

Regional Coordinating Council Meeting Notes
July 24, 2014
2:00 pm

Attending:

Tara Styer and Aaron Langmayer- TTD
Julia Tohlen: TNT-TMA
Judy Weber- TRPA
Deanne Hooper: Lake Tahoe Family Resource Center
Deirdre Slater- EDCOE CDP
Deryl Wallace and Debi Armstrong: American Cancer Society
Graham Dollarhide: JAC
Leanne Wagoner: Barton Health

Welcome and Introductions.

Agenda change; Tara will summarize the CTAA conference and the One-Call/One-Click items. Mike Reynolds is unable to attend due to a family emergency.

Tara updated the group that she applied for the Barton Health and the Sierra Health Foundation grants to support the South Lake Tahoe Specialized Transportation Program. Tara has also been coordinating with the Tahoe Basin Senior Citizens Center (TBSCC) to apply for foundation grants that restrict eligibility to non-profits/ 501 (C) 3 organizations.

The North Tahoe/Truckee Transport program kickoff is scheduled for July 31, 2014. A senior focus group will be held at the Tahoe Donner Senior Apartments at 2:00 followed by a trip to the North Lake Tahoe Events Center.

Deryl Wallace introduced the American Cancer Society (ACS) as the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. The Vision 2015 drives daily activities to:

- Reduce cancer incidence by 25%
- Reduce cancer mortality by 50 %
- Improve the quality of life for cancer survivors throughout the entire cancer continuum

Deryl emphasized the 800 number is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

Providing information, services and resources is a truly a valuable service. Having Cancer is Hard, Finding Help Shouldn't Be. "When in doubt" always encourage the patient or caregiver to call the Society at the 800#.

Road to Recovery is an ACS program that provides transportation for cancer patients to their treatments and medical appointments.

A requirement of the program is that DMV checks be performed on all drivers before they begin volunteering. This is to ensure the safety of the patients, limit risk of injury to volunteers, and minimize undue liability to the ACS.

These are the minimum standards acceptable on a DMV report for an individual to be approved as a Road to Recovery driver.

Drivers do not need to lift the passenger, only provide an arm to lean on.

There is no specific time requirement. Drivers are encouraged to tell their program coordinator or ACS staff how often and where they are willing to drive. This helps the ACS effectively schedule all drivers.

Tara inquired about the work with Tahoe Forest, Gene Upshaw Cancer Center in Truckee.

Deryl mentioned that the Look Good Feel Better program is offered at the Cancer Center. This program helps cancer patients with some of the negative physical results of treatment.

Tara stated that the Road to Recovery program is directly aligned with the volunteer driver consortium action item and the RCC members are in good positions to assist in recruiting volunteers for the program.

Tara inquired about the ACS database of resources for cancer patients.

Debi confirmed that local resources can add their information to the database, which is used when cancer patients call the 800 number to request resources.

Julia stated she would distribute the ACS materials at Truckee Thursdays, a street fair event held weekly in Truckee.

Tara summarized information provided by Mike Reynolds regarding the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) conference. In April, the region's Mobility Managers (Tara Styer, Mike Reynolds and Albert Bass) submitted a letter of interest to participate in a one-call/one-click (OC/OC) training. The training included several webinars and an in-person training at the CTAA conference. A OC/OC program is similar to 511 or 211. For transportation services, the caller would reach a MM or transit representative who could provide transportation information including eligibility for specific programs. Unfortunately, our region was not selected for the training. Mike met with the training facilitator to discuss the program and emphasize the interest in an OC/OC program. Mike was advised to apply next year.

Mike also met with Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) awardees from Wisconsin who successfully implemented a rural veteran transportation system and a new driver training handbook. The handbook is a great resource. Mike is pursuing Tele-Health and My HealthVet programs to improve access to medical care for veterans in rural Nevada.

Mike also attended a breakout session on a National Mobility Management Certification Training. Mike urged the National Mobility Management Center to create an online Mobility Management Certificate. Mike's requests were well received and he was assured that the MM Center will be pursuing a training course.

Closing:

The September RCC meeting will focus on veteran's services, including those outside of transportation.

The Aging and Disability Services Division Carson City Regional Planning Group meeting will be held at the TRPA building at 128 Market St. Stateline, NV on August 19, 2014. The group has extended the invitation to RCC members.