

Iowa Transportation Coordination Council

January 12, 2011, Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Polk County River Place, Room 3A

2309 Euclid Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50310

MEETING NOTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Those in attendance included:

Margi Ness, United We Ride Ambassador, Vice-Chair

Kimberly Murphy, Iowa Department on Aging

Tim Weltzin, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Katie Jerkins, Iowa Department of Public Health

Kristin Haar, Iowa Department of Transportation, Chair

Chris Zeilinger, Community Transportation Association of America – National Resource Center

Anne Turcotte, Iowa Department of Transportation

Garrett Pedersen, Iowa Department of Transportation

Dylan Mullenix, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Jeff Harris, Region 6 Peoplerides

II. ITCC Officer Change

Kristin Haar explained that per Iowa Administrative Code 761-910.3(2) establishing the ITCC, the Chair position is to be held by the Iowa DOT Director or the Director's representative. With ITCC staffing provided by the Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit, she would be taking over the role of Chair beginning with this meeting.

III. Review September 8, 2010, Meeting Notes

VIII. Report on Des Moines Area MPO Mobility Matters³ Workshop

With Dylan Mullenix only available for a short-time at the beginning of this meeting, Chair Haar asked Mr. Mullenix to speak on this item early in the agenda. Mr. Mullenix stated this was the best attended Mobility Matters Workshop to date. It was a shorter, four-hour session this year with four areas of interest – government, business, providers, and community planners.

Good discussions about mobility management and the housing and transportation affordability index occurred at the workshop.

Mr. Mullenix announced that the Des Moines Area MPO has received a \$2 Million HUD grant to work on sustainability.

IV. Code of Iowa Section 324A.4(2) Proposed Changes

Iowa DOT is proposing to change Section 324A.4(2) of the Code of Iowa. The ITCC members were asked for their input.

Members questioned what the report to be submitted to the legislature and Governor would be used for and could the code language force the legislators and Governor to do something after receiving the report. Under 2.b.(3) the ITCC members questioned if it applied to DOT-oversight agencies only or all transportation providers. Under 2.b.(5) including the word 'and' between enterprise and public might help clear up confusion over whose rights are being protected.

V. ITCC Action Plan

The ITCC members discussed timelines for the Action Plan goals.

- Volunteer Transportation
 - Long-term goal, 3-4 model projects to begin
 - January 2015
 - Kimberly Murphy noted that Governor Branstad had mentioned Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) on his transition website. This may be good for volunteer transportation opportunities over the next several years.
- TMS Medicaid Brokerage – 2 components
 - Education: June 30, 2013 (when 3-year TMS contract is up)
 - How to make successful: long-term goal
 - Tim Weltzin noted that TMS baseline numbers will be available after the six-month point of the contract – April 1, 2011.
 - Mr. Weltzin also added that TMS has to provide IME an annual report by October 15 each year. TMS also provides monthly performance reports.
 - ITCC members also were wondering how the ITCC can help get the word out about TMS.
- Mobility Management
 - 8 Mobility Managers by July 2013
- CTAA Coordination Institute
 - Coordination Institute coming to Iowa May 9-12, 2011
 - Will need an additional year to complete the planning process: May 2012
- Three E's
 - Ongoing

Additional discussion by the ITCC members included questions about what we are trying to accomplish with this plan and how have things been improved with this action plan? Margi Ness suggested we set aside time at each meeting to discuss the action plan or some component of it.

This item also led to a discussion of coordination of medical appointments. Jeff Harris suggested the ITCC or transit agencies might want to meet with clinics to have them educate

the transit providers on why appointments need to be scheduled at certain times and the transit providers could educate them on timing of transit service. Katie Jerkins added that perhaps the new statewide mobility manager could be a member of the Rural Health and Primary Care Providers group sponsored by the Department of Public Health to serve as a liaison between healthcare providers and the ITCC.

VI. State-wide Mobility Manager

Kristin Haar updated the ITCC on the proposal before the Iowa Association of Regional Councils and the Region 6 Planning Commission asking that they host a State-wide Mobility Manager. The State-wide Mobility Manager will assist regions throughout Iowa in creating their own mobility manager positions, participate in the Iowa Mobility Manager's Network, and be extremely knowledgeable about mobility management innovations, technologies, and funding sources. It is hoped the State-wide Mobility Manager will be on board by May 1, 2011 – in time to attend the Iowa CTAA Institute for Transportation Coordination.

VII. Iowa CTAA Institute for Transportation Coordination

Chris Zeilinger from the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) was in attendance to answer the ITCC's questions about the Iowa CTAA Institute for Transportation Coordination coming May 9-12, 2011. Kristin Haar explained that there were several options for the ITCC members to get involved in the Institute, either attending the entire conference and shadowing teams or attending only the last day for a team 'report out' session. ITCC members, it was decided, would like to try to shadow teams for the whole institute. Already Katie Jerkins, Margi Ness, Jeff Harris, and Kristin Haar volunteered. It is also hoped that these shadows will check in with the teams to follow up on progress throughout the year following the Institute.

Anne Turcotte, Kimberly Murphy, and Kristin Haar will review team applications and do team selections after applications come in January 31, 2011.

IX. Member Roundtable

With limited time, the ITCC members were not able to cover this item on the agenda.

X. March 9, 2011, *New Member* Meeting Agenda Items

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Dates and Locations:

March 9, 2011 (New Member Meeting)	May 9-12, 2011 (No May ITCC Meeting)
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Iowa Institute for Transportation
Polk County River Place, Room 2	Coordination
	Location TBD