

## RCC Meeting 10/29 Region 4

In person: Jim Contois\* (Citizen from Claremont), Amanda Mace\* (Turning Points Network), Toby Delvecchio (UVLSRPC), Candy Reed (Sullivan County Mobility Manager)

Zoom: Keith Thibault\* (Southwestern Community Services), Beth Daniels (SCS), Al Byan (Citizen from Sutton), Teri Palmer (Statewide Mobility Manager), Fred Butler 9NH DOT0, James Berquist (SCT Director of Transportation)

Meeting Commences at 1:10 after introductions

Not enough for Quorum for meeting minutes, important November update

Mobility Management Update (Candy):

- I attended a town hall meeting in Acworth on 10/28/2024. They reached out to Candy to discuss volunteer driver programs.
- Working on their transportation section on their master plan, knowing how they can help aid the volunteer drivers in Sullivan County.
- How to sign up to be a volunteer driver, and how to sign up to get picked up by volunteer drivers (They didn't know the program existed at all!)
- Acworth will add the volunteer driver plan to their master plan to recruit more volunteer drivers (Not enough drivers to meet needs of all)
- Energy Assistance informing older individuals about transportation that is available, such as passing out brochures and magnets for KeepNHMoving.com
- Working with the DH, Greg was able to reach out to students to create a plan of potential survey areas (Lebanon Bus Increased ridership #)- She will email everyone this

Statewide Mobility Management Update: Teri Palmer

- Needs assessment going to governors and council to be voted on (multisector plan and statewide transportation assessment, a request for a proposal went out and they chose a local consulting firm that is going forward)
  - Unsure of the start date and when it is going into action
  - Mobility managers had a meeting a week ago that created a new survey (Candy has the survey link)

## Member and Partners Update: Beth

- RCC importance/ relaying information of the funding for the transportation program,
  - Most of the budgets is made of 5311 and 5310
- RCC looks at transit gaps and needs in the community through being informed of the funding of DOT (especially with 5310 funding)
- DOT provides funding out of 2-year funding cycles and 2-year budgets
  - 10% increase to RCC funding
- With covid there were additional funds through health equity projects, CDC/DOT collaboration
  - Allocated funding from this to create Candy's job position
  - Utilization of short-term funding rolls over to the normal 5310 budget for extra expenses.
- 5311 Notes from Beth; Busses and bus routes (Straightforward, a certain allocated budget for the transit)
  - DOT covers 80%, but we must cover the rest and preventative maintenance as well.
  - Operating costs are the highest budget for paying out the people that are working.
- Between what we receive and must raise, and payout of agency funds are higher than what it should be
- 5310 goes through that because some of it is salary for the workers/dispatchers
  - MM= Mobility Management (long time)
  - RMM = Regional Mobility Manager
- 5091= Things that keep the agency running but cannot be directly put to one program
  - Volunteer Driver stipends and vouchers for the gap funds are very key to getting people to and from places that are outside of the normal bus routes/hours
- No quorum in November we may need to reach out to DOT to push it through and have the proper minutes/approvals put out there for them to understand it.

## Updates:

Beth: Transportation alternative program that is open now, the letter of interest form needs to be submitted by December 6<sup>th</sup>. Transportation Action Committee (TAC Meeting). Grant for riders that is like a debit card (200-500\$) for transportation to major cities/areas (Boston, Portland Maine,) for medical appointments and other similar things

James: Just hired another driver that is driving the Lebanon Route, going to maybe move him to a new area. Writing up reports on the drivers and the DOT physicals and other tests (buckling down on license requirements).

Steve Wilke: ATV off trails in Claremont (president of the ATV club) Talk with city managers about if they would have information on which trails could be class VI roads.

The Highway Department may have information on which roads are class V and VI, where they end and begin for references.

Fred: 5310 capital solicitation is 95% ready to go and will be ready to go within the week anyone in the region would need a letter of support from the RCC

SCS would apply for the 5339 and not the 5310 programs.

Candy will send out a survey of when the next RCC meeting will be held

Meeting adjourned at 1:50

Submitted by: Toby DelVecchio