

# **Iowa Transportation Coordination Council**

**January 11, 2012, Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Polk County River Place, Room 3A**

**2309 Euclid Avenue**

**Des Moines, IA 50310**

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with those in attendance including:

Margi Ness, United We Ride Ambassador, Vice-Chair

Heather Byron, American Cancer Society

Doug Keast, Iowa Workforce Development

Lisa Sieren, United Ways of Iowa

Doreen Chamberlin, Iowa Department of Public Health

Jeff Harris, Region 6 Peoplesrides

Angie O'Brien, State-wide Mobility Manager

Anne Turcotte, Iowa Department of Transportation

Kristin Haar, Iowa Department of Transportation, Chair

Max Christiansen, Iowa Department of Education

David Mitchell, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Sue Olson, Iowa Department on Aging

### **II. Review October 26, 2011, Meeting Notes**

### **III. Iowa Workforce Development Virtual Access Point Demonstration**

Doug Keast and Kristi Judkins from Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) gave a presentation on IWD's new Virtual Access Points to assist job seekers around the state access employment-related resources. There are currently more than 550 Virtual Access Points around the state in locations such as vocational rehabilitation (open to the public), libraries (open to the public), domestic abuse shelters (for clients only), etc. There is no limit on the number of sites; having an access point must only fit the mission of the host organization. After seeing the demonstration, Angie O'Brien and Kristin Haar offered to work with Doug to get public transit and mobility manager information linked from the Virtual Access Point menu.

### **IV. Reduction of Iowa Area Agencies on Aging**

Sue Olson from the Iowa Department on Aging educated the ITCC members on the reduction plan for the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) around the state of Iowa. Sue distributed a timeline illustrating when the current area agencies on aging will be dedesignated and the new planning and service areas would be designated. There are currently 13 AAAs in Iowa. This number will be reduced, possibly to 5, although that number will not be decided until

the number of applicant proposals is reviewed by the Iowa Commission on Aging. The new AAAs will begin operation on July 1, 2012.

V. Volunteer Transportation Survey of Cities Update

Chair Kristin Haar reported that she would be meeting with the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services (ICVS) that afternoon to discuss information the ICVS might have on volunteer transportation programs in Iowa.

VI. Compilation of State-wide Passenger Transportation Needs

Anne Turcotte with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) discussed passenger transportation needs compiled from the regional and metropolitan planning organizations' Passenger Transportation Plans.

VII. Iowa Institute for Transportation Coordination Follow-up

The team shadows reported that Cedar Rapids and Sioux City are looking into mobility manager applications as a result of their work done at the Iowa Institute for Transportation Coordination.

VIII. Committee Report – NEMT

The Non-emergency Medical Transportation Committee reported they had discussed TMS Fixed Route and Paratransit rides.

IX. IMMN Update

The Iowa Mobility Manager's Network will be appointing one of their members to sit on the ITCC on a two-year basis. Currently this role is Bridget Bartlett.

X. Statewide Mobility Manager Update

XI. Member Roundtable - All

David Mitchell with Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) reported that transportation is a barrier, but is unsure what about transportation is a barrier and could possibly survey local case managers about specifics. IVRS also will soon have a Facebook page.

Connie Eastman with AARP reported that they have rural fact sheets on transportation and that Des Moines has been chosen for the WHO's Age Friendly Transit Initiative.

Margi Ness, Region 7's United We Ride Representative, stated that there may be a grant or technical assistance available to deal with workforce issues. Margi also noted that the

Mobility Management conference is being held before this year's American Public Transit Association conference, May 9 and 10 in Long Beach, California.

XII. Other Items of Interest

XIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:

March 14, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Polk County River Place, Room 1A

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