

Notes
Fox Valley Advocacy Coalition
Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Members Present:

Amie Bastian	Outagamie County HHS
Jill Gretzinger	Easter Seals Wisconsin
Holly Keenan	Making the Ride Happen
Kaylee Lyons	Phoenix Program/AmeriCorps
Nick Musson	East Central WI Planning Commission
Leann Stein	SOAR Fox Cities

- I. Introductions – Welcome to Kaylee Lyons, AmeriCorps Member from the Phoenix Program.
- II. Notes - No changes.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Leann reported there is \$2,366.27 in the treasury.
- IV. Announcements/Correspondence - None
- V. Agenda Items
 - **Caregiver Discussion for Educational Program for Stakeholders**
 - Jill shared an Action Plan for the education of stakeholders. Group members volunteered to be responsible for a variety of duties: Amie will identify the programs families use related to caregiving and the legislation attached to those programs, Holly will identify local legislators/stakeholders that we might reach out to, Jill and Harriet (volunteered in her absence) will develop the letter thanking legislators and inviting them to meet families using these programs. End date to complete these would be 1/31 to share at next meeting.
 - **Valley Transit Development Plan**
 - Nick is working on the transit development plan for Valley Transit. It is about half-way to its completion. A review of the plan will be held 1/10/19 from 9:00am-2:30pm. There will be some recommendations to route changes as well as looking at using a corridor route system rather than the current wheel/spoke model. A steering committee

will make recommendations to the Transit Commission. Increasing frequency of the buses is a big challenge and would be a big change.

- Nick also noted a commuter service from Green Bay to Fond du Lac is being studied.
- Oshkosh Development plan encouraged Oshkosh Transit to work with Valley Transit to explore transportation opportunities across county borders.
- There will be a fare increase in Oshkosh to \$1.50/ride and changes will be made to the way UW-Oshkosh supports rides for students, staff and alumni.

- **Phoenix Pilot Project Update**

- This project is looking at getting more volunteers to provide rides in the rural Winnebago County area. Because it is not a local, well known organization, finding volunteers is challenging.
- The drivers are paid \$.54/mile and are given a \$100 sign-on bonus. Must go through a pretty thorough screening process. Trying to streamline this process so it is easier for drivers interested in being volunteers.
- Holly will share the flyer with the Coalition and all are asked to share it.

- **Making the Ride Happen**

- A second van for use in Calumet and Winnebago Counties has been added.
- MRH application for 5310 dollars has been Ok'd at the state level, but still waiting for response at the local level.
- Added a new employee to work 30 hours/week to help with call center and to offer travel training.
- "Cycling Without Age" group (rickshaw program) is looking to expand their program to allow individuals living in their own homes the opportunity to take a bike ride with volunteers. They are willing to purchase a rickshaw but looking for an agency to coordinate rides and contacted MRH in this regard.

- **Valley Transit – Amie shared statistics with group:**

- Health and Human services approved transportation programs for 2019 including Rural Demand Service, Eagle Flats Program, Neighbors Program and Making the Ride Happen.

- Valley Transit II's number of rides has increased from 2017 to 2018. In 2017 there were 26,879 one-way trips for the whole calendar year. Through the third quarter of 2018 there have already been 27,555 trips.
- Other transportation numbers:

Service	2018	2017
Kobussen Rural Rides	5,574	7,625
Eagle Flats	31,870	28,963
MRH	2,948	3,576
Neighbors	846	1,127

- RFP's are out for Valley Transit II Provider.

VI. New Business

Wisconsin Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation – Logisticare has been chosen to provide these rides but there has been a complaint filed against the process so unsure when new provider will begin. Some federal legislation is looking at eliminating the provision of transportation to Medicaid covered appointments.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Coalition will be **Tuesday, February 19** at 1:00pm. The meeting will be held at SOAR Fox Cities at 211 E. Franklin Street, Appleton.