

**Lenawee Transportation Task Force Meeting**  
**September 22, 2021 - 10 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Chris Miller at 10:00 a.m.

Welcomes and introductions were made.

In attendance:

John Haught  
Chris Miller  
Don Taylor  
Randy Yagiela  
Ben Newsome  
Amy Young  
Misty Pope  
Angie Shepherd  
Dave Maxwell  
Ashley Vandebusch  
Madeline DeMarco  
Audrey Smith  
Paula Holtz  
Kate Daisher

Kate Daisher was introduced as the new Transportation Coordinator for Lenawee County. Welcome Kate!

Motion by Don, seconded by Randy to approve the agenda and meeting notes. Motion carried.

**MOU Collection Status**

Chris issued a reminder for the committee to sign and return MOUs. A signed MOU will be necessary from each voting member of the task force in order to retain voting member status.

**Mobility Manager Update**

Misty Pope provided an update. She has been working on contracts with agencies including DHS, MTC and ProMedica. There has been a great deal of end-of-year paperwork with MDOT, including items that have been/need to be purchased prior to the end of the fiscal year.

**Transportation Discussion**

Shuttle Pilot Update - The shuttle has been running since early August. The numbers have not been robust, and the committee continues to conduct outreach. There will be a new stop at Siena Heights University and there may be an additional stop added at Adrian College. Art-a-Licious contracted a direct shuttle last weekend between Tecumseh and Adrian for the festival.

**Transportation Needs**

- The possible expansion of a transportation service to employment centers was discussed. Randy will reach out to Misty Pope to begin the conversation and will plan to convene the business community. Examples of successful employer-driven solutions were discussed.

- Madeline discussed a local substance abuse task force she is involved with who is looking into transportation needs and would appreciate input.
- Student transportation needs at Siena and Adrian were discussed.

#### Agency Updates Related to Transportation

Audrey mentioned Lenawee Medical Center has funding for transportation for medical needs. There is funding but no providers. Current services end at 2 p.m. and there are patient appointments after that time. Kate to connect with Audrey.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

2021 Meeting dates are as follows:

October 27th

November 24th

December 22nd