

**Aging and Disability Resource Center of Monroe County  
ADRC Transportation Committee Meeting – November 16, 2022**

**Community Services Center  
315 W Oak Street, Sparta, Wisconsin**

**Attendees:** Couleecap Work-N-Wheels Program Specialist, Krista Heinz (via telephone); Inclusive Mobility Program Manager, Ann Etlicher (via Teams); Inclusive Access Program Manager, Jack Hagstrom (via Teams); Tomah VA Mobility Manager, Joe Minich (via Teams); Monroe County Board Member, Wally Habegger; Human Services Director, Tracy Thorsen; Human Services Office Manager, Kelly Gronau; ADRC Transportation Coordinator, Julie Leis (via Teams); ADRC Manager, Pam Weber

**Excused:** Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission Senior Planner, Bob Gollnik; Monroe County Veteran Services Officer, Charles Weaver

**Call to Order:** The ADRC Transportation Committee regular meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by ADRC Manager, Pam Weber.

**Approval of ADRC Transportation Committee Public Hearing Minutes for May 18, 2022 – Discussion/Action:** Upon brief review, A MOTION WAS MADE BY WALLY HABHEGGER, SECONDED BY JOE MINICH, AND CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOR to approve the ADRC Transportation Committee meeting minutes from May 18, 2022 as presented.

**85.21 Public Hearing – Discussion/Action:** Pam Weber indicated this meeting was to serve as the 85.21 public hearing, which was advertised in the local newspapers. Unfortunately, there were no members of the public in attendance to offer any feedback. The 2022 85.21 Grant Application currently has planned 2 projects the grant monies will be allocated to. Project 1 is to fund the mini bus program and Project 2 is to fund the volunteer driver program. Ms. Weber went through the application form to explain the projects and the budget for each project. A MOTION WAS MADE BY WALLY HABHEGGER, SECONDED BY ANNA ETLICHER, AND CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOR to approve the 85.21 Grant Application as presented.

**Program Updates – Discussion:** Ms. Leis and Ms. Weber reported the receipt of 2 ambulettes. One used, 2018 ambulette was purchased using ARPA funds. A second new ambulette was provided using DOT grant funds. Both vehicles have 2 wheelchair locations and have been very popular with riders. Ms. Weber indicated Tom Abbott would be bringing one of the vehicles to the ADRC parking lot for anyone present to tour following the meeting. Due to the receipt of the 2 vehicles, the oldest vehicle in the fleet was auctioned off, adding \$3,550 to the trust fund balance. The trust fund monies will be used to purchase future vehicles for the program. A printout of ridership numbers from January through September 2022 for both the mini bus program and volunteer driver program was provided. Over the course of the 9 months, the mini bus program has provided rides for an average of 83 passengers per month, with an average of 4,531.1 miles per month. The volunteer driver program has provided rides for an average of 79 passengers per month with an average of 6,212 miles per month. The volunteer driver program only has 7 drivers currently and is always looking for more.

**Committee Member Program Updates – Discussion:** Ms. Weber asked all attendees for updates within their own programs.

Krista Heinz reported Couleecap’s Work-N-Wheels program still has funding for both the vehicle repair program as well as the vehicle purchase program. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find quality used cars under \$5,400 for purchase due to the overall vehicles shortage. For more information regarding the program, please contact Krista Heinz.

Anna Etlicher & Jack Hagstrom reported Inclusa is piloting with Uber Health in metro areas, for ambulatory rides only. The initial pilot was a success in the Eau Claire and Waukesha areas and they are looking to expand into other areas.

Joe Minich had nothing to share at this time.

Tracy Thorsen introduced herself as the Director of Human Services following Ron Hamilton’s retirement at the end of May.

None of the other attendees had updates they wished to share.

**Date/Location of Next Regular Meeting – Discussion/Action:** The next regular meeting date was proposed for May 17, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. After brief discussion, there were no objections to keeping the next regularly scheduled ADRC Transportation Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment:** With no further topics for discussion in this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m. by Ms. Weber.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly J. Gronau  
Administrative Services Coordinator

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