



**Fox Valley
Advocacy Coalition, Inc**

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Tuesday March 16, 2021

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

Amie Bastian	Outagamie County HHS
Adam Bellcorelli	East Central WI Planning Commission
Jill Gretzinger	Easter Seals Wisconsin
Ronda 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 \$3,708.39, 339.75 of that is to the parking committee

Announcements/Correspondence

Holly stated that Wisconsin Transit Riders Alliance is holding an open listening session for rural and urban Wisconsin. The session is on Saturday April 17th at 10a.m. Session is free but must register at the link tinyurl.com/WTRA-041721

Agenda Items

- **Caregiver Discussion for Educational Program for Stakeholders**
 - Program is on hold due to COVID-19. Holly stated though that there is an increase in caregiver dollars with support for caregivers, direct care increases, increases in payment for personal care workers, meeting Long Term Care support needs, professional training for caregivers, tax benefits for caregivers and increase in nursing home reimbursement rates.

- **Northeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Valley Transit**
 - Adam stated they have two new staff people who will bring them up to full staffing. Adam stated the bicycle playground that is looking for a home at a Menasha elementary school, that they are working on the Pedestrian/Bike plan for the Fox Valley area, and they are doing a survey on congestion management.
 - Sarah stated Valley Transit people are not using the service as much. ridership is 47% which is pretty consistent. They are offering complementary rides for vaccines. There also has been an increase in travel training.

- **Making the Ride Happen/Catch a Ride**
 - Holly stated they are expanding to the New London area, due to this change and one retirement is looking to hire a couple new staff. For their Catch a Ride program they need more drivers but recently added two new ones, as vaccines roll out more of their drivers are feeling safe enough to come back. They have been asked to help get people to dialysis in Winnebago County. Also, available to help get people to vaccine clinics.

- **SOAR**
 - Leann stated Disability Advocacy Day is March 23rd. The event is virtual and phone to action

- **Accessible Parking Committee**
 - Jill stated the group surveyed the ramp down by PAC.
 - Group decided to print pads to stick on people's cars to educate them on the purpose of access aisle. The pads cost \$300 to print.

- **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, May 18th at 1:30pm**. Stay tuned to www.FVACWI.org for the Zoom code.