

Committee and Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wheat, Advocate BroMenn

Laura Dick, SHOW BUS

Shelly Snider, Connect Transit

Jared Simons, Connect Transit

Teresa Anderson, MCRPC

Conan Calhoun, LIFE-CIL

Jennifer Sicks, MCRPC

Michael Predmore, Marcfirst

The session was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Ms. Sicks advised that no requests for public comment were received.

Ms. Dick noted that only the SHOW BUS deviated fixed routes are found on Google Maps.

Mr. Snider offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting as corrected by Ms. Dick, and was seconded by Ms. Dick. The minutes were approved without objection.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

None. The Committee moved directly to items for discussion.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Ms. Sicks noted that the Connect Transit Short-Term Strategic Plan is underway. The Committee will receive the final draft for review when it is completed.

URBAN AREA PROVIDER PROGRAM STATUS

Connect Transit

Ms. Snider advised that considering hiring a Medicaid coordinator combined with an ADA support person. Dealing with Medicaid is very taxing and time consuming, since Connect Mobility is making arrangements rather than the rider. The first Medicaid payment of \$92.00 was received. Handling Medicaid will be a full-time job.

Connect Transit received a grant for five new Connect Mobility vehicles, and is preparing to work with the all-electric vehicles, not that they are very quiet.

Mr. Calhoun noted that for some people with perception disabilities there are issues with the quiet operations. The Committee discussed some of the features of the electric vehicles at issue, noting that some are still under discussion between CT and CM.

LIFE-CIL

Mr. Calhoun noted that he is a disability advocate at LIFE-CIL. He is about to conduct a review with the City of Bloomington's Steve Rasmussen and the city's ADA coordinator, Michael Hurt.

He noted that he is pursuing a number of advocacy activities, including ADA reviews and other work with the municipalities. Ms. Tarkowski will not be returning to TAC.

Marcfirst

Mr. Predmore advised that matters continue as noted, but noted that rural access remains very difficult. It was noted that there has been no word from IDOT recently; Ms. Dick noted that Mike Healy is out on paternity leave.

Advocate BroMenn

Ms. Wheat briefly described the Adult Day program and provides a variety of services.

Ms. Wheat inquired about the annual certification form; Ms. Dick noted that some email exchanges are failing, which may include the notice. Several participants noted that there are difficulties with IDOT communications. She also inquired as to the possibility of painting on raw aluminum, for a repair to their one remaining IDOT vehicle. Mr. Calhoun noted Vogel Paints as a source of appropriate paints.

Ms. Wheat inquired if anyone knew of a definition of medical appointments, such as that used by Faith in Action, to qualify to charge in that category. She considers the BroMenn service as non-emergency medical transportation.

Ms. Wheat noted that state agencies have become much stricter in the audit process. Ms. Snider noted the issues for certain types of trips, as to drugstores.

Faith in Action

Ms. Herr was unable to attend.

Homes of Hope

Ms. Phillips was unable to attend.

SHOW BUS

Ms. Dick noted that SHOW BUS has acquired a new case manager who has managed to expedite contracts; the new case manager is a former HSTP coordinator and very efficient. Ms. Dick is very pleased. SB took over two light-duty vehicles from the YWCA, and one medium-duty vehicle from Chicago. These vehicles are being leased until IDOT

restarts processing title transfers; these vehicles will be titled to McLean County. GATA and related processes remain a major challenge, and generally it is difficult to get instructions or guidance in writing, as opposed to verbal instructions that cannot be verified. Capital expenditures require approval for amounts over \$500. In this instance, the federal and IDOT rules and not always consistent, and IDOT has failed to

The intercity route will start during the current quarter, as funding should be available once DOAP funds are released.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

Ms. Sicks noted that the IDOT Fall Planning Conference is taking place over the next two days. The Committee discussed concerns about dealing with the state both before and after the election.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee is scheduled to meet on November 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



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