

Lee and Russell Counties Coordinated Transportation  
Advisory Council  
January 20, 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:  
Furrel Bailey, The Achievement Center/ Easter Seals  
Sharon Coats, Alabama Department of Senior Services  
Lou Ella Foxx, Area Agency on Aging  
Emily Laray, Eugeria Transport  
Jackie Pinkard, Area Agency on Aging  
Bernice Rowe, Lee County Department of Human Resources  
Lani Richardson, East Alabama Services for the Elderly  
Danielle Warren, Lee-Russell Council of Governments
- IV. Approval of minutes from December 16, 2010**
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> – Lou Ella Foxx
  - ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> – Emily Laray
  - ❖ Vote- Unanimous
- V. CTAC Newsletter** – Danielle Warren reported that she is working on an e-newsletter and expects distribution in the near future. It will serve to keep the Council and others updated on the Council's progress, as well as other happenings in the state and country, as they pertain to transportation issues.
- VI. Review Agency information for Access Database and Coordinated Transportation Plan** – Danielle Warren noted that there were no new agencies present to update information for the Coordinated Plan. Everyone present had already updated their agency's information.
- VII. Reports on Progress from last Month's meeting**
- a. DHR** – has arranged a contract with Eugeria Transport to provide transportation services to clients. Eugeria Transport, LLC is able to serve clients outside normal business hours, including weekends. DHR also plans to develop a system of referrals to Achievement Center/Easter Seals to further address their clients' unmet need.  
The committee's consensus is that churches may volunteer their buses and/or other resources for transportation services also. We anticipate Rev. Johnnie Robinson's input at next meeting.
- b. Eugeria Transport** – Since last meeting, Eugeria Transport's client base has greatly increased, partly due to the agreement with DHR. December

has been the best month for business to date. Ms. Laray is still listed to attend the JARC orientation which has been postponed to late February to gather information regarding the amount of unmet need. Ms. Laray continues to pursue obtaining Medicaid Waiver transportation provider credentials. Her goal for 2011 is to expand, adding another car to utilize in transportation services.

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

- a. Mobility Manager - Danielle Warren proposed a contractual arrangement between interested agencies to share vehicles and/or drivers. She presented a sample vehicle lease agreement for review by interested parties. This lease agreement is the prelude to matching agencies that have middle-of-the-day transportation downtime to those agencies that have a shortage of vehicles and/or drives.
- b. The Area Agency on Aging - seeks to save costs in transportation services to senior centers throughout its service delivery area. Lou Ella Foxx, AAA Program Coordinator, proposed converting the Auburn and Opelika Senior Center transit services to the voucher system. Sharon Coats explained that Transit relies on contracts in order to provide match for federal funds in order to able to serve a greater number of riders. She also informed the group that Lani Richardson of EASE proposed a city of Auburn Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the city of Auburn to gain subsidies for the Auburn transportation services. Applications are due February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Next Steps**

- a. **Continue Surveys to get info for Coordinated Transportation Plan (Part 1)** – Danielle Warren will continue to gather pertinent agency information for the Human Services Transportation Plan.
- b. **Proof Coordinated Transportation Plan (Part 2)** – Danielle Warren asked all members present to proof the timeline for the Transportation Plan and to e-mail her with any suggested changes.
- c. **Agency Assignments** - Partners in attendance will review the lease agreement and research feasibility of such proposal. Danielle Warren will meet with ALDOT officials before the next meeting to get more insight on the shared vehicles/drivers concept.

Lou Ella Foxx will follow up with the City of Auburn, and Danielle Warren will invite Sharon Tolbert, Auburn CDBG Coordinator, to the February meeting.

**X. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 24, 2011**

**XI. Adjourn**