



**Partners' and Stakeholders' Meeting  
August 10, 2016 Minutes**

**Stakeholders Present**

Patricia Albarado  
Rina Bale  
Willie Barber  
Mike Bates  
Michael Black  
Soeli Erazo  
Ashley Ervine  
Janet Everheart  
Karen Faulkner  
Cindy Fletcher  
Eric Garcia  
Deanne Hamilton  
Kim Henderson  
Stephanie Lewis  
Armando Rodriguez  
Charles Stalling  
Regina Swafford  
Sunshine Thompson  
Sohnna Williams  
Tenchi Ybarra

**Organization Representing**

Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities  
Permian Basin MPO  
Advocate for individuals with disabilities/MOUTD Board Member  
Advocate for individuals with disabilities/ABLE Center Board Member  
Permian Basin Community Centers MHMR  
Texas 2-1-1  
Maximus  
Advocate for senior citizens  
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.  
First Care  
TxDOT – Lubbock District  
TxDOT – Odessa District  
Aphasia Center of West Texas  
Silver Star Transportation  
Advocate for individuals with disabilities/Ector County Commissioner  
Area Agency on Aging  
Aging and Disability Resource Center  
Ector County Veterans' Services  
Aging and Disability Resource Center  
Experience Works

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting of the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning committee was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Rina Bale.

**2. Public Comment & Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves. Mike Bates informed the committee that the State Independent Living Council (SILC) is looking for 30 individuals with disabilities to serve as Consumer Advocates in Transportation (CATs). The Texas SILC will pay for all registration, travel, and per diem for the individuals to attend five annual summits. From sunshine

**3. Review/Approve July 6, 2016 Minutes**

A motion was made by Sunshine Thompson and seconded by Michael Black to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2016 RCTP meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment**

The committee was sent the draft Comprehensive Needs Assessment on August 7 and additional information was sent on August 8. Rina quickly went through each section and explained to the

committee what information was contained in the different segments. Willie Barber and Eric Garcia both expressed their satisfaction with the work that was put into the assessment. Rina explained the information would not have been as valuable without the help from committee members and their clients' involvement in the process.

A motion was made by Willie Barber and seconded by Michael Black to approve the Comprehensive Needs Assessment with the condition that Rina will add the list of appendices and the documents themselves before submitting to TxDOT. The motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Call for Pilot Projects – Opening this fall**

TxDOT will release a Call for Pilot Project sometime around November and applications will be due in February/March 2017. This is a competitive grant and all eligible applicants can apply. The dollar amounts of available funding have not been released by TxDOT. Projects must meet one of the top priorities as determined in the 2017 Regional Plan update.

Since the committee has already established that Outreach and Education are top priorities, Rina plans to apply for the funding to cover the RCTP work she does and to develop and implement an outreach program. This program may include trip training and the transportation workshop discussed in the next agenda item.

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

As a continuation from last month's RCTP meeting, the committee resumed discussions regarding the transportation workshop to be held in the spring of 2017. Some of the suggestions by committee members are as follows:

- Piggy back on another local event to lessen the cost
  - Rina will research area spring events and have information at the next meeting
- Gather information about the CAF hangar since it is located between the two cities and would have ample space
- City and county leaders should be included in the event planning; invite to meetings
- Hourly break-out sessions could include transportation providers providing information and answering questions. Interested parties could "sit on the [mock] bus" during sessions; break-outs should be about 30 minutes long.
- Lunch Key Note Speaker
- Agencies serving the elderly, disabled, veterans, low income, and children could have booths; transportation agencies would present the break-out sessions
- Transportation vehicles could be on display outdoors for tours, trip training, etc.

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

Rina provide an update on the last two Citizen Advisory Committee meetings. One was held on July 19 at the 2-1-1 offices in Odessa with 12 individuals in attendance. The other was held at the Midland Shared Spaces conference room on July 21; seven attended. Several surveys were completed and a lot of information was received from both agencies and individuals.

### **8. Stakeholder Updates**

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

*Soeli Erazo* – Any agency with information that needs to be disseminated can be sent to 2-1-1 and will be sent via e-mail blast.

**Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities:**

*Patricia Albarado* – Marine ball is occurring on November 5 and sponsorships are needed.

*Mike Bates* – Recently became certified to give “A Matter of Balance” training course. Agencies can schedule the training for their elderly clients at a location of their choice. Fliers were disseminated to the committee.

*Willie Barber* – Encouraged the members to either try the EZ-Rider system or provide a pass to their clients to try it. He gave a free day pass to everyone in attendance.

*Armando Rodriguez* – Encouraged agencies to request to be added to the City Councils’ and County Commissioners’ Courts’ agenda. This will give them a chance to present and inform decision makers of their programs and upcoming events.

**Aging and Disability Resource Center:**

*Sohnna Williams* – No updates

**Area Agency on Aging**

*Charles Stalling* – No updates

**Ector County Veterans’ Services**

*Sunshine Thompson* – Will be attending the Texas Veterans’ Commission conference in San Antonio September 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Maximus**

*Ashley Ervine* – No updates

**Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR:**

*Michael Black* – Preparing for a Medicaid audit

**Permian Basin MPO:**

*Rina Bale* – Still working with consultants on the I-20 Corridor Study. Encouraged attendees to fill out the online I-20 survey. Public meetings will begin in September.

**RCTP:**

*Rina Bale* – Attending the Poverty Simulation on August 25; Family Health Coalition will be August 26; Veteran’s Resource Fair will be held October 15; Permian Basin Community Service Organizations have meetings in Odessa the second Thursday of the month at Mi Piaci and the fourth Thursday at Carino’s in Midland. Meetings begin at 11:45 and agencies can introduce themselves and program and can sign up to give a presentation. This month’s meetings are August 11 and 25.

**TxDOT:**

*Deanne Hamilton* – No update

*Eric Garcia* – Reminded sub-recipients to submit their Master Grant Agreement (MGA) to TxDOT

**West Texas Opportunities:**

*Karen Faulkner* – No updates

**8. Future Discussions & Meeting Dates**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Discussions will begin on the updated Regional Plan and we will continue planning the transportation workshop.

**9. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Karen Faulkner and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn at 1:04 p.m.