

## **Iowa Transportation Coordination Council**

**November 14, 2012, Meeting**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Polk County River Place, Room 2**

**2309 Euclid Avenue**

**Des Moines, IA 50310**

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Those in attendance included:

Connie Eastman, AARP

Heather Byron, American Cancer Society

Scott Anderson, TMS

Margi Ness, United We Ride – via telephone

Angie O'Brien, Statewide Mobility Manager

Jeremy Johnson Miller, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

Sue Olson, Iowa Department on Aging

Kristin Haar, Iowa Department of Transportation, Chair

Doreen Chamberlin, Iowa Department of Public Health

Tim Weltzin, Iowa Department of Human Services – Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Jeff Harris, PeopleRides

Jamie Nagel, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

#### **II. Review September 12, 2012, Meeting Notes**

#### **III. Final Draft Coordination Report to Iowa General Assembly and Governor Branstad**

Kristin Haar presented the final draft of the *Transportation Coordination in Iowa* report to the Iowa General Assembly and Governor Terry E. Branstad. Ms. Haar explained that in accordance with the Code of Iowa, Section 324A.4, the Iowa DOT was to biennially prepare a report for the Iowa General Assembly and Governor on transportation coordination. The report is due December 15, 2012. The final draft of the report was included with the agenda's supplemental materials.

Ms. Haar asked for input and feedback on the report.

Doreen Chamberlin suggested adding the mobility manager map, mentioning Iowa DOT's participation in Healthy Iowans 2020 plan, and adding a link to the Health Care and Public Transit brochure.

#### **IV. MAP-21**

Ms. Haar discussed the new federal transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21). MAP-21 was signed into law on July 6, 2012, and went into full effect on October 1, 2012.

Two programs directly affecting mobility management, the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding program, and New Freedom funding program were repealed under this law, although aspects from each were incorporated into other funding programs. JARC-eligible activities are now included under the Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307) and Rural Area Formula (Section 5311) grant programs. New Freedom-eligible activities are included in the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program (Section 5310). Ms. Haar noted that continued funding of the current mobility managers would be discussed with the Iowa Public Transit Association on November 14.

The Passenger Transportation Planning (PTP) process will still be required under the Section 5310 program, but as Ms. Haar explained, not all transit agencies are eligible to receive Section 5310 funds, so the Iowa DOT must determine if all areas of the state will be required to complete PTP, or just those areas receiving Section 5310 funds.

#### **V. Spring 2014 Transportation Conference**

Sue Olson stated that the Iowa Department on Aging would like to co-sponsor a transportation coordination conference, presenting information and educating a wide variety of participants, including the Area Agencies on Aging. Ms. Haar noted that in 2006, the Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit sponsored regional transportation coordination workshops, capped off with a statewide Mobility Action Planning Conference; that agenda could start the conversation.

Ms. Olson stressed that the conversation has to get into the rural need, especially funding transportation. Ms. Chamberlin suggested inviting medical providers and providing route maps for the whole state. Ms. Chamberlin also added that for scheduling purposes, the public health conference is always the first week in April. Jaime Nagel asked if CEUs would be offered? That might entice social workers, nurses, planners to attend. Jeff Harris suggested inviting legislators.

Ms. Haar asked about interest from other state agencies in co-sponsoring this conference. Ms. Chamberlin stated she would need a budget in order to know if Iowa Department of Public Health could participate. Mr. Harris suggested the possibility of corporate sponsorship.

#### **VI. Health Care and Public Transit Brochure**

Ms. Haar and Ms. Chamberlin presented the updated Health Care and Public Transit brochure. Ms. Haar noted this brochure can be found on the Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit website and Ms. Chamberlin stated it is also on the Iowa Department of Public Health

Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems website and will be written up in future newsletters.

Ms. Chamberlin also suggested the Office of Public Transit and State-wide Mobility Manager might consider doing a session at the public health conference on public transit and mobility management.

**VII. Committee Report – NEMT**

Scott Anderson reported that two policy clarifications occurred recently affecting Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT). 1. If there is a registered vehicle in the Medicaid member's household, then that vehicle must be used to access medical care, with mileage reimbursement, unless the driver is medically unable or if the vehicle is utilized for accessing a job at the time it would be needed for a medical appointment. 2. TMS now is allowed to direct a Medicaid member to schedule their medical appointment at a time when a regularly scheduled public transit shuttle is available for transportation.

Mr. Anderson added that TMS has contracts with 33 public transit agencies and 40-45 private companies.

Tim Weltzin stated that 400,000 Iowans currently are eligible for Medicaid NEMT; after the Affordable Care Act takes effect January 1, 2014, an additional 150,000 Iowans may be eligible for Medicaid NEMT depending on to what degree the Governor and Legislature expand the Medicaid program. The Governor has stated in the past, that he opposes Medicaid expansion.

**VIII. Committee Report – Volunteer**

No report.

**IX. IMMN Update**

Jeremy Johnson Miller stated that the Iowa Mobility Manager's Network would be meeting on Friday, November 16. They are working with Margi Ness to have a FTA Region 7 mobility manager conference in August.

**X. Statewide Mobility Manager Update**

Angie O'Brien noted she has been working with the Iowa DOT to create a new mobility management brochure, hopefully able to be distributed at the next ITCC meeting. Ms. O'Brien stated there are two new mobility managers in Iowa: Dawn Kimmel serving Sioux City and Region 4 and Jennifer Roberts serving Polk County.

**XI. Member Roundtable**

Time did not allow for the member roundtable.

**XII. Other Items of Interest**

Ms. Haar shared the new website [www.365ride.org](http://www.365ride.org), a tool for Cedar Rapids area residents to find transportation options.

Ms. Haar mentioned that Iowa Workforce Development had been awarded a Disability Employment Initiative grant and that she and Angie O'Brien would be attending a couple meetings on November 30 and December 11 about the project.

**XIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:**

**January 9, 2013**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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