

Transportation Task Force of Lenawee – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 24th, 10am - Meeting held VIA Zoom

Misty Shulters called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

- In Attendance: Ashley Vandebusch, Madeline DeMarco, Misty Pope, Misty Shulters, Chris Miller, Kate Daisher, Jessica Sattler, Nancy Bishop, Amy Young, Angie Shepherd, Christal Albig, Blake Newman, Don Taylor, David Maxwell, Audrey Smith

Approval of Meeting Notes and Agenda

- Jessica motioned to approve January 2022 meeting minutes. Don supported. Motion carried.
- Chris motioned to adopt agenda as presented. Don supported. Motion carried.

Mobility Manager Report – Misty Pope

- The MM continues to receive 50+ calls per month. The calls are primarily referrals from other agencies. King Media has advertisements out that cover all of Michigan Transportation. If you go to their website, you can click on Lenawee County and get their detailed information. Misty has worked to close the Medicaid Gap. They are using New Freedom funds to assist with this. Many clients that have HMOs, like Meridian, are still struggling with getting to their appointments. Audrey pointed out that the agencies can file a grievance on behalf of the client. This seems to help. Misty clarified the difference between a provider and a partner. A provider has drivers and or vehicles. A partner has funding sources to assist with paying for the transports.

Lenawee Transportation Update – Kate Daisher

- Lenawee Transportation and Dial A Ride have increased hours of operations. An additional dispatch and additional drivers have been hired. The goal is to have drive options on Saturdays for both DART and Len Trans.

Michigan Transportation Connection

- Last month Rochelle presented information on MTC and proposed a partnership with The Transportation Task Force. The group discussed the options of first creating a partnership and then looking for a fiduciary. Clint has indicated that Community Action Agency could act as a fiduciary. We would then need to look for funding/grant opportunities. If this were to happen, we would only use local funds as a last resort. Each agency would be responsible for referring their clients to MTC. MTC, Misty Pope, would ensure that we explore federal and state dollars first. If we need to access TTF funds, then we would get approval of the group. These details will be solidified when get to the point of having funds.
 - o Chris Miller motioned that we explore becoming a partner with MTC and then move towards appointing a fiduciary. Dave Maxwell supported the motion. Motion

carried.

Other Transportation/Agency Updates

- The Department on Aging and DHHS both continue to struggle with finding/maintaining drivers. The state will no longer support the working relationship Lenawee County DHHS had with the Department on Aging. They are forcing all DOA volunteers to register on CHAMPS and SIGMA. Dave pointed out that Catholic Charities in Jackson has a long-standing volunteer program that could be used as a model/resource to increase our volunteer pool.
- The Department on Aging is hiring a Part Time Van Driver. 2 days per week at \$12.73 per hour.

Collective Impact – Core Concepts Introduction

- No new report

Meeting adjourned at 10:58

Next meeting: April 28, 2022 @10am