

# West Virginia Transportation Coordination Council Meeting

## CONFERENCE CALL

January 15, 2014

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Susan O'Connell, David Bruffy, Jason Cook, Jeb Corey, John R. Davidson, Jr., Gaylene Miller, Mike Pickens, Robert Roswall

**Others in Attendance:** Christina Risk

**Not present:** Cynthia Beane, David Haden, Lee Horton, Jan Lilly-Stewart, Larry Paxton, Tammy Pritt-Jones, Pat Woods

- I. **Call to Order:** Susan O'Connell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Reading and Approval of the July, 2013 minutes:** The Meeting Minutes from the July 2013 meeting were approved by David Bruffy and seconded by Jason Cook.
- III. **Old Business:**
  - A. WAVE wheelchair-accessible taxis  
Jeb Corey spoke about two new wheelchair-accessible taxis that have been in service, but it was too early to tell if ridership has improved. He explained that one vehicle operates during the day and one exclusively at night, and that the vehicle at night has not had the ridership he expected. He plans to do advertising and networking to promote this service.
  - B. NEMT Brokerage  
Ms. O'Connell let the group know that the Bureau of Medical Services had opened their RFP for a statewide NEMT brokerage in early December.
- IV. **New Business:**
  - A. July, 2014 Meeting  
The majority of council members felt that a face-to-face meeting in July would be beneficial. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 10:00am** at the conference room at AARP (300 Summers Street, Suite 400, Charleston).
  - B. Information Sharing
    1. Susan O'Connell mentioned that the Division would be putting out an RFQ to find a vendor to update the regional coordination plans. She reminded the council that Federal Section 5310 grantees must participate in the plans in order to receive their funding. She also said that an informational meeting on Section 5310 contracted services grants will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites in South Charleston on February 4, 2014, 10:00am-12:00pm.
    2. David Bruffy talked about how Mountain Line Transit Authority's mobility coordination staff is working with Region 6 Family Resource Networks, Veterans groups and other groups to include them in transportation coordination. He also worked with the region's MPO to create van pools that cut down on traffic and personal car wear and tear. He, along with several other transit managers, plan to travel to Washington DC to visit with the WV Congressional Delegation to discuss transportation legislation.
    3. Mike Pickens mentioned that School Transportation continues to use the Zonar Pre-trip Inspection system. He also said that they made Requests for Proposals for stop-arm violation video cameras and for GPS-student tracking, which may or may not be implemented. His agency would like to speak to the legislature about creating a one-year pilot program on the use of propane-fueled school buses. He believes that propane is a preferable alternative fuel because the infrastructure is cheaper to construct and overall costs are lower.
    4. John Davidson, Jr., said he attended a DHHR meeting recently and learned that due to the Medicare expansion, grantees were being asked to draw down funds in intervals and not to wait until the last minute. He also mentioned that Little Kanawha Transit Authority has been running routes in Gilmer County, and also have a monthly run to Clarksburg. Susan confirmed that the Gilmer routes ran 3 days a week, and David Bruffy said he'd like to coordinate with LKTA since Mountain Line Transit makes runs to Clarksburg as well.

The Chair asked if there was any further business. There being none, Dave Bruffy declared the meeting adjourned and Jeb Corey seconded.