



Sullivan County Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Community Alliance Transportation, Newport, NH

Chair Carla Skinder called meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Present: Aare Ilves, Carla Skinder, Brenda Burns, Doreen Kusselow, Pat Kinne, Barbara Brill, Pam Joslin, Pat Crocker

Introductions and Community Updates

Aare Ilves reported that the Red Cross car remains in Charlestown and will continue in service. From July 2012 through January 2013, the ARC reported that 70 round trips were provided. ARC's State Administrator had sent a memo to the town requesting support for emergency funding, but did not reference rides or transportation. Aare has resigned as the representative for ARC and was nominated to serve as a citizen member.

Barbara Brill deferred to Pam Joslin's to report on the VDP activity. For the month of February alone, volunteers provided 571 hours of service and drove 7,069 miles for 284 one-way trips. Passengers were doubled up whenever possible. The program has recruited a new driver who resides in Lempster and this is a big help in dispatching trips in the outlying towns. A new part-time dispatcher has been hired. There were no service interruptions despite the snow storms. The rate of completion of ride requests was 100%. There were a few rider cancellations due to illness. More volunteers could be added to the pool to provide more flexibility, but so far there have been sufficient numbers to meet all requested rides. All CAHS vehicles will undergo inspection during the month of March.

At the request of Representative Cloutier, Pam testified at the legislative committee hearing on HB650 pertaining to a commuter bus service between Claremont-Lebanon/Hanover. The bill is retained in committee and CATS is grateful for the support of Rep. Cloutier and Sen. David Pierce who were the primary sponsors of the bill.

Doreen Kusselow reported on a program started by DHMC to have second year residents go out into the field during their geriatrics rotation make home visits to the population of seniors at risk. Dr John Batsis who initiated the program believes this will enlightening doctors to the

home conditions and help guide them in understanding why there are challenges to follow orders at home.

Pat Kinne noted that the Paddle Power will be in its 11th year and will be held on the weekend of August 17 and 18.

Brenda Burns reported that Sullivan County Nutrition was participating in the Allen Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge in order to have the local contributions matched by the Foundation. The congregate meals budget cuts were significant around the state but still workable in this area. New Title III rules are potentially going to impact MOW and there are concerns about this.

Carla Skinder attended the January SCC meeting. She summarized the report on the Endowment for Health Theme grants for transportation by saying the results were mixed around the state. VRH has a new CEO who is very personable. She noted thanks to Pam Joslin and CATS for the assistance with transportation for the Day Out Program.

Carla had conversations with members of the legislative delegation about the RCC members attending one of their meetings. April was suggested as a good time and they will touch base again with the dates. Carla had also contacted all MoU holders and only ARC would like to be removed as they are playing an active role in the Region 5&6 RCC in their region. Southwest Community Services will replace Bill Ingalls who is no longer with them with Becky Holland.

Carla reported on the NH Listens event held in Claremont on February 26. The NH Listens was conducting the event as part of the statewide and regional planning projects that are underway. Once again, developing more public transportation was identified as one of the top 3 issues for the region.

Nomination of Lead Agencies for DOT Grants

Discussion followed of the new DOT grant process and procedures. Following discussion Pat Kinne nominated CATS to serve as the lead agency for management of the 5310 Formula Funds and the UVLSRPC to continue as the recipient of the 5310 Purchase of Service Funds and to have these subcontracted to CATS for fiscal years 14 and 15. Brenda Burns seconded the motion. **Vote In Favor, Unanimous.**

The RCC members also noted the generosity of Charlestown for their financial support for the transportation programs as well as other vital non-profit services such the VNA and Mental Health.

Nomination of Aare Ilves for Citizen Member

Aare Ilves stepped out of the room. Following discussion Carla Skinder asked for a nomination for Aare. Pam Joslin nominated Aare as citizen member seconded by Pat Kinne.

Aare was asked to review and sign the MoU and his election will take place at the next meeting on April 24, 2013.

It was noted that Officer Nominations for the new year will also be on the agenda for the April meeting so that they can be voted on at the June meeting.

Pat Kinne moved to adjourn at 12:10 pm, seconded by Pam Joslin.

Next meeting will be April 24, 2013 at CATS offices in Newport. The meeting time will return to 9:00-11:00 AM.

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