



**Fox Valley
Advocacy Coalition, Inc**
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Fox Valley Advocacy Coalition Notes
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020

Members Present at Zoom Meeting (Ordered by Last Name):

Amie Bastian	Outagamie County HHS
Kim Biedermann	East Central WI Planning Commission (via email)
Timothy Carey	DisabilityVoice
Jill Gretzinger	Easter Seals Wisconsin
Rhonda Hanneman	United Way
Holly Keenan	Making the Ride Happen
Katie Petersen	WisconSibs
Sarah Schneider	Valley Transit
Leann Stein	SOAR Fox Cities

Introductions – Meeting via Zoom

Notes - No changes to last meeting's notes.

Treasurer's Report – Leann reported the Coalition treasury stands at \$3,706.06. This includes \$3,335.55 in the Accessible Parking Committee account.

Announcements/Correspondence

- Tim reports Website good no updates
- Holly stated there is going to be Wisconsin Mobility Managers trainings on diversity, and another on shared mobility
- Jill stated that Easter Seals Wisconsin Camp Wawbeek and Respite held their first weekend sessions and are back up and running since COVID-19.
- Kim presented via email a short PowerPoint about a free event coming up called Fox Valley Trail Summit 2020 on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 5:30pm; must register in advance. The summit will focus on how the nation's history of slavery, racism and current social economic factors have led to the underrepresentation of people of color in outdoor activities
- Amie stated that Bonnie Plannner is retiring from Outagamie County Health and Human Services
- Tim started Partners in Policy Making Class October 2nd

Agenda Items

- **Caregiver Discussion for Educational Program for Stakeholders**

- Tim, Jill and Holly continue to work on this educational effort. Rep. Mike Rohrkaste has been corresponding with Tim and Holly about finding a date and time Tim and family could meet with him in person to discuss and show him the challenges and the need for in home caregivers. Holly got an email update from Rohrkaste with some possible dates and times that would work for him. One of those dates were October 23,2020 at 10am. Tim was going to check if it works for him and Holly invited to come with Tim and family to meet Rohrkaste.
- **Northeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Valley Transit**
 - Kim sent the following update for Northeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Valley Transit via email
 - Finalizing our long-range plans
 - Will be updating bicycle and pedestrian plan for our urbanized areas in 2021
 - We have allocated funding to examining the economic impact of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, so we will likely be hiring a consultant to assist with that in 2021
 - We recently conducted a survey to understand trends in people using the bike/ped network during COVID. A preliminary look shows people are wheeling/walking more now than compared to the same time in 2019
 - Adam BellCorelli has been hired on in July to work on mobility and specialized transit Adam BellCorelli was also sent the information above on Northeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
 - American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is helping Valley Transit comply with COVID regulations
 - Ridership is 30% down from in July 70%
 - Mutual Way bus stop proposal halted will revisit in Spring. Discussed that Casaloma bus stop is a better and safer choice when wanting to go to the PO Office or Partnership
 - Better pool of drivers for Paratransit over the last 3 months
 - MTM, Valley Cab, and Abbey Van's will transport people with COVID -19 to medical appointments. Leven will pay the \$150 for Valley Cab to cleaning since Valley Transit cannot transport people who test positive for COVID
- **Making the Ride Happen/Catch a Ride**
 - Holly stated they are still providing rides plus added a new service of delivering meals
 - Trained 5 new additional drivers on top of the 2 or 3 drivers they already had
 - Now have 2 company vehicles with plexiglass barriers
 - COVID regulations are as follows: riders are to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and sit in backseat. Drivers may wear PPE provided if they so choose
 - Providing trips for gap filling rides
 - Tri Shaw updates include 52 total rides. Getting Tri Shaw out to the community by collaboration on events with S.O.A.R. and Fox Valley Memory Project
- **Parking Committee-** no updates

New Business

- None

Old Business

- MTM has an appeal with the state that is ongoing, and no final notices have been given about when a new provider would take over the non-emergency Medicaid program in Wisconsin.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of FVAC will be Online via Zoom on **Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2021 at 1:30pm**. Stay tuned to www.FVACWI.org for the Zoom code.