



**Partners' and Stakeholders' Meeting
September 14, 2016 Minutes**

Stakeholders Present

Patricia Albarado
Rina Bale
Willie Barber
Mike Bates
Michael Black
Beth Carrell
Beth Donnell
Soeli Erazo
Ashley Ervine
Janet Everheart
Karen Faulkner
Eric Garcia
Jenny Gibson
Alfredo Gonzales
Deanne Hamilton
Stephanie Lewis
Julie Patino
Regina Swafford
Jayni Whitefield
Sohnna Williams

Organization Representing

Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities/Permian Basin Marines
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
Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Texas Workforce Solutions
EZ-Rider
Texas 2-1-1
Maximus
Advocate for senior citizens
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.
TxDOT – Lubbock District
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.
TxDOT – Odessa District
TxDOT – Odessa District
Silver Star Transportation
EZ-Rider
Aging and Disability Resource Center
Mission Center Adult Day Services
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 11:33 a.m. by Rina Bale.

2. Public Comment & Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

3. Review/Approve August 10, 2016 Minutes

A motion was made by Willie Barber and seconded by Karen Faulkner to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 RCTP meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation by the former Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Beth Carrell provided information to the committee regarding the changes anticipated since DARS became the Vocational Rehabilitation Services department under Texas Workforce Solutions. She passed out updated brochures regarding their services in both English and Spanish languages.

5. FY 2017 Regional Plan Update – Goals & Objectives

The current Goals and Objectives from the 2013 Regional Plan update was reviewed by committee members for discussion. Each goal and/or objective was altered based on the comments from the group. The goal that generated the most conversation was *Need for a centralized information system to demonstrate seamless transportation for transit-related requests among urban and rural providers*. It was discussed to change the wording of this goal and develop a phased approach. Meeting this goal will require additional funding streams and additional staff time to keep it updated. Developing a website with only contact information and links to each member agencies' website would be a duplication of services due to the services provided by 2-1-1. Therefore, a phased approach will allow the information to be included initially with a broader website to come in the future.

Regarding the third goal, discussions were held on the wording since the RCTP committee itself does not actually "provide" transportation services, only the individual agencies. The remaining goals had minor changes.

A motion was made by Beth Carrell and seconded by Willie Barber to defer this item so the mobility manager can make the changes discussed and re-present at the October meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Transportation Workshop Ideas/Suggestions

Rina provided the committee with the information she had gathered since the August meeting. After searching for events the committee could "piggy back" with for the workshop, it was discovered that Spring events have not yet been added to the online calendars for the Chambers of Commerce, Horseshoe Arena, Commemorative Air Force (CAF), or yourbasin.com. Rina will continue to search for events.

7. Rural Public Meetings

In order to gain rural perspective for the Regional Plan update, public meetings will be held throughout the region until the end of this calendar year. The cities chosen for the public meetings are Stanton, Andrews, Monahans, Crane, and Ft. Stockton. Once specific locations are secured, the committee will be informed of dates; probably schedule them on a Tuesday or Thursday beginning around 5:30. It is important to get feedback from rural residents across the region and collect surveys so the information can be included in the Regional Plan update.

8. Stakeholder Updates

2-1-1 Texas

Soeli Erazo – Participating in the Hunger Free Texas event on Sept. 22, providing the closing remarks. Continuing the database update. Medical Center Health Systems is hosting a Vaquero Breakfast on Thursday, Sept. 15 at La Margarita in Odessa in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities:

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

Mike Bates – White Cane Appreciation Day on Oct. 15; on Oct. 13, there will be a lunch at Furr's at the Music City Mall then there will be a walk around the mall to promote awareness. Mike was selected to be one of 30 people chosen by the State Independent Living Council (SILC) to be a Consumer Advocate in Transportation.

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.

Aging and Disability Resource Center:

Sohnna Williams – No updates

EZ-Rider:

Julie Patino – No updates

Maximus

Ashley Ervine – No updates

Mission Center Adult Day Service

Jayni Whitefield – Trying to increase Odessa resident participation in the evening meal delivery service. It has proved successful in Midland but would like more Odessa residents. New marketing technique being used by wrapping their buses so they are more easily identifiable.

Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR:

Michael Black – No updates

Permian Basin MPO:

Rina Bale – Continuing work on the I 20 Corridor Study. The survey is still open until Oct. 15 and public meetings are next week.

RCTP:

Rina Bale – Attended Permian Basin Community Service Organizations monthly meeting in Odessa; attended a Poverty Simulation hosted by DSHS and Midland CURE; attended Hope for the Homeless event in Odessa. Final TxDOT billing will be submitted to TxDOT prior to the next meeting.

Silver Star Transportation:

Stephanie Lewis – No updates

TxDOT:

Eric Garcia – Reminder, TIGER grant and 5339 applications due by this Friday, Sept. 16.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Texas Workforce Solutions:

Beth Carrell – No updates

West Texas Opportunities:

Karen Faulkner – No updates

8. Future Discussions & Meeting Dates

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Willie Barber and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn at 1:14 p.m.