



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RRPC ELDERS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (E&D) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2023, 11:00 AM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 239 820 319 213, Pass: CpxDkJ | Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 598 674 540#

In-Person: The Opera House, 3rd Floor, 67 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Prior	MVRTD	Courtney Anderson	SVCOA
Yvonne Wedin	MVRTD	Laurie Knauer	CCS
Betty Spooner	Bridges & Beyond	Devon Neary	RRPC
Diane Drake	Rutland ARC	Ethan Pepin	RRPC
Tammy Brown	One 2 One	Nic Stark	RRPC
Maryesa White	One 2 One	Jessie Butterfield	VCIL

1) INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA

Called to order at 11:06 AM. Introductions were by Pepin. Motion to approve agenda by Knauer, seconded by Prior. Motion to approve minutes by Spooner, seconded by Anderson.

2) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

3) DATA UPDATE

Pepin provided a data visualization showing rides per capita, explaining that value of data was being able to examine the system in new ways and try to see patterns. He gave as an example the fact that Pawlet, not Rutland City, was receiving the highest number of rides per capita. Anderson noted that this was useful to see, and would be interested in the actual breakdown per person to see if those rides were spread out or concentrated. Wedin said that all the rides were coming from one client in Pawlet who had medical needs that required regular treatment.

4) REGIONAL MOBILITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Pepin provided an overview of how the state wants to broaden the remit of E&D to include other client-based ride programs, such as Medicaid and Recovery & Job Access. He reiterated the need

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for data collection in the context of understanding how all the ride providers form a cohesive system.

5) MARKETING

Pepin presented the final version of the Ride Guide, and noted that the final changes were to implement an accessible color scheme that was legible to those with color blindness. Neary solicited advice on where best to position these. Drake talked about placing brochures in Castleton University gallery. Next month is disability awareness month. Anderson talked about how she mails a lot of information out and expects to do this here. Knauer talked about medical centers and community health centers. Pepin talked about BROCC. Spooner talked about senior centers and food shelves. Knauer mentioned Castleton Cares (a food shelf). Anderson mentioned community care, nursing Homes, and assisted living. Pepin noted that the digital version was already available and could be sent out and posted on social media. He promised to send out the final version in a follow up email along with a compiled list of suggested places to send the Ride Guide.

6) PARTER UPDATES

SVCOA: Anderson appreciated the transfer of funds agreed on but noted that they were still 1% over budget. Anderson asked a question about signing the MOUs. Yvonne explained that this was only for partners giving up money.

CCS: Waiting for DMV and paperwork to bring on new driver. Knauer is excited to not have to drive any more. Knauer wanted to clarify that there was no wellness category to separate rides into. Out of 43 social rides, 10 were visits to spouses. Knauer clarified that despite being noted as social, many of these were critical to wellness. Wedin mentioned that for the grant application, rides needed to be separated out by categories. The current categories used do not include wellness. Wedin talked about raising the issue with VTrans and getting wellness included.

One-2-One: Not too much to report. Brown had some email conversations with Pepin about data and resolved to table the issue until the group knows more about the new route match software.

ARC: Drake is gearing up for the Valentines dance on Sunday and setting up the future calendar of events. Drake noted how many requests she receives about transportation solutions, and how much confusion there is about transportation.

Bridges & Beyond: Spooner talked about rides being down in January due to weather and cancellations, leading to many reschedulings. Spooner will be interviewing a new driver tomorrow.

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MVRTD: Courtney remains 1% over, but the group remains 10% under. Wedin noted that group trips are very much a possibility and the money should be spent to ensure more is gained next year. Spooner brought up a client who wanted to go to Plattsburgh to get measurements for diabetic shoes. Spooner investigated the issue and found that there were no providers who provided measurements for diabetic shoes. Spooner noted that those who used to do it never do it.

7) ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Drake, seconded by Prior. Adjourned at 11:53

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