

Passenger Transportation Plan - Regional Planning Affiliate 1, UERPC
Transportation Advisory Group Meeting Notes
January 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 325 Washington Street, Decorah, Iowa

Present: Fern Rissman (WIA, UERPC), Dee Hosek (Howard Cty. Veterans), Earl Henry (NEICAC Transit), Karn Pankow (NEICAC Transit), Trisha Wilkins (NEICAC Human Resources), TJ Warren (UIU), Katie Angell (Helping Services of NE Iowa), Rachel Jaster (G&G), Karla Organist (UERPC)

Invited but unable to attend: Katie Hageman/Mindy Buchheit (Postville Childcare), Brita Nelson (Opportunity Homes), Bruce Butters (Northland Agency), Daniel Rotto (Hometown Taxi), Lori Matter (Howard Cty. Res. Care Facility), Fay Halverson (Gunderson Clinic – Lansing), Ed Josten (RISE), Jean Gage (Clayton County CPC), Carol Kuene (Fayette County CPC), Chalsea Carroll (Howard County CPC), Jan Heikes (Winneshiek & Allamakee County CPC)

1. Introductions and a review of the notes from the January 13th meeting, along with a brief overview of the committee's purpose for those attending for the first time.
2. A draft of the 2013 PTP Update was distributed for comment and discussion. Minor changes were discussed and noted. Committee members will let Karla know by Monday the 30th, if they have any additional items.
3. Teleconference with Angie O'Brien regarding a Mobility Manager for our region. Angie:
 - Shared the activities that other Mobility Managers in the state are doing – but stressed that it really depended upon the specific goals and needs of the areas they were serving.
 - Noted that almost all have at least two activities in common: listening (discovering the needs) and making presentations (informing many different audiences about passenger transportation).
 - Described the areas where Mobility Managers are currently working (or have plans to bring a Mobility Manager in) in Iowa: Des Moines and the surrounding area, Mason City, Dubuque, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City and Creston. It is a goal of the state to have at least 8 in place by 2013.
 - In response to a question by NEICAC, informed them that there was immediate funding available if an application was to be made prior to May 1st.
4. Additional discussion surrounded the following topics:
 - NEICAC will be applying for funds to bring a Mobility Manager to the region. We may need to do an amendment to add this to the TIP.
 - Additional people to bring to this group were recommended: Heather Homewood, Allamakee County Veterans, and Linda Springer, DHS. Karla will contact before the next meeting to see if they can join the group.
5. Next Meeting: April 13th, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at UERPC's Decorah office