

1 **Minutes**

2 **Kankakee County Transportation Committee**

3 Conference Room, METRO Centre

4 1137 E. 5000N Road, Bourbonnais, IL

5 **Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ 10:30 AM**

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7 Members in attendance: Laura Dick, SHOW BUS; Michelle Brutlag, River Valley METRO  
8 Mass Transit District; John Bevis, Kankakee County Health Dept.; Colette Jordan, Northeastern  
9 Illinois Area Agency on Aging; Michelle Allen, Cornerstone Services; Karen Smietanski,  
10 Kankakee County Veteran’s Assistance Commission.

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12 Others present: Geoff Olson, Kankakee County.

13 **Call to Order**

14 Vice Chairwoman Dick called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM, welcomed everyone.

15 **Public Comment**

16 None

17 **Approval of Minutes**

18 There were no corrections to the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting. Ms. Brutlag made a  
19 motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

20 **HSTP Coordinator Issues**

21 None.

22 **Agency Transportation Needs, Interagency Coordination and Accessibility Issues**

23 Ms. Brutlag said METRO has begun implementing their ADA improvements to bus stops. All  
24 stops are being reviewed for concrete pads and connections to sidewalks.

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26 Ms. Dick said Medicaid from Blue Cross and Blue Shield is rolling out. Kankakee County has  
27 seen more private transportation providers to clients.

28 **Disability/Aging/Transportation Issues**

29 Ms. Allen informed everyone that Cornerstone was receiving a minivan and light duty bus from  
30 the CVP program today.

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32 Mr. Bevis informed everyone that the Kankakee County Health Department has been using a  
33 grant to address the opioid problem in the region. He stated that Kankakee County has a higher  
34 death rate than neighboring counties. Part of the grant is to provide training and education to  
35 anyone who is interested in attending. He specified that the outreach cannot be used to directly  
36 educate anyone under the age of eighteen. Mr. Bevis asked if it is possible to advertise on buses  
37 for the next event to help promote it and increase attendance. Ms. Brutlag said Ken Munjoy does  
38 advertising and vehicle wraps for METRO and would put them in touch. Chairwoman Dick said  
39 government sponsored events are eligible for providers service to. She also informed everyone

40 that FTA has updated their regulations on drug testing to include opioids. Ms. Smietanski asked  
41 if the event info could be sent out to members. Mr. Bevis said he expected the next session to be  
42 in late April or early May and would send out the information.

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44 Ms. Jordan told everyone that the first organ summit was held in Cook County with the Secretary  
45 of State's Alzheimer's assistance grant which is to establish dementia friendly communities.  
46 Kankakee County and North Chicago were chosen. Part of the program is to train first  
47 responders. They held an initial meeting at a Riverside facility in Bourbonnais. They are looking  
48 for agencies to train and to hold "Memory Cafes." The grant ends on January 31, 2019.

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50 Mr. Olson informed everyone that the Kankakee County just recently received their Downstate  
51 Operating Assistance Program agreement from IDOT.

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53 Ms. Smietanski said the VAC was getting their new light duty bus, from the CVP Program,  
54 delivered in the afternoon.

#### 55 **Program Status of Transportation Providers**

56 Mr. Olson said Kankakee County was awarded their intercity bus application. The proposed  
57 project is to provide service from Momence to the Greyhound stop in Kankakee and to install a  
58 bus shelter in Momence and Sun River Terrace. Ms. Brutlag said METRO also has a stop at the  
59 Economy Inn and riders would be able to transfer.

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61 Ms. Brutlag said they have buses on the way. They have four New Flyer buses expected to be  
62 delivered in late fall, possibly sooner. They also have 17 awarded buses on the way. A new fleet  
63 is expected to be operating by the end of the year.

#### 64 **Questions from the Media**

65 None.

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#### 67 **New Business:**

68 None.

#### 69 **Next Meeting**

70 Mr. Olson said the next Region 6 HSTP Meeting is to be determined. The next CTC meeting  
71 will be on March 27, 2018 at 10:30 AM at River Valley METRO. He said additional meeting  
72 may be necessary depending on the CVP Schedule.

#### 73 **Adjournment**

74 Chairwoman Dick asked if there was any other business to come before the committee. Hearing  
75 none, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 11:33 AM.