

# Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

## Wednesday, September 2, 2015 – 12:00 PM

TCRPC Conference Room, 456 Fulton Street, Suite 420, Peoria, IL

### Meeting Minutes

#### Welcome & Introductions

Maggie Martino called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

#### Roll Call

##### Rural Area Subcommittee

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	Absent
Shelly Entrekin*	FCRC/FCRT	Fulton	X	
Barb Long*			X	
Doug Manock*	Fulton County Board	Fulton		X
Audra Miles*	Fulton County PCOM			X
Susan Lindsey	KCCDD	Knox	X	
Kraig McCluskie	Galesburg Transit	Knox		X
Diana Bradstatter	Marshall-Stark PCOM	Marshall	X	
Travis McGlasson	Marshall County Board	Marshall		X
Mary Patton	AARP	Peoria	X	
Mark Rothert	Peoria County Asst. Economic Development Director	Peoria		X
Debbie Daykin	Marshall-Stark Transportation	Stark	X	
Robert Mueller	Stark County Board	Stark		X
John Redlingschafer	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Andrew Rinehart	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Jonathan Gauerke	ADDWC	Woodford	X	
Mike Hutchinson	We Care	Woodford	X	

\*Shared seat

##### Urbanized Area Subcommittee

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	Absent
Dawn Harper	EP!C	Urbanized Area		X
Jeannine McAllister	Advocates for Access	Urbanized Area		X
Josh Moore	CityLink	Urbanized Area	X	
Renee Razo	CIAOA	Urbanized Area	X	
Lee Linwood*				X
Connie Schiele	Paratransit user	Urbanized Area	X	
Don Rulis	CWTC	Urbanized Area	X	
<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	Urbanized Area		

\*Alternate

### Others present

Maggie Martino, TCRPC  
Hannah Martin, TCRPC  
Don Rulis, CWTC  
James Byron, Chillicothe Township  
Greg Cassidy, Tazewell County Resource Center  
Julie Main, City of Galesburg  
Dedra Mannon, City of Galesburg  
Rachael Cansino, Advocates for Access

### **Appointment of Don Rulis to HSTP Urban Sub-Committee**

Maggie Martino welcomed Mr. Rulis from the Community Workshop and Training Center to the Urban Sub-Committee.

### **Approval of the June 3, 2015 Minutes**

Motion by Mary Patton carried to approve the June 3, 2015 meeting minutes. Kraig McCluskie, via email, made the following correction: Galesburg Transit is in the process of procuring two hybrid buses, instead of Galesburg Transit has procured two hybrid buses. Motion carried.

### **Provider and Agency Updates**

#### *City of Galesburg*

Galesburg's Transit new maintenance is complete. This was accomplished with money from IDOT. She remarked that persistence was key to completing this. Debra Mannon also detailed the new improvements to the facility, highlighting the new maintenance facility, showerhouses, and dedicated office spaces. Also, Julie Main announced the Amtrak station expanded with Burlington Trailways serving them beginning this fall.

#### *Marshall-Stark Transportation*

Debbie Daykin reported that Marshall-Stark Transportation received their final check for DOAP FY15. There had been a mix-up between Marshall and Stark counties, leading to Marshall receiving 5311 money and Stark receiving DOAP. They are still waiting on the two minivans that Marshall-Stark Transportation was awarded, but won't be delivered for another year. It has been a struggle to keep vehicles on the road.

#### *CWTC (Community Workshop & Training Center, Inc.)*

Don Rulis introduced himself and shared that CWTC is interested in the opportunities this organization can offer. Ms. Martino advised him to look into CVP.

#### *Chillicothe Township*

James Byron sought advice from the group on how to make a minivan run on alternative fuel, specifically natural gas. Josh Moore of CityLink offered to discuss options in more detail after the meeting.

#### *CIAOA (Central Illinois Agency on Aging)*

Renee Razo expressed frustration with the state budget. They are currently working out transportation issues by means of a voucher program with CityLink as well as enlisting the help of WeCare.

#### *We Care*

Mike Hutchinson reported that they are still waiting for vehicles from FY13. They are running at maximum capacity with their current fleet with ridership increasing each month.

