

Meeting Minutes

Delaware Transit Action Group (TAG)

Date: Tuesday September 10, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Place: ECIA Zoom Meeting

TAG Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peggy Petlon (Chair)
<i>MHDR/Community Services</i>
<i>(proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Donna Boss (Vice Chair)
<i>Executive Director, DCED</i>
<i>(Proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Mellon
<i>Assoc. Regional Exec. Dir.,</i>
<i>Imagine the Possibilities</i>
<i>(proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Armstrong
<i>Dir. Quality Enhancement,</i>
<i>Unlimited Services</i>
<i>(Heather Hansel**)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie Gudenkauf
<i>Title, Abbe Health – Penn Center</i>
<i>(Katie Althouse**)</i>
<i>(Diane Brecht**)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shirley Helmricks
<i>Delaware County Supervisor</i>
<i>RTA Board</i>
<i>(Jeff Madlom**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Jodi Burgin
<i>Social Worker, RMC</i>
<i>(proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Leann Herman
<i>Patient Resource Spec.,</i>
<i>RFH</i>
<i>(proxy Name)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Krystle DeShaw
<i>(Public Health Supv., RMC)</i>
<i>(proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Sage
<i>Case Mngr.,</i>
<i>Dept. of Human Services</i>
<i>(proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mindy Meyers
<i>Family Support Coord./</i>
<i>Site Manager, EIRHA</i>
<i>(Jenny Schrobilgen**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristine Bartels
<i>Dialysis,</i>
<i>Grand River Medical</i>
<i>(proxy name)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Rickey
<i>Superintendent, West Del CCSD</i>
<i>(proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Rob Busch
<i>Superintendent, EDCO CCSD</i>
<i>(Proxy Name)</i> | | |

Others Present:

Staff Present:

- Chandra Ravada Jack Studier Dan Fox Stacie Scott Gail Kuhle

*Non-Voting Member

**Voting member by Proxy

***Attendance by phone

Call to Order

The Delaware County TAG meeting was called to order by Peggy Petlon. Introductions were made at this time.

Upcoming Meeting Dates and Times

Petlon requested that the staff send out the 2025 dates and times:

Tuesday, March 11, 2025	8:30-10:30
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	8:30-10:30
Tuesday, September 9, 2025	8:30-10:30
December Annual meeting	TBD

Agency Updates

Peggy Pelton (MHDR/Community Services) noted that the MHDD system is under the jurisdiction of the state and no longer local therefore there may be some changes in the next couple of months.

Petlon pointed out NAMI-Dubuque opened a Peer-Run Wellness Center at 601 Grant Street. The center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Discussion followed regarding the RTA providing services for the Peer Run Wellness Center. Kuhle indicated that in the next few weeks staff would meet with NAMI and explore ways to provide service for their clients. It was also discussed how to provide service for the Second Helpings Monday evening free dinners. Kuhle indicated that they may have found a volunteer driver but first would like to attend a dinner and hand out flyers to see what their needs may be. Helmrich indicated that she would let Kuhle know when the next meal would be.

Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)

Dan Fox gave a brief update of the PTP and the involvement of the Delaware Tag Committee. He explained the PTP is a document required by the Iowa DOT and identifies priorities and strategies to meet identified needs in the region that can lead to projects. The Tag committee will be consulted in the development and review of the plan. The goal of the plan is to improve transportation service, increase passenger awareness and coordination, develop new working partnerships and future passenger transportation investments. The Draft PTP plan will be due February 1, 2025, with a final plan due May 1, 2025. Jack Studier, who followed up the discussion by presenting the survey RTA staff will be distributing to all TAG members asking for members' input to identify new objectives and strategies for the future. Fox explained that the results of the survey will be presented at the work session at the All-County Tag meeting on December 4, 2024.

Discussion followed.

Grant Updates

Kuhle said the RTA was notified in May that they were awarded the United Way to continue the Ride to Wellness program. Studier explained that the RTA was not awarded any funding from their application to Community Foundation, DRA, McDonough Foundation and Cottingham and Bulter grants.

Other topics

There were no other topics to discuss.

Adjournment

Petlon adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.