Iowa Transportation Coordination Council

November 2, 2026, Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Emma Simmons, Iowa DOT Public Transit, ITCC Chair
Spencer Grimm, Iowa DOT Systems Planning
Danelle Bruce, Western Iowa Services Collaborative
Carlos Vela, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Becki Wedemeier, Iowa HHS, Iowa Medicaid
Eugenia Kendall, Iowa HHS, Division of Aging and Disability
Roxanne Cogil, Epilepsy Foundation of Iowa
Kelly Schneider, Johnson County Human Services
Laura Leise, Iowa HHS, Division of Aging and Disability
Brooke Lovelace, Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council
Stuart Scott, Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance
Samra Hiros, Iowa HHS, Rural Health

I. Call to Order: 10:02 AM

II. Introductions

III. Review of September 9, 2026, Meeting Notes

IV. Review transportation item of Iowa SAIL group
- **a. Discuss ITCC's role in Iowa SAIL**

V. Coordination Report Update
- **a.** Review Draft and Discuss Content
  - i. Add previous year's ridership statistics for comparison
  - ii. Covid – update from what happened to lessons learned; look at ties to rightsizing and emergency response management
  - iii. In current efforts include the DART Redesign – rightsizing the system
  - iv. In current efforts include Iowa SAIL and Olmstead Plan (Refer to their goals and recommendations)
  - v. Add information about Disability Access Points

vi. Research and add some information about the volunteer transportation network
vii. Remove verbiage on sheltered workshops, move towards day rehabilitation services, competitive integrative employment, etc.

b. Due December 15

VI. 2027 Passenger Transportation Summit

a. Keynote Speaker Updates
- i. Request sent to Bennett Powell

b. Date/Location/Catering
- i. Date: May 25, 2027
- ii. Venue: FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny
- iii. Catering: Request have been sent out to the preferred caterers list

c. Other Agenda Items for the Summit
- i. Look into Iowa's efforts with AV; potential Waymo?
- ii. Rural Health Transformation Grants; pull out specifics that relate to transportation
- iii. Registration Idea, include a section where they can list available resources that they know of that relate to transportation (funding, availability, etc.); separate resources by category and have to show at the summit
    1. Side Note: look into creating a "one source of truth" with this information; think about where it would be best to display this information/who will be responsible for updating it regularly
- iv. See if there is an update for the HIRTA Health Connector project

VII. ITCC Member Roundtable – All

a. Emma Simmons
- i. Coordination Report
- ii. 2027 Summit Planning
- iii. Transit Project Application Reviews

b. Brooke Lovelace
- i. Annual Survey

c. Roxanne Cogil
- i. November is Epilepsy Awareness Month
- ii. Free training available

d. Samra Hiros
- i. Wrapped up the Iowa Rural Health Association Conference
- ii. National Rural Health Day set for November 19
- iii. Working on a second program, Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP)

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:

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January 13, 2026
Microsoft Teams