

KANKAKEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 29, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Mike Butler, Chairman, Good Shepherd Manor; Laura Dick, SHOW BUS; Steve Mitchell, Kankakee County Training Center.

Others Present: Richard Nolan, McLean County Regional Planning Commission, and Co-coordinator Region 6 HSTP; Pat McCarthy, Illinois Central School Bus; Jeannette Tetreault, Thresholds; Cassandra Nordyke and Cheryl Chamberland, KC-CASA; Dorci Schoolman, Options CIL; Melissa Morehouse, Harbor House; Mike Lammey, and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 27, 2011 meeting were held for the next meeting for lack of a quorum.

PRESENTATION ON IDOT VEHICLE PURCHASES

Mr. Lammey presented information on the IDOT Consolidated Vehicle Purchases for FY 2010/2011 for 5310, 5316 and 5317 uses. A spreadsheet from IDOT showed vehicle purchase awards by entity type, Not For Profit (NFP) or Public Body Applicants. It also showed applicants that were not endorsed by Urban or Regional HSTP Committees, and thus did not get vehicle funding.

The Super Medium Duty vehicles approved for Kankakee County are not available through the IDOT Purchase program, so Kankakee County and other entities were told they could “piggyback” on other state’s purchase contracts. The problem there is the County will have to pay up front for the vehicles and wait for reimbursement from the state. There is also concern about whether or not full reimbursement will be received later or not. Mr. Lammey and Ms. Dick from SHOW BUS will be attending a meeting on Friday, December 2 to discuss this with IDOT.

AGENCY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, INTERAGENCY COORDINATION, AND ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

- a. Accessibility Issues: Nothing new to report.
- b. State Budget Issues: Ms. Dick reported the State has indicated the legislative 10% increase is in the approved budget. The State is up to 1 year behind in making payments.

- c. Other Issues: Mr. Lammey reported the new VA Clinic in Bourbonnais is open and is to provide some expanded services in the future. Some new services will be “tele-services”, rather than on-site. Ms. Schoolman reported there were 250 to 300 people at the VA Clinic for the Grand Opening event.

Ms. Schoolman reported that Option CIL has had the co-operation of a group of volunteers in Iroquois County called Iroquois County Ramp Builders who build accessible ramps for people in need. They are average age of 87, and obtain donated materials or discounted materials to construct safe ramps to code. The Grace Community United Methodist Church is starting a ministry in Kankakee County to begin doing the same thing here. They will raise funds for materials and tools and get started with the process, then begin an expansion project to have other church groups join with them for the projects. Options has at least ten families who need ramps currently.

Mr. McCarthy asked if contacting school special education units might be a way of finding more families who could use ramps in the future for children. Mr. Mitchell asked if DOORS had funding available for materials for such projects. Doors funding would be limited to occupation related needs. He also suggested that at his facility there would be storage space available for materials and tools. Mr. Mitchell asked if there were any liability issues. Ms. Schoolman stated there are, and the church has already verified its umbrella liability coverage will cover it. Mr. Lammey asked if United Way funds could be used for materials costs, or applied for in future United Way budgets.

DISABILITY/AGING/TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

- a. Social Service provider comments – No report
- b. Medical Service Provider comments – No report
- c. Government Agency comments – No report

PROGRAM STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

- a. River Valley METRO: Mr. Lammey reported METRO had another record month.
- b. SHOW BUS: Ms. Dick reported increasing ridership on the 4:00 AM and 5:00 AM busses to Momence, with pick-ups along the way of this deviated fixed route.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA

No media present.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held concerning the issue of the need for group insurance plans for transportation providers (NFP’s and Public Bodies) for both workman’s compensation and liability.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Region 6 HSTP Meeting – January 9, 2012 @ 10:00 AM –in Pontiac, IL
County Transportation Committee – January 31, 2012 @ 9:30 AM - METRO CENTRE

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Butler adjourned the meeting at 10:14 AM.