

1 **Minutes**

2 **Kankakee County Transportation Committee**

3 Conference Room, METRO Centre

4 1137 E. 5000N Road, Bourbonnais, IL

5 **May 14, 2018 @ 10:30 AM**

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7 Members in attendance: Mike Butler, Good Shepherd Manor; Laura Dick, SHOW BUS;
8 Michelle Brutlag, River Valley METRO Mass Transit District; Roger Hess, Kankakee County
9 Health Dept.; Jeanette Tetreault, Thresholds.

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11 Others present: Geoff Olson, Kankakee County.

12 **Call to Order**

13 Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM and welcomed everyone.

14 **Public Comment**

15 None.

16 **Approval of Minutes**

17 A quorum was not present. The minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

18 **Change of Committee Membership**

19 Mr. Olson stated the Kankakee County Veteran’s Assistance Center has a new director, but was
20 not able to attend the meeting. The committee can officially vote to change the membership
21 when a quorum is present.

22 **HSTP Coordinator Issues**

23 Mr. Olson stated the Rural Region 6 Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Committee
24 will meet next Monday. The committee will endorse Consolidated Vehicle Procurement
25 Program applications for the HSTP region.

26 **2018 IDOT Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP)**

27 Ms. Carmack gave a summary on the CVP application that Good Shepherd Manor will be
28 submitting. The application is requesting three vehicles to replace two 12-passenger vans and
29 one minivan. In the order of priority, the requested vehicles are one light duty bus, one minivan,
30 and one light duty bus. In the last twelve month period, their vehicles logged over 185,000 miles
31 and provided 75,653 trips. The present members had no objections about the submission of the
32 application. The present members voiced support of the submission.

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

34 Ms. Brutlag stated METRO is finalizing their ADA bus stop improvement plan and prioritizing
35 implementation. She added the new Meijer store, opening this week, will have an ADA bus
36 stop.

38 Ms. Dick said the managed care organizations have not been rolling out well with regards to
39 coordinating transportation needs with public transportation providers.

40 **Disability/Aging/Transportation Issues**

41 Ms. Tetreault stated Thresholds clients have benefited by being able to have trips provided by
42 METRO. Clients have expressed a desire to have transit times reduced if at all possible. The
43 limited weekend hours have also caused difficulty for clients at the end of the day. Ms. Tetreault
44 asked if it could be possible to have signs on the vehicles informing riders of the last trip of the
45 day. Ms. Brutlag said that was a good idea and would look into it.

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47 Chairman Butler said Good Shepherd Manor will be purchasing a vehicle to replace the bus
48 involved in a crash in December.

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50 Mr. Hess said the county's financial status is improving.

51 **Program Status of Transportation Providers**

52 Ms. Dick said the transit applications have been submitted to IDOT and grantees waiting for
53 agreements to be sent back.

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55 Ms. Brutlag said it's been almost a year since the new routes were implemented. METRO is
56 looking at improving service by tweaking routes to better serve the community. Mr. Hess stated
57 the Midway Route is a very easy way to get to the airport. But if flights are delayed long
58 enough, alternative travel accommodations are needed. Ms. Brutlag said METRO is expecting
59 four New Flyer vehicles in early 2019. Seventeen vehicles will also be delivered from the CVP
60 program, four of which will have luggage racks.

61 **Questions from the Media**

62 None.

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64 **New Business:**

65 None.

66 **Next Meeting**

67 Mr. Olson said the next Region 6 HSTP Meeting is May 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM. The next CTC
68 meeting will be on August 28, 2018 at 10:30 AM at River Valley METRO.

69 **Adjournment**

70 Chairman Butler asked if there was any other business to come before the committee. Hearing
71 none, he adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.