

# **INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON TRANSIT COORDINATION**

December 9, 2008

Hiway Federal Credit Union Administration Building

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Members Present**

Tim Henkel, Chair

Kelly Wosika, MN Department of Education

Doug Benson, MN Department of Health

Kelly Schroeffer for Joan Willshire, MN State Council on Disabilities

### **Members Absent**

Gerri Sutton, Metropolitan Council

Brian Osberg, MN Department of Human Services

Robert Johns, University of Minnesota

Mary Koep, MN Board on Aging

Bonnie Elsey, MN DEED

### **Guest**

Deb Schauffert, DHS

### **Others**

Bob Ries, MN Department of Human Services

Hal Freshley, MN Board on Aging

Judy Ellison, Mn/DOT, Office of Transit

Noel Shughart, Mn/DOT, Office of Transit

Diane Contreras, Mn/DOT, Office of Transit

### **Welcome**

Tim Henkel welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they introduce themselves and the organization they represent. Tim reported that he received a call from Senator Scott Dibble who reviewed the committee's report to the Governor. Tim talked to the Senator about the work the group has done and invited him to attend future meetings.

### **2008 Governors' Report**

Noel distributed the 2008 ICTC Report document that was submitted to the Governor's office. Noel will send out the electronic copy for those that want to save it to their files.

### **Report on 12/2/08 Insurance Meeting**

Noel reported that he met with Metro Area human service transportation providers, operating FTA funded Section 5310 vehicles, to talk about insurance and to offer solutions to the problem provided to the ICTC by the Department of Commerce. Many organizations are interested in coordinating, but because of insurance issues, including cost and availability of coverage, they cannot. Mn/DOT's STS regulations were also identified as a challenge for coordinating. One solution discussed was to form a consortium. Noel noted that these organizations are very large and could handle putting a consortium

together. As a result of the meeting, they are interested in going forward with the consortium idea and to work with Mn/DOT's Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations on STS regulations.

### **Community Transportation Coordination Workshop**

Noel reported that the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) is planning to host a Community Transportation Workshop in early 2009 with funds they received from Hennepin County. Noel provided meeting members with a copy of the preliminary agenda.

### **Disability Services Payment Structure Study**

Deb Schaufert, from DHS, reported that the Department of Human Services, Disability Services Division (DSD) has engaged Navigant Consulting, Inc. (NCI) to develop and recommend a payment structure, with appropriate application tools for Day Supports, including employment supports and other customized day services and supports, across programs and disability groups within the scope of the Disability Services Division. The payment structure will be usable for county agencies as well, as they purchase day services and supports with county funds for people with disabilities. This will also help them to respond to federal expectations to have a statewide payment structure and methodologies that assure access, equity and quality.

Deb reviewed guiding principals and purpose of field testing of a payment option they wish to accomplish with this study. The findings and recommendations will be presented to the project's Advisory Committee, Disability Services Division and DHS management. For more information on this project, please visit their project web site at <http://www.minnesotadaysupportproject.com>.

### **Mobility Management Overview**

Noel reviewed information and other state's examples of Mobility Management the committee has heard at past meetings. Noel noted that Mobility Management is creating partnerships between providers to enhance travel options. Through Mobility Management resources can be coordinated efficiently, and enhance customer service. Noel also reviewed the common elements making up mobility management. These include emphasizing multi-modal rather than single-mode solutions, expanding partnerships and alliances among multiple transportation providers, greater use of technology systems in real time, and development and implementation of one-stop travel information and trip planning systems.

### **United We Ride Demonstration Grant**

Noel reported that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), on behalf of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM), published a notice in the Federal Register requesting proposals for United We Ride (UWR) mobility management grants to enhance transportation coordination capacity and capabilities of local or regional human service networks. Funding in the amount of \$1.5 million is available to support grants ranging up to \$300,000 each. These funds can be used to develop and implement programs that will address the individualized customer transportation needs of persons and families with limited incomes, persons with disabilities, older adults and youth.

Noel presented an idea for a Mobility Management Collaborative project for the committee to consider if they would be interested in applying for these funds. Noel noted some areas of the State that would be good candidates for this demonstration project. They have a sophisticated regional planning agency, many large 5310 systems and a lot of local partnerships.

The committee expressed an interest in preparing a grant proposal. In order to meet the deadline date of February 12, 2009, the group must identify potential projects this month, select which project they would like to complete by the week of January 12, 2009, and meet with project participants by the week of January 26, 2009. Noel will contact the small working group to get the project on its way.

### **Member Agency Reports on Transportation**

Bob Ries, MN Department of Human Services, reported that members of DHS are meeting with Legislators to discuss transportation issues for the 2009 legislative session.

Kelly Wosika, MN Department of Education, reported that a statewide school survey was completed. She is concerned that many schools will lose Title 1 funds and free or reduced lunch resources because they are not counting students who are homeless.

### **Next Meeting Date**

January 27, 2009  
Hiway Federal Credit Union Administration Building  
840 Westminster Street