

Minutes
Kankakee County Transportation Committee
Conference Room, METRO Centre
1137 E. 5000N Road, Bourbonnais, IL
Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 10:30 AM

Members in attendance: Mike Butler, Good Shepherd Manor, Laura Dick, SHOW BUS; Michelle Brutlag, River Valley METRO Mass Transit District; John Bevis, Kankakee County Health Dept.; Colette Jordan, Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging; Roger Hess. Kankakee County.

Others present: Geoff Olson, Kankakee County.

Call to Order

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM, welcomed everyone.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes of the August 29, 2017 meeting. Mr. Hess made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Brutlag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HSTP Coordinator Issues

None.

Agency Transportation Needs, Interagency Coordination and Accessibility Issues

Ms. Brutlag said there is a new transfer center at the mall. Also, there will be an updated location and shelter installed at the Kankakee Walmart. Riders can also go from Kankakee to Manteno in significantly less time with the new route configurations.

Ms. Dick said another Medicaid transportation provider, outside Kankakee County, closed, which served a five county area. As a result, there has been an increase in Medicaid trips being scheduled with SHOW BUS. Kankakee County has also seen an increase in Medicaid trips, too.

Disability/Aging/Transportation Issues

Mr. Butler said Good Shepherd Manor has gone through IDOT inspections and transportation is currently going well.

Mr. Bevis stated the increase in METRO buses to the Health Department has been beneficial for riders. Riders are able to arrive closer to the Health Departments opening time and no longer need to wait outside, or have a staff member open the atrium before normal hours. Likewise in the evenings, riders are able to get on the bus closer to closing time.

Mr. Hess said the county is continuing to work through its financial issues. Mr. Hess also stated that the Veteran's Commission has been continuing to repair their current bus while continuing to wait for the new bus.

Program Status of Transportation Providers

Ms. Dick said Kankakee County has received an agreement for FTA Section 5311, but not the state downstate operating assistant program and McLean County had not received either agreements. SHOW BUS has continued to maintain its current level of service despite the lack of agreements and ability to receive program reimbursements in a timely fashion. Medicaid trips have been increasing, possibly as private providers reduce or cut service. Overall ridership has been good.

Ms. Brutlag said the total number of rides has been down, but that was anticipated because of the new route configurations. The new configurations are more efficient and riders do not need to transfer between buses as much, which affects the total number of rides counted. METRO has seen a significant increase in ADA service. Some transportation for Cornerstone is also being provided.

Questions from the Media

None.

New Business:

None.

Next Meeting

Mr. Olson said the next Region 6 HSTP Meeting is to be determined.

The next CTC meeting will be on January 30, 2018 at 10:30 AM at River Valley METRO.

Adjournment

Chairman Butler asked if there was any other business to come before the committee. There was none. Ms. Brutlag motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bevis seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:59 AM.