

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

REMOTE MEETING
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Date: May 20, 2021 Called to Order: 2:32 P.M. Adjournment: 3:08 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Strittmater, Thomas Wegner, and Derek Muench

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Acevedo, Linda Spitzer, Marie Seger, Traci Robinson,
and Jeff Agee-Aguayo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Hesselink, Brian Hoffmann, Roger TeStroete and Sarah
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Ms. Acevedo called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

The agenda for the Sheboygan County Transportation Coordinating Committee was posted on May 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

INTRODUCTIONS

Brief introductions were given by each committee member.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: February 18, 2021

Thomas Wegner made a motion to approve the February 18, 2021 minutes as posted and Matt Strittmater seconded that motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ELDERLY-DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

5310 Update

Mr. Muench stated the joint county/city purchaser Bernie Rammer is in the process of completing the purchase orders for one medium bus. This bus will be purchased through A & J Vans and will be gas instead of diesel.

COVID Funding

Ms. Acevedo stated the Department of Transportation awarded counties 47.5% of requested 5310 grant amounts for 2021 for operating costs. For Sheboygan County this meant the request for \$45,400.00 was reduced to \$15,000.00 for 2021. However, Department of Transportation announced some additional funds related to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) were provided to Wisconsin Department of Transportation to supplement the 5310 program and were to be distributed as quickly as possible. Through the CRRSAA Act, Sheboygan County will be awarded an additional \$6,228.00 for a total in 2021 of \$20, 922.00. Which still leaves Sheboygan County with a shortage of about \$15,000.00. The plan to cover the remainder of operating costs for the volunteer driver program will come from additional COVID relief funds that were made available through the Older American Act – Title III B. Funding we receive for supportive services and senior centers that can be used to fund transportation services for seniors.

85.21 Elderly and Disabled Quarterly Ridership Report

Mr. Muench stated in 2020 trips were down 45% on the fixed and paratransit routes. Mr. Muench emailed the committee members a 2020 report which compared the ADA Paratransit trips to the 85.21 trips. Mr. Muench went over the figures in the report in detail with the members.

Volunteer Driver Program

Ms. Robinson stated due to COVID 19 the rural/volunteer driver program is currently on hold at this time. With the exception of those individuals who need transportation for dialysis or cancer treatments. The rural vans are being utilized at the Adell meal site for the home delivered meals program. These meals are being delivered in the southern part of the county. Department of Transportation has given permission to use these vans for this purpose therefore the mileage and volunteer service hours can be reported. Ms. Robinson mentioned she is in the process of contacting the volunteer drivers to see who is interested in returning to driving. This is the first step for the reopening plan of the Volunteer Driver Program. All drivers that were interested in being vaccinated and have been fully vaccinated.

2020 Ridership Report for All Programs

Ms. Spitzer reviewed the 2020 year end transportation program which includes rides for Metro Connection which is the 85.21 grant funded Elderly and Disabled Transportation program provided with partnership with Shoreline Metro, the 5310 grant funded mini vans, which were used for the home delivered meals rather than our Volunteer Driver program due to COVID-19 restrictions, and the Volunteer Driver program. Ms. Spitzer provided the members a copy of the 2020 year end ridership report.

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NEMT) – Veyo, LLC

Ms. Spitzer Department of Health Services is no longer hearing the appeal of MTM. Mr. Agee-Aguayo stated on May 6, 2021 the Department of Health Services signed a contract with VEYO. Mr. Agee-Aguayo did not have any details regarding the contract and no start date set at this time.

SHORELINE METRO

Mr. Muench stated Metro Connection customers no longer receive tokens or punch cards when purchasing fare media. Shoreline Metro implemented the e-ride account and this system automatically deducts trips from the individuals account each time the individual rides the bus. It works very similar to a debit card. With the COVID19 pandemic the fare-less media improves the safety of the customers and drivers. It will also decrease costs for maintaining tokens and punch cards.

Mr. Muench stated Shoreline Metro purchased sanitizing fogging machines they were purchased for safety reasons since the pandemic. Each bus is completely sanitized twice a week. It takes about 10 minutes to apply and then let it breath for one hour and this completes the sanitization process.

ADJOURNMENT

Derek Muench made a motion that was seconded by Thomas Wegner to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Patti Schmitt
Recording Secretary