

Kankakee County Transportation Committee Minutes

September 25, 2012

Members in attendance: Mike Butler, Chairman, Good Shepherd Manor; Roger Hess, Kankakee County Board Member; Laura Dick, SHOW BUS; Bonnie Schaafsma, Kankakee County Health Department; and Dorci Schoolman, Options CIL.

Others in attendance: Richard Nolan, McLean County Regional Planning Commission and Co-coordinator Region 6 HSTP; Pat McCarthy, Illinois Central School Bus; Bette Reed, Cornerstone Services; Cheryl Chamberlain, KC-CASA; Mike Lammey, Ashley Skimerhorn and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM, and welcomed everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 31, 2012 meeting were submitted for approval. Mr. Hess made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dick. Motion carried.

STATUS OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Lammey stated there has been no official announcement for awards at this time. There is an unofficial spreadsheet depicting the grants, but we are being told they still have yet to be reviewed by a committee. Reportedly, that committee had been disbanded under the mistaken belief that it was no longer needed. IDOT has reinstated the committee with some new people on it and have been training them. Mr. Nolan reported that Mr. Edmonds has stated the awards will be announced the end of October or the early part of November. No spending can be done yet on the grants that were supposed to start July 1st.

PRESENTATION ON URBANIZED AREA IMPLICATIONS

Mr. Lammey showed a map of the county with the recently approved Urbanized Area blacked out. He explained the area outside the blackened area is under the Kankakee County (SHOW BUS as the provider) jurisdiction for transportation services and the area inside the blackened areas fall under River Valley METRO Mass Transit District's jurisdiction. If bus transportation for a person has a beginning or ending point outside the Urbanized Area, Kankakee County would have responsibility. Further, if an entity

wanted to start a new transportation route service outside the Urbanized Area or that started or ended outside the Urbanized Area, Kankakee County would first need to be checked if it could provide that service. If not, the application process for a bus would be through this Committee and the Region 6 HSTP Committee. If transportation route service were needed inside the Urbanized Area, If service was not available from River Valley METRO Mass Transit District for the need, the entity could apply through METRO for a bus through the Urban process.

AGENCY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, INTERAGENCY COORDINATION, AND ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Ms. Schoolman stated that she and Don Mitchell from Options CIL had inspected all of the bus shelters, including measuring them for compliance with ADA standards. They have found some that do not comply. She will be finishing the report of their findings soon and will present it at the next meeting.

Ms. Dick stated the State has made changes in requirements that prevent applying for reimbursements until changes in ordinances or resolutions are passed “to bring them into compliance”.

DISABILITY/AGING/TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Ms. Schoolman reported that there have been unbelievable changes in personnel at various State programs, resulting in new people changing methods and requirements for processing funding requests and many programs statewide.

Ms. Schaafsma agreed with Ms. Dick and Ms. Schoolman on the changes at the State level affecting the Health Departments. The County Health Departments have an association which has been working with the State Agencies, bringing them to the table and explaining their needs and procedures in order to better coordinate with the State agencies. They have been affected by a new Public Act that changed some grant program application requirements.

Ms. Schaafsma also reported that the Partnership for a Healthy Community has filed its Community Health Assessment report with the State. The Partnership Access to Care Committee will be having a training meeting for physician office staff this Thursday morning at 7:30 AM at Riverside Medical Center to train staff on transportation needs for their patients and what transportation services are available for them to recommend to the patients. A similar training session is being planned for St. Mary’s Hospital affiliated physicians office staff.

Mr. Lammey thanked Ms. Schaafsma for offering to provide translation services for Kankakee County SHOW BUS brochures to be translated into Spanish, as he handed her two brochures to be translated.

Mr. Lammey announced the VA Clinic in Bourbonnais now has a Mobile Health Vehicle to take some medical services to those who cannot travel to the clinic.

PROGRAM STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Ms. Dick reported that SHOW BUS now has a Website! It is up and running at:

<http://www.showbusonline.org>

The website has received the Accessibility Approved stamp of approval. The site has printable brochures. Ms. Dick stated that the site should work with all search engines, but some may not work. Let her know about any failings. You might get directed to a party bus website in China with the same name!

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA

No media present.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nolan stated the MAP-21 Transportation Bill has passed and is in effect until September 30, 2013. He has placed brochures on the table if anyone wants to read about it.

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 15, 2012 Region 6 HSTP meeting Good Shepherd Manor, Momence, IL at 11 AM.

November 27, 2012 County Transportation Committee at METRO Centre at 9:30 AM.

The 2013 meeting schedule for Region 6 HSTP should be ready for dissemination at the next County Transportation Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Ms. Schoolman. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.