

Lee and Russell Counties Coordinated Transportation
Advisory Council
December 16, 2010, 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

Lou Ella Foxx, Area Agency on Aging

Emily Laray, Eugeria Transport

Johnnie Robinson, House of Restoration

Bernice Rowe, Lee County Department of Human Services

Lisa Sandt, Lee-Russell Council of Governments

Sharon Tolbert, City of Auburn

IV. Approval of minutes from November 16, 2010

- ❖ 1st – Lou Ella Foxx
- ❖ 2nd – Sharon Tolbert
- ❖ Vote - Unanimous

V. United We Ride Conference Call Highlights – Danielle Warren reported on the call that took place December 14, 2010:

- a. New Healthcare Legislation means 50% expansion in Medicaid. Eligibility expands to cover those at or below 133% of poverty level.
- b. Coordination Plan for United We Ride "Transportation for Life" has been drafted to present to CCAM in early Spring.
- c. Initiatives:
 - i. Health and Wellness; Employment/Veteran Reintegration
 - ii. Open Government (utilize social media)
 - iii. Comprehensive Funding Policies
 - iv. Community and Customer Service (Mobility Management Network and One Call Centers)

VI. Review Agency information for Access Database and Coordinated Transportation Plan – Danielle Warren asked transportation providers who were present at the meeting to review the information printed in the 2008 Coordinated Transportation Plan and make any needed changes.

VII. Review Timeline for Coordinated Transportation Plan- Danielle Warren passed out a draft of the second half of the 2011 Coordinated Transportation Plan that outlined a timeline and projected activities for the Coordinated Transportation Advisory Council

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

The Committee brainstormed ideas to assist in overcoming transportation barriers, and received feedback on the outcomes the partners can expect from the committee's assistance:

Department of Human Resources

Bernice Rowe reported that they are unable to serve clients who need transportation services after hours and/or on weekends. They seek more flexibility in delivery to their clients through a greater array of providers.

DHR will attempt to quantify the benefits of these actions and report to the Mobility Manager before the next meeting, the Mobility Manager will expedite the formation of the centralized 800 referral number for Human Service Agencies, and Lisa Sandt will hold a JARC meeting in January 2011 in order to bring in more private sector transportation providers.

We must also determine how best to negotiate with the Cab Companies and peak their interest with marketing.

Eugeria Transport

Emily Laray seeks to increase her client base, particularly senior citizens.

Lou Ella Foxx will provide information and assistance to Ms. Laray on how to become a Medicaid Waiver Contractor through CMS, and the Mobility Manager placed Ms. Laray on the participation list for the upcoming JARC orientation.

IX. Next Steps

- a. Continue Surveys to get info for Coordinated Transportation Plan (Part 1) –** schedule with each agency
- b. Proof Coordinated Transportation Plan (Part 2) –** e-mail Danielle Warren with any suggested changes
- c. Agency Assignments**

X. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 20, 2010 @ 9am CDT

XI. Adjourn- 11:00 am