

COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

CHAIR – JACOB BROWNING · VICE CHAIR – KURT IVIE · TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR – MYRON LEE

**RMC
MINUTES**

Coordinated Human Service Transportation Planning Committee Meeting
January 18, 2024, 10:00 am
Southwest Public Health Department
620 S 400 E St George, UT 84770

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Ms. Jerica Bauer
Mr. Jacob Browning
Mr. Kurt Ivie
Ms. Summer Heldreth
Ms. Fiona Hildebrant
Ms. Kathryn Moser
Mr. Kasey Shakespear
Ms. Sheila Shotwell
Ms. Dora Ward

REPRESENTING

Kane County Council on Aging
Washington County Council on Aging
Washington City Council Member
Red Rock Center for Independence
TURN Community Services
Office of Utah Public Health Department
Utah Center for Rural Health
Beaver County Council on Aging
DWS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Donna Chynoweth
Mr. Mike Cardon
Mr. Curtis Crawford
Mr. Bill Dudleston
Mr. Todd Edwards
Mr. Ryan Marshall

REPRESENTING

Garfield County Council on Aging
SunTran Transit Manager
Iron County Council on Aging
Southwest Behavioral Health Center
Washington County Public Works
Cedar Area Transportation Services

OTHERS PARTICIPATING

Ms. Kim Cooper
Mr. Scott Buys

REPRESENTING

Five County AOG
Five County AOG

QUORUM & MINUTES

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: Jacob Browning called the meeting to order at 10:03 am January 18, 2024. The October 2023 minutes were presented for approval by Jerica Bauer and seconded by Sheila Cotwell. The Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

REPORTS, PLANNING AND ACTION ITEMS

Fiona Hildebrant - (Assistant Turn Community Services) everything has been going well. We have been working on getting our lifts working and getting people transported where they need to be.

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Dora Ward - (DWS) Nothing new noted.

Kasey Shakespear - (Southern Utah AHEC Utah Center for Rural Utah) Our RHAU Conference went well in November. Currently working on grant applications and figuring out what our priorities are for 2024 and trying to secure funding for some of the issues we've been seeing.

Sheila Cotwell - (Beaver County Council on Aging Coordinator) Working with Rebecca Collins on securing our new cutaway bus. Fully staffed at our facilities but still short on drivers. Working on retirement.

Kim Cooper - (Community Action Director) We have a lot of TANIF Programs. We are also working on a new grant to coordinate services which will include having Case Managers working in all of the counties to coordinate services. Utah Food Bank has purchased a building and will be taking over the Hurricane Food Bank and will also have office space available for providers to work with clients on the East side of Washington County without having to come to St. George.

Jerica Bauer - (Kane County Council on Aging Coordinator) We are fully staffed! We are back to picking people up for lunch every day since pre-Covid which is great!

Kurt Ivie - (Washington City Council) Legislation that will impact housing going forward in our area will be discussed during the next 43 days. Several businesses will be coming into Washington City including two large grocery stores. Wells Park is moving along nicely. We replaced one council member in the recent elections.

Kathryn Moster – (Community Outreach Coordinator -Southwest Utah Public Health Department) Kathryn shared a Work Life balance survey. She will be sending an electronic copy to Scott to distribute to the RMC Committee. Partnering with the Enterprise Senior Center which is a one-hour series called “Munch and Learn” that we work with at the health department. The first one is going to be “Dealing with Diabetes” and the second one is “fall prevention”. March will be one on car seats for caregivers. SUPHD works within the Five County Region. Will also be coordinating mobile health clinics and planning to partner with SUU and other rural communities.

2025 Prioritization Rating Results to be submitted to UDOT PTT Group:

1. Mobility Manager - Five County AOG
2. Kane County – Jerica Bauer
3. MM – Medical Voucher Funds

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RMC DISCUSSION FOR 2024 GOALS:

Outreach to local leadership

Tapping into resources locally and statewide and how to address the needs of Seniors, People with Disabilities and Low-income.

Greater focus when needs are identified to following through with a plan & implementation via the RMC Committee

Tapping into existing resources within the Regional Mobility Council and engaging in community program/events together

Identify potential community events that promote/educate/highlight public transportation, housing, homelessness in our communities inviting local leadership to engage and participate.

Five County Needs Assessment results: Shelter, Housing, Transportation

Review our Bylaws

Work toward becoming a Regional Transit

Action items:

Mobility Management will be receiving medical voucher funds and Scott will work with the Senior Citizen Facility Directors to determine the highest priority of clients within the Five County Region.

250 lbs. is the standard weight of an electric chair.

Great news! I spoke with Josh Densley who does lift repair here in the St. George area and is willing to work with all of you. Feel free to reach out to him with any questions.

Here's his contact information:

Josh Densley
435-229-9467

URSTA will be hosting a **lift maintenance and troubleshooting training in the last week of February 2024**. More information will be sent out at a later date with final details of this training. Thank you! Feel free to reach out to Stacey (Contact info below) with any questions. Thanks – Scott

Best,
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Below is the URSTA link for education and information.

[URSTA Utah](#)

National RTAP (Rural Transit Assistance Program) link to access helpful training materials:

[National Rural Transit Assistance Program | Rural, Public & Community \(nationalrtap.org\)](#)

SS4A Grant awarded to Five County to do a study (“Safe Streets for All”) looking at roads that have a high rate of serious and/or fatal accidents and solutions on how to improve and minimize going forward and implementing these changes by applying for additional grant monies in the future.

OTHER

VI. Adjournment – Chair Jacob Browning asked for other business or discussion and hearing none adjourned the meeting at 11:12 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting: *March 21, 2023, 10 am Five County AOG Offices in St. George.*