

Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) Meeting Notes
April 21, 2015
2:00 pm

Attending:

Tara Styer - TTD
Judy Weber- TRPA
Paula Lambdin- EDC HHSA
Graham Dollarhide- JAC
Ray Goodenough- OPEN
Meera Beser- United for Action and Dept. of Rehabilitation
Jennifer Moore- IVGID Senior Programs
Leanne Wagoner, Barton Health
Elie Alyesdemerni- Business Owner
Aaron Hoyt- PCTPA

Tara:

- Welcome and brief overview of the agenda
- Introductions and updates

North Tahoe Truckee Transport update:

- Program is going well, ridership has increased
- Unofficial approval to continue contract with Area 4 Agency on Aging for another year
- Must increase ridership for long-term sustainability
- Radio advertising with 101.5 FM to reach riders and adult children
- Great website activity- 511 web hits
- Added a trip to Quincy on the third Thursday of each month to accommodate those needing access to Medi-Cal dentists; Feather River Dentistry is accepting new patients
- South Lake Tahoe trip now offered each month on the fourth Tuesday
- Special trips offered in May for Older American's Month

Proposed South Lake Tahoe Specialized Transportation Service:

- TTD is coordinating with the City of SLT and El Dorado County to acquire the SLT Senior Center Van
- The City requested that the County transfer the vehicle to TTD. El Dorado County representatives indicated that, if approved, the transfer would be complete in June-July
- Caltrans recommended 5310 funding for the program and final California Transportation Commission review is in May and approval in June
- Caltrans funding would only cover trips in California for CA residents. To serve the Nevada residents and provide transportation to Nevada destinations funding is needed

from Nevada. TTD applied for Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) and NDOT funding to create a comprehensive, bi-state program.

Meera:

- Mentions that there are requests for NTTT to provide transportation to Carson City

Ray:

- Inquires if the NTTT provides transportation into Nevada

Tara:

- Area 4 Agency on Aging covers transportation to NV destinations; trips cannot originate in NV
- The program is for eastern Nevada and eastern Placer county residents

Jennifer:

- Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) Senior Transportation Program has been in operation for seven years; residents are still learning about it
- Standard trip on Tuesdays alternates between Carson City and Reno
- Generally six passengers; typically leave at 9:30 and return 3:30-4:00; passengers are flexible; \$3 round trip fare and additional stops are \$.50; trips provide a social outlet for seniors and trip purpose is not restricted
- Seven passenger ADA accessible van is used for the service
- Local trips provided weekly on Wednesdays (Incline Village, Crystal Bay, Kings Beach) and a trip to Truckee is provided on the third Wednesday of the month
- The program has expanded to include on-demand service; \$25 round trip (excluding airport runs) covers trips to South Lake Tahoe, Reno, Truckee, and Carson City; there is an additional \$5 each half hour for wait time over one hour
- Goal is to keep seniors active and mobile
- Jennifer was recently informed that there are no longer funds from Washoe County or NDOT to support the program; looking for ways to subsidize the program; may need to slightly increase fares

Ray:

- Inquires if the drivers are volunteers

Jennifer:

- There are three staff drivers; very flexible and accommodating with early mornings and late night requests
- Goal to keep the program going and increase community awareness
- Regular passengers who look forward to the weekly trips

Meera:

- Asks if the program is restricted to IVGID card holders or NV residents; can CA resident use the service

Jennifer:

- Program does not check residency; focused on age eligibility; will not pick up passengers in CA, but they can use the service if they are in NV
- Veterans Club provides transportation for special events
- Incline Village Veterans Club meets on the last Thursday of the month; provides transportation to the monthly meeting as well as the Conversation Café meeting each week; additional shuttles offered over 4th of July holiday

Meera:

- Inquired if there is a regular monthly trip to the VA hospital or if the on-demand service is available to the hospital

Jennifer:

- The VA hospital could be a stop on the Tuesday trip to Reno or the on-demand service could be used
- Social service groups pay for the bus to take clients to essential needs appointments
- Veteran Club provides separate transportation for veterans services

Meera:

- Inquired about the possibility of transportation for homeless or near homeless for on-demand service and how much advance notice is needed

Jennifer:

- Typically 72 hours; \$25 per person; must be picked up in Crystal Bay or Incline Village
- Requirement that one passenger is over 50; priority is given to seniors; personal caregiver attendants are free

Tara:

- Inquired about Americorps volunteers

Jennifer/Meera:

- Americorps program in IV is being discontinued after August 2015

Tara:

Transition to the Unmet Transit Needs Determinants presentation by Judy Weber (PowerPoint and report attached); Next RCC meeting: July 21, 2015 2:00 p.m.