

Transportation Task Force Meeting Minutes May 26, 2021

Present: Chris Miller, Misty Shulters, Don Taylor, Tricia Commet, Ben Newsome, John Haught, Madeline DeMarco, Misty Pope, Nancy Bishop, Tim Robinson, Amy Young, Frank Nagle, Marcia Bohannon, Clint Brugger, Paula Holtz, Randy Yagiela, Jim Van Doren

Meeting called to order at 10:01 am.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the April 2021 Minutes was made by Don Taylor and supported by Chris Miller. The Minutes were approved as presented. *Randy Yagiela later emailed Misty S. that he was left off April 2021 attendance, however he was present.*

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Marcia Bohannon and supported by Chris Miller. The agenda was approved as presented.

Mobility Manager Update

Misty Pope, Mobility Manager reported that she has been working on resources for needs identified in community. She has also updated the task force bylaws and MOU documents, which are on the agenda to discuss.

Misty P. raised a question to the group on how we would like to disseminate the transportation resources she has collected. Ideas included; 2-1-1 sharing, send to LCF for their Resource Guide, Lenawee Now offered to share with employer contacts, MDOT website has a portal for this type of information, county website, share with the area chambers, Hospital & local health care providers, DeAngelo Boone for a connection to the coalition, printed, emailed, etc. An idea for large, poster size full color prints of the information was shared - **Misty Pope will collect the total number needed so please send an email to mpope@caajlh.org if you have ideas of where these should be or want one for your office. Nancy Bishop will ask the DHHS board for help with the printing costs once the total number needed is identified.**

MOU's and Bylaws Drafts reviewed

Suggested change made: change bi-annually to bi-annual - this is in both documents

This change will be made and the documents will be sent out to the task force - vote will take place during June 23rd meeting.

Transportation Sub-committee report

Chris Miller shared that the shuttle pilot is still projected to launch July 1st. Slight setback as the busses that Ben Newsome found did not pass MDOT inspection due to an OEM repair that is needed, but not possible due to age of vehicles. Ben is hunting for other shuttle buses.

Reminder, the route is for Thurs-Sat, 5-10pm and will have stops in Tecumseh, Hospital, Movie Theater, Downtown Adrian, Meijer and County Market.

Next steps are marketing ideas - which will be discussed at their next meeting. **Let Chris Miller know if you are interested or have ideas.**

Don Taylor shared that there is a fund-raising campaign for extending the Kiwanis Trail - a dollar match (up to \$50K) will be provided by MEDC. The link to donate is https://www.patronicity.com/project/kiwanis_trail_tecumseh_connection#!/

Agency updates related to transportation

Commute with Enterprise was received well - Goodwill in early discussions on how they may be able to utilize them.

Additional group conversation is that the task force should consider all the possibilities and offer employers a package deal that fits their needs. Employer needs around transportation will be learned at the Summit, which is still planned for fall so we can be in person.

Ben shared that he is able to provide transportation for 3rd shift - connect with him for more information: Benjamin.Newsomes@firstgroup.com

Marcia Bohannon announced that she is retiring from her position. She plans to be at the June meeting. *Thank you, Marcia, for the tremendously positive impact you've had on this group and the many residents that received services from you!!! You will be missed.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Misty Shulters