



State Coordinating Council
for Community Transportation
SCC Meeting – April 3, 2014
NHDOT, Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

Attendance:

Members:

1. Phyllis Brooks, GSIL
2. Van Chesnut, AT
3. Kerrie Diers, NRPC
4. Rad Nichols, COAST
5. Fred Roberge, ESNE
6. Fred Butler, NHDOT
7. Bill Finn, NHDOE
8. Beverly Raymond
TCCAP/NCT
9. Roberta Berner, GCSCC
10. Charles Saia, GDC

12. Christine Schon, DHMC

13. Mary Ann Cooney, DHHS

Alternates & Guests:

1. Lynn Gallop, DOT
2. Patricia Crocker, UVLSRPC
3. Jeremy LaRose, COAST
4. Michael Acerno, HCS-Keene
5. Terri Paige, Coord. Central
6. Adam Hlasny, SNHPC
7. Patsy Kendall, TC
8. Teirrah Hussey, TC
9. Michael Power, DRED

Members Excused:

11. Maureen Nagel, AARP-NH

Item 1: Chair Welcome and Introductions

Chair Roberge called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm.

Fred Roberge, Kerrie Diers, Pat Crocker, Roberta Berner, Phyllis Brooks, Rad Nichols, Mike Acerno, Patsy Kendall, Teirrah Hussey, Adam Hlasny, Chuck Saia, Fred Butler, Bill Finn, Van Chesnut, Michael Power, Jeremy LaRose, Terri Paige.

Item 2: Approval of March 6, 2014 Minutes

Van moved and Roberta second motion to approve the minutes with correction to minutes under Medicaid Managed Care removing reference to GSIL. As amended, Vote Unanimous.

Item 3: Subcommittee Reports

- Software is scheduled to meet next week.
- Communications and TNH. Harris ill and unable to attend and report.

- Managed Care – Chuck Saia reported on his conversation with Don Shumway, who suggested that the SCC reduce MMC transportation issues to writing so they can get a better idea of the issues. Saia asked if the SCC wanted to put forward a study subcommittee to do a survey of concerns, complaints. Roberge said the problems are not solely complaints, but also a matter of access to transportation for low income, individuals with a disability, and medically fragile individuals and how these can be better coordinated.

SCC Website:

Lynn Gallop of DOT joined meeting to discuss the SCC web pages. She explained that she can make some changes and updates, but has to abide by the OIT guidelines. Gallop started with the Rail and Transit on February 21, but she has 20 years with DOT in other capacities.

Members suggested:

- Link to each region from a modified map.
- Adding analytics to see what is being used.
- Minutes and Agendas by State Fiscal Year. (Crocker will send back copies of minutes and new agendas to Gallop for posting.)
- Changing links to go directly to the SCC page.
- Adding a site map with categories of pages so that it does not require drilling down to find material.

It was suggested that the communications subcommittee take a look at the website and make some suggestions working with Gallop and DOT to assess the audiences: members, affiliates, public, and legislators/policymakers?

The nominating subcommittee will be reconvened for annual election of officers' consisting of Roberta Berner and Bill Finn. Diers announced that there will be transition in the planning commission organization so someone else will be nominated to be the RPC Representative. The SCC members thanked Diers for her service for so many years and for the support of the regional planning commissions as well.

The nomination of officers including the vice chair will be open for consideration. Nominating committee will report back to the May or June meeting with a proposed slate.

The June meeting is to be a collaborative meeting hosted at the NHTA. Members were specifically encouraged to participate in NHTA meeting.

The vote for officers will take place at the first meeting of the new fiscal year in August as the Council will take a July hiatus.

Item 5: Transport NH Report

Van reported that TNH had received another donation from an anonymous donor will help support the organization and efforts to support the staffing...meeting support. The HNH Foundation has been providing space and fiscal support. A request went to Charitable Foundation for two years and they declined to renew for this second year. TNH has not learned the reason for this change.

Item 6: Follow up Discussion of the Consultant Report on the Retreat. Fred Roberge reported that the Leadership team reviewed and discussed the report and they consider it a draft rather than a final report.

The report contained many recommendations that need to be further fleshed out and listed succinctly. Overall the leadership was happy with the report. Once these recommendations are clarified, the members will be asked to identify priorities.

Chesnut state that the report is more focused on the coordination plan or how to make coordination operational. He believes a new coordination plan will at least re-establish a baseline of current condition/facts and address specific aspects of the plan, i.e., underlying assumptions about Medicaid transportation that have changed since the drafting of the original plan.

The SCC can use this as a guide for the upcoming fiscal year and develop a work plan based on the report priorities. Among the recommendations identified so far:

1. Organize the reports recommendations into succinct bullet points.
2. Revisiting the relevancy of the Nelson/Nygaard document.

3. Staffing for the SCC to help them carry forward the mission of SCC.
The SCC has been fortunate to have the backbone support for the SCC in the regional planning commissions.
4. Have the leadership team revisiting the department heads to explain how the SCC can add value for them. If there is no purpose for the SCC in that role, there is no purpose for it to continue. This might have been helpful to BEAS in crafting their proposal for transportation services.
5. How should collaboration continue amount NHTA, TNH, and SCC to work together without duplicating efforts going forward.
6. The SCC should be more assertive in its role with other state agencies.
7. Can a satisfactory level of coordination be achieved in the absence of funding and staffing?
8. Look to other states in their coordination efforts and their council operations. The National Center for Mobility Management has some good resources. <http://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>
9. Establish regional efforts around volunteer transportation. Meeting around the volunteer transportation program and advertising and growing volunteer networks. An operational meeting around the work in the RCC regions. Summit or meeting a central location was suggested.
10. Develop an implementation plan for Coordination. Many state councils have plans and legislative directives to coordinate.

The SCC should develop committees to work on some of these issues separately. Items should be on the agenda for the May meeting. June will be NHTA and nomination of officers. The hope is to have a work plan to hit the ground running when the SCC reconvenes in August. Members are

encouraged to send thoughts and ideas to Fred Roberge

Item 7:

May agenda will spend probably an hour to one and one-half hours to flesh out the items enumerated today and prioritize items.

Discussion followed on the NHTA meeting and the agenda that they are setting which includes inviting Congress woman Kuster and the Commissioner of DOT on June 5.

It was suggested that they also invite someone from the FTA to give an update to talk about federal activity around the United We Ride Activity or from the National Center for Mobility Management through the CTAA. The new FTA Region 1 representative is Sean Sullivan at who is replacing Judy Malloy.

Roberta Berner inquired whether the Title 3 money cut during the sequester had been restored to the state as of March 7? She would like to know if that is accurate and how it might affect the transportation.

Van Chesnut reported that all the NHTA officers will be away in May and there may not be a May NHTA meeting. The RTAP meeting may still take place. Fred Butler will look into that.

Item 8: Public Comments: None

Van Chesnut moved to adjourn; Bill Finn seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes approved: June 5, 2014

