

**Transportation Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2020**

*Present: Nancy Bishop, Marcia Bohannon, Clint Brugger, Madeline DeMarco, Terrina Liogghio, Dave Maxwell, Chris Miller, Ben Newsome, Jessica Sattler, Angie Shepard, Misty Shulters, Matt Swartzlander, Don Taylor, Jim Van Doren, Randy Yagiela, Amy Young*

**Meeting called to order at 10:00am.**

Motion to approve 08/26/2020 Meeting minutes with given changes was made by Chris Miller, Jim Van Doren offered second and approved by all.

Motion to approve 09/23/2020 Meeting agenda was given by Chris Miller, Dave Maxwell offered second and approved by all.

Navigator update:

No report available at the time of the meeting. Janelle has been working on compiling her obtained information and contacts for the pending transition.

Grants/Opportunities

- 5310 Freedom Fund grant update:
  - MDOT is requiring that our Task Force and CAA be mentioned in the Region 9 Coordinated Mobility Transportation Plan. Grant funding is on hold until progress is made. Matt Swartzlander provided an update that he waiting on region 2 who may be able to make the connection needed to request the edit. Discussed needing to be placed on the Region 2 Planning Commission meeting agenda (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2pm) to discuss our need.
- Rising Tide update: Nothing current or pending
- Connecting Lenawee Plan (non-motorized): No discussion had

Covid-19 Impact and Transportation:

- CAA still has CSBG funds for many needs – refer to CAA office line for assistance. These funds may also help youth who are struggling to pay for road test costs.
- Marcia shared that Lenawee Transportation operates between 8:30-3:00pm and are flexible, no longer only serving those with an essential need, riders must wear a mask.
- Clint and Nancy both have an abundance of masks – let them know if you need them.

Other updates/needs:

A community member reached out to Misty with a question for the group around transportation to the hospital. It was shared that Lenawee Transportation will provide on-demand service during their operating hours and will be able to transport riders to the new hospital.

DHHS: Medicaid transportation, 3-5 runs/week, low on volunteers and has been having to go outside the county to get someone to help with rides

Additional discussion was had on the following points;

*Does anyone track unmet needs for transportation?*

- Marcia responded that Lenawee Transportation/Dial-a-ride both track origin and destination, but no tracking for purpose of ride
- No one currently uses dial-a-ride/Lenawee Transportation for employment needs

*Should we reach out to business community to see what their needs are for transportation?*

- Many agreed this would be valuable information
- Marcia shared that she has provided information to employers on the MichiVan service, but not sure if they took advantage of it.
- Suggestion was made to add Tecumseh/Morenci representatives to the meeting.

Next meeting will be on September 23rd and will be virtual. Misty to send details closer to the meeting time.

**Meeting concluded at 10:55am.**