

WV TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2006

Members Present: Tommy Adkins, David Bruffy, Jackie Chellew, Penney Hall, Dan Hartwell, Susan O'Connell, Ben Shew, Deborah Smith, Vanessa VanGilder, Deloris Wilder. Dan McCague attended for Phil Edwards

Guests: Bob Perelman - AARP
Jeb Corey - WV Taxi Association

Meeting was called to order. The minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to Council member for review. Tommy Adkins made a motion to accept the minutes; Penney Hall seconded the motion.

Committee Reports:

UWR

Susan O'Connell reported allocated funds for the RLS contract have been spent. The final report has been mailed to the Governor's Office, The Executive Branch and Council Members. There was positive feedback from the Council on their appreciation of the work done by RLS. Copies of the second United We Ride grant, the Expression of Interest, along with the RLS report were mailed to Council members in December.

Legislative

Penney Hall reported that a copy of the draft report was given to Senator Unger. She highlighted RLS' recommendations in order to bring them to his attention. She has asked for a meeting with him to go over the report. Susan O'Connell reported that Senator Unger was mailed a copy of the final report. Deborah Smith asked if any legislation in particular had been suggested for this session. Penney stated the discussion with Senator Unger had included the recommendations as outlined on page 68 of the final UWR report from RLS. There was considerable discussion on the need to formalize the WV Transportation Coordination Council. David Bruffy suggested it should be done through the Governor's Office. Penney Hall said that this legislation could not include specific organizations, i.e. Fair Shake, but instead the group(s) represented by those entities, such as people with disabilities, seniors, etc. David Bruffy made a motion that the letter be prepared and Tommy Adkins seconded the motion. Penney agreed to draft the legislation.

Regulation

There was a general discussion on the part the PSC plays in regulating transportation. Jeb Corey helped clarify its role.

New UWR Grant:

Discussion was held on the workshops from the previous grant. Penney Hall commented on its value and that the Council may want to consider North Carolina, Ohio and Vermont suggestions as we try to follow through with the RLS recommendations. Susan reported the RLS final report is posted on the DOT Web Site.

The UWR implementation grant was submitted for \$75,000 and copies of the grant were handed out. Eight expressions of interest were received for the pilot project. Penney noted that this was a critical part of the grant and that it would provide the framework for what could be followed through for the rest of the state. David Bruffy suggested that some kind of empirical list for evaluations be created. Dan Hartwell said he had something that might be used for a basis. David Bruffy made a motion that the original grant writing committee, with the addition of Dan Hartwell be used to evaluate the "expression of interest letters" and make a recommendation to the Council members. Penney seconded the motion and the motion was carried. The Evaluation/ Grant committee will be meeting at 9:30 AM on January 12th at The Bureau of Senior Services, Conference Room A.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- ◆ Transportation Day will be held during the Legislative Session on February 21, 2006.
- ◆ Deloris Wilder shared information materials for creating a Volunteer Drivers and Escort Program as requested by the Administration on Aging (AOA) with Council members. Copies of the materials are available upon request from Susan O'Connell.
- ◆ Deloris volunteered to be back up for Deborah Smith for preparation of the minutes.
- ◆ Penney initiated a discussion on another part of the grant found on page 5 concerning the \$10,000 set aside and the appropriate uses for it. She offered to develop some points to be discussed at the next meeting.
- ◆ The New Freedom Initiative was discussed as a new funding source becoming available and the possible uses for it. Penney Hall and Vanessa VanGilder offered to do some research on possible uses for it within existing guidelines.

Then next meeting will be held on April 6th 2006.

Meeting adjourned!

**WV Transportation Coordinating Council Meeting
April 6, 2006**

Members Present: Tommy Adkins, David Bruffy, Phil Edwards, Penney Hall, Dan Hartwell, Susan O'Connell, Ben Shaw, Deborah Smith, Vanessa Van Gilder, Shannon Riley

Guests: Angela Vance- AARP

Meeting was called to order and minutes from the January 5,2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

Regulation Committee

Nothing to report

Website Committee

Jim Shedd is no longer with the State. It appears nothing has been done.

Old Business

UWR Contract

The first UWR grant was completed in January. Total costs by RLG were \$57,096.00. The grant paid \$35,000.00. DOT provided the remainder.

SB 787

Bill was passed by Senate and vetoed by the Governor. Penny spoke with the Governor and it was suggested that a new Executive Order be drafted. Penny distributed a draft copy. Discussion was held as to who should be represented on the Council.

Penny will draft a new version and will send it to Susan to be distributed to the rest of the Council for feedback. It will then be sent on to the Governor.

New United We Ride Grant

Susan contacted Bryna Hefner. There is no information as to when the monies will be released and what the amount will be. Discussion was held about what course to take if we do not receive the full \$75,00.00. Suggestions were made about

- a. reissuing the expression of interest
- b. contract Region 8 and inquire if they can work with lesser amount
- c. write a new proposal

No decisions were arrived at.

Transportation Day

All agreed it was a success. There were 33 exhibits. The date for next year will be Tuesday, February 20.

New Business

Home Land Security

Penny has been working with Home Land Security group. They have monies that can be used for disaster preparedness. She will continue to keep us apprised.

State Agency Committee

Penny handed out a sheet on Implentation of Grant Points.

A committee was formed consisting of the state agencies to determine what actions need to take place in order for WV to use all Federal funds appropriated which have gone unused due to lack of formula matching funds. They will decide at a later date when first meeting is to be held.

General Discussion

Region 11 has an ongoing coordination effort and is working toward more extensive data collection, mobility manager and brokerage. Susan requested input on logos for a Coordination handbook being developed for DOT by RLG. David suggested logo of "bridging transportation resources".

Next meeting will be July 6, 2006

Meeting adjourned

West Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council
July 6, 2006
Minutes

Members Present: Sid Murphy, Tommy Adkins, David Bruffy, Susan O'Connell, Deloris Wilder, Penney Hall, Ben Shew, Vanessa Van Guilder, Jackie Chellew, Dan Hartwell, Phil Edwards

New Members: Bill Davis and Ruth Wagoner representing AARP.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Susan O'Connell. Penney made a motion to accept the minutes of both the April and June quarterly meetings. Tommy Adkins 2nd the motion and the motion was carried.

All council members received the State Agency Survey of transportation budgets. Susan encouraged members to review the survey and e-mail comments to Dan Hartwell.

There was considerable discussion on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grants. The TANF plans are designed to help the working poor as opposed to welfare recipients that do not work. The caseload for TANF has decreased from 32,000 to 9,600 statewide. Dan Hartwell encouraged council members to review the web site @ www.wvdhhr.org/bcf for an opportunity to compete for grant funding.

The Council discussed the status of the second United We Ride Grant. There was considerable discussion of the complexity of the deliverables. Phil Edwards suggested three bulleted items to simplify the understanding and encourage additional expressions of interest. Penney and Susan agreed to rewrite the expectations of the grant as suggested and e-mail Council members.

Susan requested Council members to submit any legislative suggestions regarding the coordination of transportation to her by September 1, 2006.

Phil requested clarification in the Coordination Plan regarding fair share pay. Susan will follow up with his suggestion.

Penney reported that there is no new executive order for the Transportation Coordinating Council. The Council will function as original executive order indicates.

Susan stressed the importance of the draft "It's Time to Coordinate" and requested Council members to submit comments to her no later than Friday, July 14th.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled October 5, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned by Susan O'Connell.

Submitted by *Deloris Wilder*