

Iowa Transportation Coordination Council

July 12, 2017

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 July 12, 2017, meeting of the Iowa Transportation Coordination Council was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

ITCC Representatives in attendance:

Kristin Haar, Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Public Transit, Chair

Joe Drahos, Iowa DOT Office of Systems Planning

Loren Bawn, Bureau of Refugee Services

Jeremy Johnson-Miller, Iowa DOT Office of Public Transit

Roxanne Cogil, Epilepsy Foundation of North Central Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska

Kelly Angell, American Cancer Society

Tony Filippini, Ames Area MPO

Mindi Nguyen, Iowa DOT

Scott Anderson, Access2Care

David Mitchell, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services

II. Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

III. Review of March 8, 2017, Meeting Notes

No comments or revisions were received.

IV. Driving Retirement Brochure

Jeremy Johnson-Miller shared that a subcommittee had met to discuss the Driving Retirement brochure and its potential uses and formats. Those participating thought a website linking various resources for persons without a driver's license would be useful, whether the person is without a license due to legal problems, age, or medical issues. However, the group did agree the paper version of the brochure is still wanted, but there may be ways to make it more inclusive. The group thought a brochure 'shell' that could be tailored to various groups (refugee, epilepsy, etc.) might be a useful tool.

Roxanne Cogil stated she gets many questions about medical reports needed to reinstate the driver's license of someone who has experienced seizures. Someone with seizures must be seizure free for two years if medication and seizure free or 10 years with medication and seizure free.

Mr. Johnson-Miller stated that the Office of Public Transit is beginning to work with the Motor Vehicle Division to discuss getting people to driver license stations, reviewing the legal letters

people receive when losing their licenses for various reasons, asking other DOTs what they are doing in this area, and focusing on a person-centered approach.

Ms. Cogil recommended adding that identification cards (not licenses) are free of charge.

Mindi Nguyen added that airing a public transit video on the screens at the driver license stations is a possibility. Kelly Angell was interested in discussing how to add a slide or video with information about the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program.

V. Passenger Transportation Summit Summary

Chair Kristin Haar reviewed the attendee survey results from the 2017 Passenger Transportation Summit. Those completing the surveys gave this year's Summit high marks, enjoying the location and the panels. Chair Haar asked the ITCC representatives for their preference for next year's location. The FFA building at DMACC in Ankeny is preferred.

Topics suggested by the ITCC representatives present included: intercity bus and AMTRAK trips, topics from the audience, regional evening and weekend service examples, 'day in the life' of transit riders profiles, and how areas around country are addressing needs of transportation for low-income populations. Tony Filippini suggested a possible keynote from CARTS out of Austin, TX explaining how they serve very rural populations to urban areas.

VI. Coordinated Council on Access and Mobility Overview

Chair Haar gave an overview of the federal interagency council, the Coordinated Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM). Membership includes the Departments of Transportation, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Veterans Affairs, Labor, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Social Security Administration, and National Council on Disability. Chair Haar read the mission and vision statements of the CCAM and explained that this council has been reinvigorated in the past year and she was watching for topics they work on as inspiration for the ITCC.

Chair Haar asked if, after hearing the list of CCAM member agencies, ITCC should consider adding any additional representatives. USDA, Department of Corrections, Iowa Finance Authority, the Kidney Association, Iowa Donor Network and Iowa Workforce Development (current member – re-invite) were all mentioned. Possible speakers at future ITCC meetings may include the Iowa Hospital Association and a regional transit agency explaining how their operations work.

VII. Update on Medicaid Integrated Settings Collaboration

Chair Haar reported that regional meetings have been held in Atlantic and Dubuque. She stated the next site is still being determined. The federal deadline for compliance with the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Integrated Settings rule is now March 17, 2022, a three-year extension from the previous deadline of 2019. Therefore, Iowa has a little longer to plan for these changes.

VIII. Member Roundtable

Loren Bawn shared that the Bureau of Refugee Services' lead driver retired. The work of driving refugees to employment opportunities is now being done by a contractor.

Ms. Cogil informed the group about funding cuts at the Epilepsy Foundation. The Foundation is partially funded through the Iowa Department of Public Health and those funds were cut for Fiscal Year 2018. She shared that service delivery is okay, but the staff won't be able to do as much

travel, instead using webinars for training. The budget cuts decreased the ability to assist with transit and cab fares. The Iowa Seizure Smart Conference is still taking place, November 4 at Unity Point in Des Moines.

Ms. Nguyen explained that the Iowa DOT's Motor Vehicle Division is reviewing language needs and determining what translation needs exist at their stations and services around the state.

Mr. Johnson-Miller told the group his job now includes the ability to do more mobility management activities. He also shared that some of the Medicaid managed care organizations may include travel training in their member benefits; therefore, he may be training the MCOs in travel training techniques.

David Mitchell informed the group that the Office of Public Transit presentations to various groups around the state is generating interest in transportation issues.

Mr. Filippini noted that metropolitan planning organizations are working with their transit agencies on the new federal rules surrounding asset management, setting targets, preparing an asset management plan. Mr. Filippini also mentioned DART in Des Moines is implementing a new mobile ticketing application soon.

Joe Drahos shared that he has been working on a mobile application to assess transit facility conditions for the asset management plans. Mr. Drahos also informed the group that new park and ride sites will be opening in Davenport and Dyersville soon. The Dyersville site is newly constructed and the regional transit agency may be running shuttles from the location. Mr. Drahos also was to meet with DART in Des Moines about their needs for Ankeny park and ride locations as their current site lease is expiring soon.

Ms. Angell discussed several American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program issues being experienced in the Des Moines area. The program has 40 drivers but many have ended their service recently. 10-20 drivers are needed in the Des Moines area currently. Ms. Angell stated the program's usage in Des Moines is down 42% this year. In order to spur interest, the ACS wrote a Letter to the Editor on July 4 and a story will air on KCCI on July 19. Also of note, Ms. Angell told the group the ACS had applied to the Iowa Cancer Consortium for a grant to do some design thinking activities and grants should be announced on August 11.

Chair Haar shared she is scheduled to give several presentations at conferences this fall: the Cedar Rapids transportation forum in September, the Make your Mark conference in September, and the Rural Transit Assistance Program National Conference in October with Mr. Johnson-Miller.

IX. IMM and Statewide Mobility Manager Updates

Mr. Johnson-Miller reported the new Linn and Johnson County mobility managers are in place and available.

X. Other Items of Interest

None offered.

XI. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location

September 13, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.