

Minutes
Kankakee County Transportation Committee
Conference Room, METRO Centre
1137 E. 5000N Road, Bourbonnais, IL
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

Members in attendance: Mike Butler, Good Shepherd; Laura Dick, SHOW BUS; Roger Hess, Kankakee County Board; Jennifer Cappellano, Options CIL; David Conway, Veteran's Assistance Center of Kankakee County, Lindsay Wilson, Kankakee County Health Dept.

Others present: Geoff Olson and Mike Mergenthaler, Kankakee County.

Call to Order

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM, welcomed everyone, and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the committee.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Butler asked members to review the draft minutes from the August 28, 2018 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. Mr. Hess motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Conway seconded approval of the minutes. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

HSTP Coordinator Update

Mr. Olson stated the Rural Region 6 Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Committee met Monday, March 25th, 2019. He stated that there is no 2019 schedule set for IDOT's Section 5310 CVP program, while the process typically begins in March. Chairman Butler included that 2019 may be skipped altogether and move to 2020. Vice-Chairwoman Dick said this has happened in the past, including one instance where two consecutive years were skipped.

Agency Transportation Needs, Interagency Coordination and Accessibility Issues

Vice-Chairwoman Dick said the other counties in Region 6 are doing fairly okay. She cited that recent problems have arisen as a result of changes in patterns in transportation, including increased distances for individual trips. Also, funding is limited for alcohol and substance abuse related transportation needs.

Disability/Aging/Transportation Issues

Ms. Cappellano stated that everything was moving along for Options CIL. Chairman Butler said that things were going well but also mentioned delays in the Section 5310 program.

Ms. Wilson said that the Health Dept. can offer NARCAN to anyone – including transit operators. This can help drivers in potentially preventing an overdose. Vice-Chairwoman Dick asked if it can be held on the bus for a long period of time, while also being exposed to sunlight

or changing temperatures. Ms. Wilson replied that it is okay to keep on the vehicles at all times. Ms. Wilson also shared the website <stopoverdosedead.org> for further information.

Mr. Olson stated Kankakee County is finalizing its 5310 applications by the end of the week. He also gave updates on the status of transit shelters in Momence and Sun River Terrace.

Mr. Conway said the VAC completed 674 trips in 2018. There is a new bus that runs from Bourbonnais to Joliet. There is a changing in trip patterns due to medical equipment becoming available nearby. Also, they are keeping a bus in the Sheriff's garage, which will help with the vehicle's long-term condition.

Program Status of Transportation Providers

Ms. Dick stated that it was hard to plan because of the six months without funding. All payments are current and she is looking for stability going forward. Transit Day is April 25th and is being put on by Onboard Illinois. It hopes to encourage the Capital Bill to be used for transit.

Questions from the Media

None.

New Business:

Mr. Olson said that there is a survey which can be found at <www.kats-mpo.org/survey>. It asks about prioritizing the seven national goals of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mr. Butler asked about the eligibility of a bus to be replaced that had burned. Ms. Dick said that it is most likely not eligible.

Next Meeting

Mr. Olson said the next Region 6 HSTP Meeting is October 15, 2018, at 9:30 AM. The next CTC meeting will be on October 29, 2018, at 10:30 AM at River Valley METRO.

Adjournment

Chairman Butler asked if there was any other business to come before the committee. Mr. Hess motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dick seconded adjournment. Chairman Butler adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.