

**Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 7, 2013 – 12:00 PM**  
TCRPC Offices, 211 Fulton, Suite 207, Peoria, IL  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Jill Goforth called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**       Present                       Not Present

**Rural Area Subcommittee**

- Debbie Daykin**, Marshall-Stark Transportation
- John Redlingschafer**, Tazewell County Board
- Andrew Rinehart**, Tazewell County Board
- Tom Howes**, Stark County Board
- Rex Lewis**, Fulton County Rural Transit (shared seat)
- Barb Long**, Fulton County Rural Transit (shared seat)
- Mary Patton**, AARP, Peoria County
- James Thompson**, Woodford County
- Kraig McCluskie**, Galesburg Transit
- Margaret Bent**, VNA Community Services
- John Hamann**, Rural Peoria County Link
- Travis McGlasson**, Marshall County Board
- Doug Manock**, Fulton County Board  
(Open, Marshall County)  
(Open, Woodford County)

**Urbanized Area Subcommittee**

- Ty Livingston**, City of East Peoria
- Renée Razo**, Central Illinois Agency on Aging
- Connie Schiele**, paratransit user
- Josh Moore**, Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
- Jeannine McAllister**, Advocates for Access
- Dawn Harper**, EPIC  
(Open seat to replace Mabel Van Dusen)

**Others present**

Maggie Martino, TCRPC  
Jill Goforth, TCRPC  
Brian Szuda, LaSalle County  
Greg Cassidy, TCRC  
Susan Lindsey, KCCDD  
Johnny Simms, Council for Disadvantaged People  
Jonathan Gauerke, ADDWC  
John Williams, CityLink  
Barb Byrne, WIAAA

## **Approval of the June 5 , 2013 Minutes**

Mary Patton moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. John Hamann seconded. Motion carried.

## **Provider and Agency Updates**

### *Peoria County (CountyLink)*

John Hamann reported that they now have a balanced budget. They are waiting for 3 vehicles to be delivered this fall plus another one that IDOT helped them get from Alsip, Illinois.

### *EPIC*

Dawn Harper reported that they are waiting for 2 new vehicles, to be delivered in the fall. Their current vehicles have had a lot of maintenance issues.

### *We Care*

Jim Thompson had no report.

### *Tazewell County Committee Member John Redlingshafer*

John likes to attend the HSTP meetings so he can learn what others are doing.

### *LaSalle County*

Brian Szuda reported that LaSalle County now has public transit, called North Central Area Transit. They are using the Lee/Ogle County system as their dispatch system.

### *Greater Peoria Mass Transit District*

John Williams announced that they had three proposals submitted to their RFP for a contractor for their para-transit system.

### *Fulton County Rural Transit*

Rex Lewis reported that they have a new bookkeeper. Ridership is up 25% this year, and demand continues to grow. They are waiting for 2 new vehicles. The sale of ads on bus windows is going very well.

### *AARP, Peoria County*

Mary Patton had no report.

### *Tazewell County Resource Center*

Greg Cassidy stated that they are waiting for FTA to execute the JARC grant for the janitorial services program.

### *Council for Disadvantaged People*

Johnny Simms reported that they are getting calls for medical transportation but are not equipped to handle that service. They are still transporting people for employment purposes.

## **Human Service Transportation Plan Update**

Jill Goforth explained that the HSTP must be reviewed and updated each year. She distributed the Goals, Objectives and Action Steps to everyone. She asked the committee to form sub-groups to discuss gaps and needs.

The biggest discussion was on evening and weekend service. While there is a need for this service, most providers felt that it is cost-prohibitive to provide it at this time.

### **FY2012 Urbanized Area Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Funding**

Ms. Goforth reported that there will be a Call for Projects this fall.

### **Other**

The committee discussed the issue that has arisen due to the 2010 Census, in which formerly rural areas of Peoria County, such as Chillicothe, are now in the urbanized area. This puts a strain on CountyLink's ability to provide service in that area. We Care has a similar situation in Germantown Hills. Josh Moore of CityLink suggested that FTA may be willing to grant waivers in these cases.

Susan Lindsay of KCDD stated that they were granted two new vehicles but recently learned that are getting only one. She asked if anyone else had that issue. None had.

John Hamann of CountyLink announced that they have a 2010 mini-van with 95,000 miles that they are not using and are willing to transfer to another agency.

### **Adjournment**

Mary Patton moved to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be October 2, 2013.

—Submitted by Maggie Martino