



**Partners' and Stakeholders' Meeting  
July 6, 2016 Minutes**

**Stakeholders Present**

**Patricia Albarado**

**Rina Bale**

**Mike Bates**

**Bert Beall**

**Michael Black**

**Megan Davis**

**Soeli Erazo**

**Ashley Ervine**

**Karen Faulkner**

**Eric Garcia**

**Jenny Gibson**

**Alfredo Gonzales**

**Deanne Hamilton**

**Audriana Prieto**

**Gary Redwine**

**Gabriela Reyes**

**Regina Swafford**

**Sunshine Thompson**

**Cameron Walker**

**Sohnna Williams**

**Organization Representing**

**Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities**

**Permian Basin MPO**

**Advocate for individuals with disabilities/ABLE Center Board Member**

**All Aboard America**

**Permian Basin Community Centers MHMR**

**PEN Project**

**Texas 2-1-1**

**Maximus**

**West Texas Opportunities, Inc.**

**TxDOT – Lubbock District**

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**ABLE Center**

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice**

**Crisis Intervention Unit – Midland County Sheriff's Department**

**Aging and Disability Resource Center**

**Ector County Veterans' Services**

**Permian Basin MPO**

**Aging and Disability Resource Center**

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting of the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning committee was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by Rina Bale.

**2. Public Comment & Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**3. Review/Approve June 8, 2016 Minutes**

A motion was made by Gary Redwine and seconded by Sohnna Williams to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 RCTP meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Presentation by Midland County Crisis Intervention Unit**

Gabriela Reyes gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the responsibilities of the Crisis Intervention Unit and their role in providing transportation. They are a part of the Midland County Sheriff's Office and must be dispatched by the officer's at the scene or can be called out by citizens. They are a small staff of two and 31 citizen volunteers to assist in crisis management. Transportation can be provided in most situations regardless if crime is involved. Volunteers can

attend training beginning the second week of September and is on Tuesdays and Thursdays for six-weeks. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Gabriela.

### **5. Comprehensive Needs Assessment**

Information from the brainstorming session at the May RCTP meeting and the transportation surveys is contained within the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Rina is now working on the Agency Surveys which will be included as well. She is currently interviewing agencies and assisting in completing the surveys for inclusion in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. She requested the committee members who have not met with her, please set up an appointment as soon as possible.

### **6. Transportation Workshop Ideas/Suggestions**

At the May brainstorming meeting, the committee indicated that outreach and education should be top priorities when establishing how to meet the communities' transportation needs. A member previously suggested the hosting of a transportation workshop to inform prospective customers of the mobility options available. Alfredo Gonzales suggested that mobility management aspect will be key in determining what kind of training/education clients need. Other entities that have mobility management programs can partner up with the MPO to reach a broader population.

The discussion was opened and the following is a list of comments and suggestions made:

- Open to the public but also have information for agencies
- Opportunities for travel training and discussing mobility options
- Invite large employers of the region to discuss possible partnerships
- Increase transportation awareness
- Hire a consultant to assist with planning
- Keynote speaker/presentations
- Provide lunch/snacks
- Invite food trucks
- Get with Mobility Unlimited and DARS for planning
- Have transit provider vehicles on display
- Need to "tell the story"
- Include interactive maps
- Break-out sessions with a moderator/expert
- Have a transportation expo displaying lots of buses
- Speakers on safety including TxDOT and transit employees
- Ask for sponsorships (HEB)
- Should invite oil companies, colleges, UTPB, medical organizations
- Provide special rates for transportation to the event
- Should provide information for all types of disabilities
- Location possibilities: Horseshoe, Coliseum, CEED, Chaps Center or Odessa College, Grande or Ratliff Stadium
- Plan for spring 2017

### **7. Citizen Advisory Committee**

The next two CAC meetings will be held in two weeks. The Odessa meeting will be on July 19 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm at the 2-1-1 conference room. The second meeting will be at the Midland Shared Spaces conference room from 2:30pm – 3:30pm on July 21. Fliers were available for agencies to take to share with clients/coworkers.

## **8. Stakeholder Updates**

### **2-1-1 Texas**

*Soeli Erazo* – Always looking for new resources for database; interested agencies can talk to Martha about inclusion into the database.

### **ABLE Center**

*Audirana Prieto* – Volunteers are needed for the Texas Ramp Project.

### **Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities:**

*Mike Bates* – Thankful for the Recording Library of West Texas who records half of the books in the state; is recording a 30-minutes weekly show called “Blessed with Blindness” that airs on Tuesdays at 11am on closed circuit radio given out by the Recording Library.

*Patricia Albarado* – Uncle has gifted her a car; Mobility Unlimited and DARS are assisting with adapting the car for wheelchair accessibility.

### **Aging and Disability Resource Center:**

*Sohnna Williams* – Going to attend a health fair in Winkler County on Sept. 24

### **All Aboard America**

*Bert Beall* – No updates

### **Crisis Intervention Unit, Midland County Sheriffs’ Office:**

*Gabriela Reyes* – No updates

### **Ector County Veterans’ Services**

*Sunshine Thompson* – The Chris Kyle memorial will be unveiled on July 28 at 11am

### **EZ-Rider**

*Rob Stephens* – Will attend the Bus Roadeo in Lubbock in April 2017

### **Maximus**

*Ashley Ervine* – No updates

### **PEN Project**

*Megan Davis* – Workshop on July 19 for parents to get the 504 paperwork in order in preparation for their children to begin school. Fliers will be sent out.

### **Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR:**

*Michael Black* –

### **Permian Basin MPO:**

*Cameron Walker* – Requested attendees complete the I-20 survey for the I-20 corridor study; there will be public meetings in September. Currently working with Midland County for a northeast corridor study; east/west thoroughfare is needed.

**RCTP:**

*Rina Bale* – Meeting with agencies to get surveys filled out; working on preparations for Citizen Advisory Committee meetings; attended ABLE Center's Open House; will be on vacation all next week.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice:**

*Gary Redwine* – No updates

**TxDOT:**

*Alfredo Gonzales* – Texas Transportation Commission meeting last month to consider coordinated call projects voted to award \$4.7 million to WTO, Inc., All Aboard America, and EZ-Rider. There are still some issues with eGrants but working through them as quickly as possible; semi-annual meeting is in Austin on July 19 and 20.

*Eric Garcia* – Available opportunities in eGrants for agencies to apply for funding

**West Texas Opportunities:**

*Jenny Gibson* – Getting ready for coordinated call; working on next phase of Odessa facility

**8. Future Discussions & Meeting Dates**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment will need to be approved and discussions will continue on the transportation workshop.

**9. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Regina Swafford and seconded by Audriana Prieto to adjourn at 1:02 p.m.