

# Meeting Minutes

## Dubuque Transit Action Group (TAG)

**Date:** Tuesday March 5, 2024  
**Time:** 11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** ECIA Zoom Meeting

### TAG Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Michelle Schmitt (Chair)</b><br><i>HCBS Dir., Hills &amp; Dales<br/>(Kara Huss**)<br/>(Ashley Robins**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bill Stumpf (Vice Chair)</b><br><i>Parent Advocate, ICIE/Gen Pub<br/>(Proxy Name)</i>                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ann Morris**</b><br><i>Special Projects Coordinator,<br/>Crescent CHC<br/>(Shawna Domeyer**)</i>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Carol Gebhart</b><br><i>Exec. Dir., Opening Doors<br/>(Heather LuGrain**)</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dani Ettema</b><br><i>Administrator, Sunnycrest Manor<br/>(proxy Name)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dan McDonald</b><br><i>Dir of Existing Business, GDDC<br/>(Nic Hockenberry**)</i>                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ann McDonough</b><br><i>RTA Board Chair, Dbq County<br/>Board of Supervisors<br/>(proxy Name)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kelly Heysinger**</b><br><i>Co-Owner &amp; Therapist,<br/>Unified Therapy<br/>(Ann Pusateri**)<br/>(Samantha Jay**)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Greg Zars</b><br><i>Deputy Director, NEIAAA<br/>(Stacie Speirs**)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Russ Stecklein</b><br><i>Int. Dir., City of Dbq Jule Transit<br/>(Jacob Ironside**)</i>                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jenny Schrobilgen**</b><br><i>Housing Specialist, EIRHA<br/>(Michelle Huseman**)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kelsey Wade</b><br><i>Social Work Supervisor,<br/>Human Services<br/>(Traci Gael**)</i>                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ernie</b><br><i>Transition Facilitator,<br/>Dubuque Community Schools<br/>(no proxy)</i>                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Margee Woywood**</b><br><i>Dir. Of Mission Services<br/>Goodwill Industries<br/>(Mary Halfhill)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Paula Paider-Licht</b><br><i>Dir. Comm. Building &amp; Impact,<br/>United Way Dbq Area Tri-States<br/>(Danielle Peterson**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rachel Naderman</b><br><i>Day Program Coord.,<br/>Area Residential Care<br/>(proxy Name)</i>                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Carolyn Schaefer</b><br><i>Voc &amp; Day Services Dir., ER ITP<br/>(Robin Nims**)</i>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ron Axtell</b><br><i>Dbq County Coord., HACAP<br/>(Beverly Maas**)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Brenda Klepper</b><br><i>Social Worker, Grand River MG<br/>Tri-State Dialysis<br/>(Kelly Kass**)</i>                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacant</b><br><i>Economic Development<br/>(Peosta)</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jackie Rae</b><br><i>Economic Development<br/>(Dyersville)<br/>(proxy, Name)</i>                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deanna McKusker</b><br><i>City Manager<br/>(Cascade)<br/>(proxy, Name)</i>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Colleen Pasnik</b><br><i>Mary's Inn Maternity Home<br/>(proxy, Name)</i>   |   |

**Others Present:** Jason Rubel, Ann Pusateri, Jason White, Shawna Domeyer, Stacie Spears, MLoeck

### Staff Present:

- Dan Fox**       **Stacie Scott**       **Gail Kuhl**       **Jack Studier**

\*Non-Voting Member

\*\*Voting member by Proxy

\*\*\*Attendance by phone

## **Call to Order**

The Dubuque County TAG meeting was called to order by Michelle Schmitt. Introductions were made at this time.

## **Appointment of Board Chair and Vice Chair**

Scott noted the current Chair is Michelle Schmitt & the Vice-Chair is Bill Stumpf.

Schmitt was unanimously voted to remain Chair.

Schmitt noted that she would remain the Chair and Scott indicated that she would reach out to Bill Stumpf regarding continuation as the Vice-Chair.

## **Agency Updates**

### **United Way**

Paider-Licht stated that UW gave update on Over the Edge event

### **Crescent**

Domeyer informed the members that Crescent is developing one of their outbuildings into a wellness center for their clients. Domeyer also discussed how staff are seeing many clients being over income guidelines for Medicaid, so therefore no longer receive Medicaid which is affecting client's ability to get medical assistance and is very stressful for the clients.

### **DBQ School system**

Looking for drivers

## **Grant Updates**

### **Aims Grant**

D. Fox informed the members most of the issues have been resolved and the finish line is getting closer. A few items are still getting ironed out; the list is minimal.

## **Upcoming Summer rides:**

Scott updated the members on summer rides are RTA is provided. The RTA has provided rides for the Jackson County Farmers Market start again in May 2024.

## **Other Topics for Discussion**

### **Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)**

Jack Studier (ECIA Planner I) 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.

Discussion followed.

**Adjournment:** Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM.