

RCC 4 Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2024

10:00AM-11:40AM

SCS 96 Main St. Claremont NH

In person: Toby Delvecchio (UVLSRPC), Tim Josephson* (UVLSRPC), Candy Reed (Region 4 Mobility Manager), Amanda Mace* (Turning Points), Taralyn Bielaski* (Greater Sullivan County Public Health Council), Elyse Crossman* (Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce), Nancy Meyer* (City of Claremont), Teri Palmer (State Mobility Manager), Allison Browning* (Economic Development Coordinator, Town of Newport)

Online: Beth Daniels* (Southwestern Community Services, Inc.), Fred Butler (NHDOT), Jennifer Cournoyer* (River Valley Community College)

*Voting member

10:00 Start Time

The quorum is in session.

Welcome and Introductions

Looking to approve April 16, June 18, September 17, October 29, meeting minutes (APPROVED Unanimously with corrections to names)

Mobility Management Updates:

- Candy included recent work plan in last couple of meetings and meeting minutes, reached out to the public RCC Members to see if there were any necessary changes or fixes/replaced them.
- Plans going forward into 2025, and what is attainable for the groups in said plan.
- The first blueprint that the SCC created is out of date, Candy explains that the SCC is here to work for all of us.
 - What would you like to see her focus on?
 - What information do you want her to be including in each meeting agenda/leave out and talk about in person instead?
- Beth suggests continuously update “Keep NH Moving.”
- Nancy suggests a compilation of all the key points that Candy had found.
 - Bulleted list of quick/easy pointers and highlights (giving people out of the loop, the important information from the meetings before

- Candy update of what she did this Month:
 - Volunteer fair at the Hanover Inn; geared towards people that are looking for volunteer opportunities and those looking for volunteers. 60-70 people are in attendance with approximately 20 tables.
 - Table of volunteer driving program that Candy set up (Many people did not know that there were volunteer driver programs nearby)
 - What can we do to get more involvement at these activities/fairs?
 - Michael Aron from Acworth invited her to attend the Town meeting which they are working on their transportation plan, Candy spoke to the group about volunteer driver programs in Sullivan County. Acworth is looking to make the program a part of the coordinated plan.
 - Candy got invited to do an interview with Newport Community TV about the volunteer driver program and bring awareness about the local transportation options.
 - How to connect homeless people from Newport to get to the Claremont shelters. Candy will be working with Beth on this.
 - A new monthly survey of performance measures has been put out/she will send the link out to us.
 - Candy is working on creating a map with UVLSRPC of Claremont for those in shelters showing the offices that they may need most as well as where to get grocery's, pharmacies, schools, hospital, food pantry, bus stops, soup kitchen, and such. They will also include Nancy Meyers for a Sullivan County Map and with Elyse Crossman for a map that will show all of the key points of interest for the county to also include places to visit.
 - Taralyn asks for suggestions of how we are creating the map, she wants to make one for her region.
 - Many people want to know where the "Family Dollar" is.
- MOU discussion
 - Candy will be working with Elyse and Tim to send out new MOU's to organization as members have changed. As well as checking to see if people are still interested in being on the committee. Discussed having alternates in the event the primary is unable to attend.
- Teri Palmer:
 - Received performance measure survey links that are going out this afternoon,

- Survey will be cleaned up and separated between the state and the county.
- An increase in communication between state/regional councils needs to be improved going forward for meeting minutes.
 - Simple bullet points/highlights and recap
- Beth Daniels:
 - Transportation and the several types of funding streams that come in, and the importance that the RCC must get 5310 funding through NHDOT.
 - 5310 – Are the “in addition to...” of 5311
 - RCC is tasked with monitoring the funds and having a sense of when the new 5310 funding application comes out that needs to be approved.
 - 5339 is capital projects such as ordering buses,
 - Soon seeing the 5305-planning application for funding the creation of human services transportation plan
 - 5310 budget – funding for regional mobility manager position, a portion of a salary out of it for the volunteer drivers, mile reimbursement for volunteer drivers
 - Need to approve the 5310 budgets and let everyone know when the new funding application will be released.
 - Requesting the approval of 5310 budget as presented in the October 2024 meeting, understanding a 10% increase that came through.
 - Fred: Regional mobility manager has transportation credits that offset the need for a local match (20% match for volunteer driver budgets)
 - RCC approves the volunteer driver stipends being changed from the regional mobility manager bucket to the 80% fed mobility management bucket.
- Motion to approve the 5310 funding from the October meeting, including volunteer driver stipends changing buckets (listed above)
 - Unanimously voted yes to push through
- Beth Daniels:
 - Quarterly reports on staffing updates/ride updates on the volunteer driver program
 - Track reasons for rides that were incomplete/not successful.
 - Importance of grants to keep the volunteer driver program up and running

- Stresses the importance of the process in the project, the individual steps/the timeline of happenings.
 - With how rural NH is, it causes difficulties to undertake new projects.
 - We received a single bid, which requires background research into A&E firms and their expenses/cost of service.
 - Close to signing a contract with architect and engineering firm to start the designs on the transit facility itself.
 - Construction of the transit facilities and new areas (rest area for both drivers and passengers)
 - Currently accepting applications for fuel assistance (cold weather coming soon)
 - Partnering with two churches to try and open shelters for cold weather (7 nights a week Jan-Mar)
 - What are the logistics of the laundry for all the beds each night?
- Taralyn asks about the funding piece: Is there still a need for match dollars and has Dartmouth Hitchcock given us any funds? DH gave us \$20,000 per year in funds.
 - There are flyers for the fuel assistance programs, it is also on the social media for the shelter.
- Elyse has a program where people bring one item for donations, she suggested that we should use that in conjunction with the shelters and their guests.
 - Ex: Cleaning supplies
- Teri: NH Unite Us; They have come to the realization that a lot of the programs/fundings aren't as public/easily available to those that would use the programs/funds.
 - Getting hospitals, and healthcare to also get on board with the fundings
 - 5-year grant that they are looking to hopefully make into 10 years
 - Unites US connects providers to each other to create better connectivity.
 - 211 information will be transferred over to Unite Us, no need to re-input old information from the Unite Us
 - Privatization of information that could be harmful.
- Greater Sullivan County just released a new website (GSCPHN.org)

- UVLSRPC is in early parts of public input, trying to get outreach from the people and get their opinions on what they like/don't like.
 - Skewing heavily so far on the older population
- Allison: Park and ride funding is in the works, and the community center is getting there, trail systems are getting built out.
- The Chamber awards lots of different places/individuals (even those who are not in the chamber) a good place/person that is a bonus for the town.
 - Looking for volunteer stories to share with the community
- New business:
 - Needs assessment will be coming up soon, a consulting firm, 18-month contract. Transportation based, but also apart from the multi-sector plan on aging (Commission on aging)
- Next meeting: Moving the meetings to Fridays normally after December?
 - Unsure of if/what there will be items to vote on next time (poll going out for when it will be in January)
 - Tuesday December 17th, 10 AM, 96 Main Street
- Meeting Adjourned at 11:45