#### *FCRC/FCRT*

Barb Long and Shelly Entrekin announced they have received DOAP funds but are waiting on CVP. They also expressed concern over state budget situation.

#### *KCCDD*

Susan Lindsey announced they finally received their two vans in July, which will be of particular benefit for a specific routine trip to Williamsburg because they can now fit all six riders. Previously, an additional trip was necessary so the additional vehicles will save time and fuel expenses. She also expressed frustration with finding enough drivers and direct care staff. Barn Long suggested reaching out to former prison transportation drivers.

#### *AARP*

Mary Patton commended the group for their continued efforts in the midst of state budget crisis. AARP is pausing their work on transportation issues at this time, focusing on other operations and state budget issues.

#### *Tazewell County Resource Center (TCRC)*

Greg Cassidy reported that TCRC was to get their medium duty vehicle tomorrow from CVP13 funding.

#### *Association for the Developmentally Disabled of Woodford County (ADDWC)*

Jonathan Gauerke announced that October 7, 2015 will be their first annual Going Green Golf Tournament at Metamora Fields. The fundraiser intends to raise money for recycling. The organization is to replace a vehicle which has caught the attention of a private buyer. Mr. Gauerke also thanked We Car for the workshops and additional trips they've provided.

#### *CityLink*

Josh Moore reported that they still have not received their DOAP money and are approaching the limit of their reserves. With no changes, they may have to make changes to their services as soon as the middle of October this year. They are attempting to streamline their fares as well as adding agency fees. They have received one vehicle for CountyLink services and are expecting another six vehicles in September.

### **HSTP Coordinator Updates**

Maggie Martino asked the table about ideas the group would want to pursue regarding frustration with the state budget crisis. Mary Patton advised against any petitions, in favor of more direct routes such as letters and visiting legislation in their district offices, encouraging them to get

their leaders to get the budget passed. Ms. Patton also said AARP is going to hearings but has no money to give legislators and as a nonpartisan organization, they are doing as much as they can. Three of their agencies in southern Illinois have already closed due to financial strain. Debbie Daykin voiced her concern that shutting down is the only way legislators get the idea that their stubbornness is hurting services like ours.

Ms. Martino also announced that there will be a meeting of the HSTP coordinators in Bloomington-Normal and asked the committee what they would like to report and/or what changes they would suggest. Barb Long reported that our people have been good for their agencies and very helpful when applying for grants. Ms. Long also appreciates the meetings as a chance to visit and collaborate on shared issues. Connie Schiele also expressed gratitude for the group and the meetings saying as a paratransit user that it was good to understand the process and its nice that she can communicate what is happening in the HSTP region with her community. Josh Moore also agreed that it was nice to communicate with the smaller transit agencies in the region, not just organizations of similar size to CityLink. Debbie Daykin also appreciates the opportunity this committee provides to share common struggles. Ms. Daykin suggested that it would be nice to communicate with nearby agencies outside of HSTP Region 5 as well.

Ms. Martino then addressed the attendance concerns, pointing to the spreadsheet attached in the June 3 meeting minutes' packet. Those fields in orange highlight absences of steering committee members. Particularly Marshall, Stark, and Tazewell Counties have had particularly poor representation. Maggie proposed contacting county board chairmen. Debbie Daykin suggested to make it clear that it would not have to be a county board member, but just someone who would like to participate and represent their county. Barb Long also suggested highlighting the fact that it wouldn't necessarily have to be the same person every meeting, pointing to examples such as CIAOA who have two representatives that switch off every other meeting. Regarding Marshall County, Mary Patton alerted the group to the fact there was someone in the Lacon nursing home who would probably be interested in representing the county. Maggie wrapped up the conversation with the question of whether a two-person representation from the counties was necessary.

### **Other**

Johnathon Gauerke requested a status update regarding CVP14. Maggie also posed the idea to have Chris Mitchell serve on the urban committee, representing Disabled Advocate.

### **Adjournment**

Mary Patton made a motion to adjourn the rural-sub-committee portion of the meeting, with a second by Jonathan Gauerke. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held November 4, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

—Submitted by Hannah Martin