



State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation

May 5, 2016 – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Granite State Independent Living, Concord, NH

Minutes

Members:

1. Fred Roberge
2. Van Chesnut
3. Rebecca Harris
4. Shelley Winters
5. Bill Finn
6. Mike Tardiff
7. Sara O'Dougherty
8. Chuck Saia
9. Mike Whitten

Others:

1. Pat Crocker
2. Jeff Donald
3. Adam Hlasny
4. Valerie Bailey
5. Michael Acerno

Introductions – Chair Roberge called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. and proceeded with introductions.

Approval Minutes of April 7, 2016 Meeting

Rebecca Harris moved to adopt the April minutes as presented; Bill Finn seconded.

Vote: Motion carries with abstentions by Mike Tardiff and Chuck Saia who had not been present at the meeting.

Committee Reports

Agency Partnerships – Fred Roberge reported on the activity of this subcommittee and the meeting with Title 3B providers with Commissioner Meyer of DHHS. The meeting was very productive and the Commissioner reported on changes to the rates for reimbursement which had a negative impact on several of the providers of services. He also noted that in his role as chair of the SCC that he had encouraged DHHS to appoint someone to participate on the SCC and the benefit it might have to all the components of the agency that provide transportation. He will follow up to assure and nurture the partnership with the DHHS.

Software – Shelley Winters reported that the contract extension with HBSS had been approved by Governor and Council for the next 3 years. DOT and IT staff met with the North Country Transit staff to review the status of the process and that meeting. She mentioned

that CTS as the 5th pilot site was still pending as the interim director had recently joined the organization. Jeff Donald inquired whether there would be continued communications among the pilot sites and Roberge explained that there would be as the project moved ahead in all the locations.

Volunteer Programs – Conference call scheduled for Tuesday to discuss the agenda and other logistics.

Communications – Rebecca Harris provided a presentation on Venues and Voices under New Business.

Plan Rewrite – Shelley Winters reported on the status of the procurement a consultant to help rewrite the state coordination plan. Two proposals were received and scored and the next step is to proceed with negotiating a contract and finalizing a scope with a consultant. The name of the consultant chosen cannot be announced until the contract is scheduled before G&C.

R2W Rides to Wellness – No one has contacted the DOT about an application for the grant or partnering with DOT on the grant. The DOT is looking into whether they can work with the NEMT broker to come up with a model and method of reporting and billing through an innovative IT bridge between CTS and the state transportation providers. It is still being fleshed out quite a bit and there is much to be considered before a proposal is finalized. Judy Shanley who was with National Easter Seals is now the Region 1 representative to the Mobility Management Center. She had overseen the first round of applications and there's been a focus on trying to equate transportation to better health outcomes. She was quite excited about being able to participate in the work of the region and the SCC. This will be an important connection for the region going forward.

FTA is looking for something that may be replicable in other parts of the country. The applications are due online on May 30th and letter of support will be needed

Bill Finn moved and Van Chesnut seconded a motion to have the chair write a letter of support for the DOT application for the R2W grants.

Mike Whitten of MTA met with the community health center but they are not moving forward with an application. He felt a statewide application will have a better chance for success. The SCC members are stakeholders of the nature that are identified by the grant guideline which may be helpful. The plan is to roll this into the software project that is already in place.

Officer Nominations – The process is to have a nominating committee and announce a slate and then vote at the following meeting. Rebecca Harris volunteered to serve on the nominating committee with Patrick Herlihy as the Chair.

Summer Meetings – the June meeting will be the joint meeting at the NHTA annual meeting. There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 4, 2016.

NHTA Meeting – FTA will be represented by Mary Beth Mello. Patrick Herlihy will be providing the welcome. Rebecca Harris will provide a presentation on Voices and Venues. There are 13 vendor sponsors who will be present at the breakfast and lunch times. Fred Roberge will speak about the SCC to give a little bit on the new national focus on coordination and the work of the SCC over the past year. Van Chesnut suggested that Fred’s talk should be one that the FTA representatives hear. He will work on the agenda to assure that. The cost of the meeting is \$35.00 per person. The value of the three organizations working together was noted by Fred Roberge.

Public Comments – The most recent DOT Management Staff meeting included a discussion with Commissioner Sheehan that set a new tone for the DOT. She stated that everyone needs to consider all the modes equally in terms of the department mission. Patrick Herlihy is moving to what is known as the “front office.” This is a major change in focus to note that Air Rail and Transit are also part of the Agency.

New Business – Rebecca Harris reported that TNH www.transportnh.org is launching their new membership model and NHTA is the first dues-paying member. The presentation covered the information provided on the website which is located at <http://transportnh.nationbuilder.com/>

Adjourn – Van Chestnut moved Shelley Winters seconded motion to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

Adopted at the meeting of August 4, 2016