



**Fox Valley
Advocacy Coalition, Inc**

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Fox Valley Advocacy Coalition Notes

Tuesday January 19, 2021

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

Kim Biedermann	East Central WI Planning Commission
Timothy Carrey	DisabilityVoice
Jill Gretzinger	Easter Seals Wisconsin
Ronda Hanneman	United Way
Holly Keenan	Making the Ride Happen
Dan Kobussen	Kobussen Buses
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 \$ 3,708.39. \$388.64 is in there for the Fox Valley Advocacy Coalition. \$3,33338 is in there for the Accessible Parking Committee

- **Announcements/Correspondence** Tim reports that the website is working properly. The domain name and hosting are also up-to-date. Tim stated he has not done slideshow for front page because the plug in would cost \$25.00 a year. He didn't get a chance to put a visitor counter on the website. He will today. The hits on website seem to go up and down lately. Tim stated the websites getting viewed from around the world including China, Germany, France, Korea, Hong Kong, and the Netherlands. The website was viewed less in December 2020 with 2.5 visitors and site was only viewed 3 times. January 2021 was much better. January 2021 had 7 new visitors. 9 visitors total and 28 website views. The website was viewed the most during these timeframes: 9:00 AM,

- Tim is taking an advocacy class through BPDD (Board for People with Developmental Disabilities). It is called Partners in Policymaking. Tim stated his assignment for that class on January 8th was to contact one of his State Legislators. he decided to contact his Assembly Person, Rachael Cabral-Guevara. She is replacing Mike Rohrkaste. he then added himself to a list to have Rachael contact him. mike was going to contact Rachael but that didn't happen. Tim plans on discussing the FVAC Caregiving Visitors Program with Rachael. Tim also is discussing Wisconsin's Prior Authorization Program with her on how some reviewers like to drag the process on

Agenda Items

- **Caregiver Discussion for Educational Program for Stakeholders**
 - Tim stated program is on hold due to COVID-19.
- **Northeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Valley Transit**
 - New transportation hub now live can be viewed on the web at link listed below <https://transportation-ecwrpc.opendata.arcgis.com/>
 - Kim stated new survey online for Oshkosh and Fox Valley to see how transportation is going. Participants in survey will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win Amazon Gift Card.
 - Kim stated biking, walking, and hiking are up 50% based on a survey they did
 - Sarah stated Valley Transit in collaboration with United Way started with Fox Valley Give Help Get Help Program to help with transportation during COVID-stated19.
 - Sarah stated there is a new updated Connector Brochure. she also stated 90% of Connector rides are for employment
 - Stephanie Lenz Travel Trainer has been very busy. Stephanie Lenz is also heading up the Train the Trainer Program which is starting in February.
 - Valley Transit is recognizing partnerships for their 15th year this year
- **Making the Ride Happen/Catch a Ride**
 - 3,400 rides for Making the Ride Happen
 - 5 additional drivers but 3 backed out due to being scared of COVID-19
 - Reach out and work with the new person in Diversity and Equality office.
- **SOAR**
 - Leann started they started getting programs going for the year
- **Kobussen Busses**
 - Dan stated there were no new updates
- **Accessible Parking Committee**
 - Jill stated the committee met in January. The committee will be looking at the handicapped parking in the ramp next to the PAC (Performing Arts Center).
 - A couple members have noted the slope of the route of travel makes it difficult to get to the ground level. The committee will be meeting at the ramp to measure the slope and determine if any changes could make it more user friendly before the February meeting.
- **New Business**
 - None
- **Old Business**
 - No news regarding MTM. MTM changes should be soon

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of FVAC will be Online via Zoom on **Tuesday March 16th at 1:30pm**. Stay tuned to www.FVACWI.org for the Zoom code.