

Minutes
Kankakee County Transportation Committee
Conference Room, METRO Centre
1137 E. 5000N Road, Bourbonnais, IL
Tuesday, October 29, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

Members in attendance: Mike Butler, Good Shepherd; Laura Dick, SHOW BUS; David Conway, Veteran's Assistance Center of Kankakee County; Lindsay Wilson, Kankakee County Health Dept., Michelle Brutlag, River Valley METRO

Others present: Ronda Graf, Oasis; Kayla Pacton, Kankakee County Health Department; Geoff Olson, Kankakee County.

Call to Order

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM, welcomed everyone, and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the committee. A Quorum was not present.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not approved due to a quorum not being present.

HSTP Coordinator Update

Mr. Olson said there were not updates from HSTP Region 6.

Agency Transportation Needs, Interagency Coordination and Accessibility Issues

Ms. Dick said service in Kankakee County was operating well. She said SHOW BUS was continuing to try to meet the demand of medical trips referred to by Medicare transportation coordinators such as Logisticare. Ms. Graf stated that Oasis has also been providing trips for individuals that were coordinated with Logisticare.

Disability/Aging/Transportation Issues

Mr. Butler said there were no issues at Good Shepherd Manor.

Ms. Wilson said that the Health Dept. was still offering NARCAN and training to anyone – including transit operators. This can help drivers in potentially preventing an overdose. Ms. Wilson asked who would be the proper person as each agency to contact regarding the training. Mr. Olson said CTC members would be a good starting point and would send an email to members.

Mr. Olson stated Kankakee County received a super medium duty bus in earlier in the month. The bus was from the 2016 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) cycle.

Mr. Conway said the VAC was continuing to provide medical trips for veterans and the bus was running well. He said the VAC was looking into applying for a 16-passenger van from Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Mr. Olson suggested IDOT's CVP program as an option, too, which does not require local funds, but he noted that the next application cycle is still being developed.

Program Status of Transportation Providers

Ms. Dick stated service was running okay and that requests for payment were being processed in a timely manner. She noted that it had been difficult to find prospective employees to drive vehicles.

Ms. Brutlag said METRO was also having difficulty in recruiting drivers. She said the bus stop accessibility improvements were finishing up. There was also an increase in requests for paratransit service, which METRO was going to add an additional paratransit vehicle to be able to meet the demand for rides.

Questions from the Media

None.

New Business:

Mr. Olson asked if members had preferences for meeting dates in 2020. Members agreed that a January meeting should only be called if there were topics to discuss. Otherwise the meetings would continue to be on the fifth Tuesday of the month for the months that have five Tuesdays, with the exception of December.

Next Meeting

Chairman Butler said the next CTC meeting would be on March 26, 2020, at 10:30 AM at River Valley METRO.

Adjournment

Chairman Butler asked if there was any other business to come before the committee. Ms. Brutlag motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Conway seconded adjournment. Chairman Butler adjourned the meeting at 11:07 AM.