

Meeting Minutes

Dubuque Transit Action Group (TAG)

Date: Tuesday June 6, 2023
Time: 11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA Zoom Meeting

TAG Members Present:

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

Others Present: Jason Rubel, Jason White, Greg Orwoll, Ernie Bolibaugh, Ryan Knuckey,

Staff Present:

- Chandra Ravada**
 Stacie Scott
 Gail Kuhl
 Sarah Berning

*Non-Voting Member

**Voting member by Proxy

***Attendance by phone

Call to Order

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

Agency Updates

Jule Transit

Knuckey informed the members that at last night's City of Dubuque board meeting the Jules' communal route has been extended until December 31st, both AM and PM services. Knuckey stated these services are for people to get to work early in the morning and late at night. Knuckey stated the Jule is also in the final stages of procurement of an electric bus, which will be purchased with the grant they received. Knuckey informed the members that the Smart Parking Mobility Plan is moving forward as planned.

Goodwill

Halfhill stated Goodwill just went through an audit and came out on the other side well. Also mentioned Goodwill has seen an uptick in direct care applicants.

United Way

Paider-Licht stated that UW is gearing up for the upcoming Over the Edge event, which will take place on September 15th.

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 clients ability to get medical assistance and is very stressful for the clients.

Unified Therapy

Pusateri stated they had a grand opening recently on their Lancaster site.

Tri-State Dialysis

Klepper stated a new building site is being built in Platteville Wisconsin and will hopefully be finished by the fall of this year.

Grant Updates

Aims Grant

Kuhle 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 automated online scheduling module is not running yet, and the portal for the human service agencies to schedule their rides is currently not working. Both of these items are being addressed and hopefully will be up and running soon.

DRA Grant update

Kuhle stated the RTA has applied for a DRA grant addressing three main issues within the RTA region. The first program RTA would like to implement with this grant is a vanpool program. This program will help the RTA meet the community needs and help with job retention within the region. The second program is to collaborate with human service agencies to help them with scheduling and dispatching needs. The third program RTA is seeking funding for is to partner with cities within the RTA region to address the needs of their community's transportation needs.

Update on summer rides

Kuhle updated the members on summer rides are RTA is providing. The RTA is providing rides for the Jackson County Farmers Market, YMCA events, Little Shepherds daycare for events for the kids, and the Senior center trips. Kuhle requested if any other members know of transportation needs to let the RTA know and they will get clients scheduled.

Update on Asbury Music in the Park

Scott informed the members that the RTA and the City of Asbury are working together to write a grant to receive funds to help transport people to Asbury's music in the park event. RTA and the City of Asbury as collaborated on this even for several years and it is always a successful event.

Update on RTA FY 2023 Rides

Kuhle informed the members this FY we have 44,988 general public rides, 1,902 senior rides and 4,845 disabled rides. Kuhle stated these rides are a little down from last year but are increasing due to the start of summer.

Other Topics for Discussion

None at this time.

Adjournment

Stumpf adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.