

Lee and Russell Counties Coordinated Transportation
Advisory Council
February 24, 2011, 9:00 am CDT
Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Dr.
Opelika, AL 36801

Minutes

I. Registration

II. Call to Order

III. Introductions and Welcome

Danielle Warren

In Attendance:

Sharon Coats, Alabama Department of Senior Services
Daphane Farley, Area Agency on Aging (LRCOG)
Lou Ella Foxx, Area Agency on Aging (LRCOG)
Emily Laray, Eugeria Transport, LLC
Lani Richardson, East Alabama Services for the Elderly
Bernice Rowe, Lee County DHR
Danielle Warren, Lee-Russell Council of Governments

IV. Approval of minutes from January 20, 2010

- ❖ 1st – Lani Richardson
- ❖ 2nd – Emily Laray
- ❖ Vote - Unanimous

V. Reports on Progress from last Month's meeting

- a. JARC – info for provider meeting and DHR involvement – Danielle Warren reported that LRCOG has been gathering information regarding DHR JOBS clients needing transportation over the past month. There is still a small unmet need, but not enough to be able to garner support from outside private providers.
- b. Lease agreements between agencies – In an attempt to address the main issue of liabilities involved with sharing drivers/vehicles among partners, insurance providers must be contacted for a consultation on how to overcome this obstacle. This will be the first step in learning how to standardize driver training and vehicle maintenance.
- c. CTAA auto insurance - Van Vanoy, finance director at LRCOG will be responsible for obtaining CTAA auto insurance quote because of the confidential information requested of the agency.
- d. Auburn CDBG transportation funding – Lou Ella Foxx, LRCOG Program Coordinator spoke with Sharon Tolbert about the details of the Community Development Block Transportation Grant. The Area Agency on Aging does not meet the criteria for eligibility because it is a government agency.

- e. Faith-based Outreach – The Council discussed the following churches that may be willing to begin a transportation ministry beyond what they already do: Greater Peace Baptist, Auburn United Methodist Church, the Bridge Church, Lakeview Baptist, the Power House of Praise, and others

VI. Discussion – Unmet need (i.e. ridership, efficiency, cost, etc.), expected outcome, negotiation with other agencies

The Council did not discuss new collaborations for the upcoming CTAC meeting, but would rather concentrate on resolving outstanding issues.

VII. Next Steps/ Agency Assignments

- a. Eugeria Transportation Services, and any other interested agencies who are a part of the CTAC, will be signed up to help fill the need through the JARC program.
- b. Danielle Warren will invite a representative from J. Smith Lanier to the next CTAC meeting
- c. Danielle Warren will also secure quotes from Gallagher & Associates to evaluate insurance cost savings.
- d. Ms. Foxx will continue to negotiate with Lee-Russell Public Transit for middle ground in converting some senior centers to the voucher system.
- e. Danielle Warren stated that she will invite local church organizations to attend the next CTAC meeting to also get information regarding insurance liabilities.

VIII. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 24, 2011- Cancelled
New Date: Thursday, April 28, 2011

IX. Adjourn