21 is the most crucial for the ADRC and subsidizes a high percentage of expenses. She also announced a two percent (2%) overall increase to the 85.21 grant. The amount of the grant is allocated based on the counties total population and the percentage of elderly and individuals with disabilities. Columbia County currently has a total population of 55,226 residence, which 12,241 of the population are seniors and individuals with disabilities making it a 1.01% population of Wisconsin's disabled and elderly residents in Columbia County. Director Mulhern is proposing \$136, 813.00 for the 85.21 grant. She concluded that the local match portion is 27,362.70 dollars.

REVIEW OF THE BYLAWS

Director Mulhern suggested several changes be made to the ADRC'S TRIP bylaws. Director Mulhern asked to reword the Commission of Aging title on Article II to Aging and Disability Resource Center. She also suggested a decrease in membership to Article IV, text 7, to be changed to "three interested others" instead of "five interested others" making it a total of nine TRIP members and to amend ADRC Director into the definition of Resignations. Director Mulhern commenced an outreach for potential TRIP candidates to replace upcoming TRIP Council vacancies and current vacancies. The bylaws will serve to proceed under Robert's Rules of Order and Columbia County Standing Rules.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

Director Mulhern informed the Council of a two percent (2%) increase in ADRC's Transportation. She also updated the group of an ongoing fund of dementia care specialist. The state of Wisconsin has currently reserved 19 positions of dementia care specialist for next year in 2018 and will be expanding the total number of positions to 24 for the year 2019. The state will continue to subsidize the Long Term Care Ombudsman, which includes the IRIS Program. Director Mulhern stated that changes were made to Medicaid Assisted Purchase Plan (MAAP Program) and the Medicaid for the Elderly Blind and Disabled (EBD) income eligibility will expand to attain health coverage. Wisconsin Medicaid Personal Care received a two percent (2%) increase and a approval of 50,000 dollars for the Alzheimers Research Center of Madison WI, and an increase in the Tribal transportation. Becky stated that all of these programs effect the Aging and Disability Resource Center, however the most important is that of transportation.

GREATER WI AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES (GWAAR) GRANT UPDATES

Director Mulhern asked Sky Van Rossum of GWAAR for an update of the Mobility Services for All Americans (MSAA) grant. Director Mulhern stated that the project plan was tweaked and redefined to establish a suitable proposal.

COORDINATED PLAN DISCUSSION/SURVEY

Director Mulhern reported that all of the ADRC's plans will be revised in 2018. She handed out a survey made of up all ADRC's programs to obtain a wide range of statistics.

DISCUSSION ON NEW MEMBERS/RECRUITMENT

Director Mulhern had no further comments.

REVIEW OF TERM LIMITS

The Council agreed to a two year term of office instead of three years as indicated in Article IV of the Bylaws.

DISCUSS DATE & TIME OF FUTURE MEETING

Director Mulhern reviewed the dates set for the 2018 TRIP quarterly meetings, the last Tuesday of each month, which would be January 23, April 24, July 24, and October 23, at the same time - 2:00 p.m., here at the HHS building.

SET MEETING DATES FOR 2018

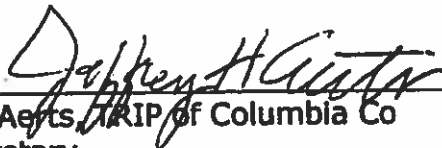
The next meeting of the TRIP Council will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the HHS Building.

ADJOURNMENT

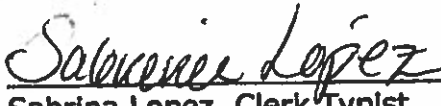
MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:04 P.M.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Jeff Aerts. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeff Aerts, TRIP of Columbia Co
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