



Iowa Transportation Coordination Council

July 10, 2024, Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
In-Person/Online
[Microsoft Teams Link](#)

Notes

Attendance: Emma Simmons, Vienna Hoang, Kristin Haar, Brooke Lovelace, Eugenia Kendall, Spencer Thompson, Rachel Carr

I. Call to Order

II. Introductions

III. IA SAIL Project – Eugenia Kendall, Strategic Planning and Assessment Coordinator, Division of Aging and Disability Services

- a. Mission: To understand, plan for and address aging issues across multiple sectors and systems. To ensure everyone has access to person-centered services and supports needed to age well within their community of choice.
- b. Vision: All persons in Iowa age with independence and health across their lifespans.

Meeting Notes:

- The IA SAIL website has launched <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/aging-services/ia-sail>.
- Online Community Survey:
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=TXssjVoIF0aFNjinbRmw2ruc6CJp90pKsjRLxzSAQPtUQzA0V0k3QjRUT0EwOFRRNkxJskQ1Qk5XTi4u>
 - This survey can also be found on the project website and is available in Spanish and French. There are also downloadable surveys you can print off.
- This project is centered around a 10 year framework.
- Right now they are in the process of review recommendations that the multiple steering committees presented to the larger working group
- There are Townhall discussions across the state from now until November.
- Focus areas:
 - Aging in in place
 - Aging with economic security
 - Living better longer
 - Supporting caregivers
 - Social engagement

IV. Review March 2024, Meeting Notes

V. 2024 Summit – Emma Simmons



- a. Discuss 2024 Summit survey results
- b. What do we think went well, what could be improved?

Meeting Notes:

- General comments
 - 20 responses to the summit survey
 - Room was too cold
 - Good to see representatives from the MCOs
 - Good variety of topics
- All respondents recommended the summit
- Improvements
 - Extension cords, tables were too far away from outlets
 - Expand invitations to businesses/employers that often partners with their city's transit system so that they may have opportunities to brag and steal
- Future topics
 - Transportation solutions for kids
 - Connecting different transit agencies together
 - Funding opportunities
 - Passenger rail (existing or future initiatives)
 - Highlight a successful business (non hospital or state ran business) partnership (with the local transit system)
 - Panel of funding programs discussing how they are able to fund for public transits
 - What is working across the state (and what could potentially be duplicated)
 - Best practices to increase community participation
 - Uber health or other options that can work in collaboration with the transit providers across the state
- Biggest challenge you face with regard to passenger transportation
 - Finding drivers – servicing rural areas
 - Having transportation available
 - Hiring, obtaining funding
 - Availability of qualified drivers, supply of well running equipment at an affordable cost
 - Off hours and route for individuals with disabilities living in rural areas
 - Bus replacements
 - Helping the public to get to health appointments

VI. ITCC Member Roundtable – All

a. Kristin Haar:

- i. Working through the federal process for facilities (HIRTA, SIT, and River Bend Transit);
- ii. Region 3 Rides lost a minivan from the floods in Northwest Iowa;
- iii. Department of Education reached out regarding school transportation in Northwest Iowa because of the floods; currently working



b. Vienna Hoang:

- i. Ongoing streamlining process;
- ii. Officially moved their website to the IWD website
 - 1. Looking for feedback on the new site, how could it be improved:
<https://workforce.iowa.gov/vr>
- iii. Burlington office joined with Davenport office
 - 1. The Burlington office is still operating, but the supervisor moved to the Davenport office
- iv. Iowa Blueprint for Change
 - 1. Grow employment first initiatives
 - 2. Partnering with Health and Human Services to do an employment first training
- v. Order of selection is going away, starting in September there will be no waitlist

c. Eugenia Kendall:

- i. Working on the IA SAIL project
- ii. Office size went from 30 to 120 staff members

d. Spencer Thompson:

- i. Updating the State Rail Plan (this plan touches on some ideas for passenger rail)
- ii. Next plan update is the Public Transit Long Range Plan

e. Brooke Lovelace:

- i. Opened up registration for Self Advocacy Conference
 - 1. Make Your Mark!, September 18-19, 2024, Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames, IA
 - 2. Registration: [Personal Information - 2024 Make Your Mark! Self-Advocacy Conference \(cvent.com\)](https://cvent.com)
 - 3. ITCC might volunteer as an exhibitor for the conference
- ii. They have been supporting people in the flood areas

f. Rachel Carr:

- i. RFP for Trip Connect

VII. Ideas on New Members/Member Organizations for ITCC

- a. Are there organizations that have had turnover, and we need to reengage with?

VIII. Statewide Mobility Manager Update – Emma Simmons

- a. Iowa Rideshare
 - i. Demo/Test Site: Meeting July 9 with HBSS and DART to go over test site

IX. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:



September 11, 2024 **(In-Person Only!)**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
Polk County River Place, Room
2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310

*Lunch provided