



Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Meeting

Marion Senior Services
1101 SW 20th Court, Ocala, FL 34471
December 12, 2019
2:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Michelle Stone
Jeffrey Askew
Tamyika Young (*arrived at 2:06pm*)
Tracey Sapp
Susan Hanley
Kathleen Woodring (*Iris Pozo attended on Kathleen's behalf*)
Tracey Alesiani
Andrea Melvin
Dennis Yonce (*arrived at 2:21pm*)

Members Not Present:

Charmaine Anderson
Carlos Colon
Anissa Pieriboni
Carissa Hutchinson
Jeff Aboumrad
James Haines

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Elizabeth Mitchell, TPO
Tom Wilder, Marion Transit
Karen Williams, Marion Transit

Megan Rodriguez, Florida Health
Don Deakin, The Villages

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Stone called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Stone led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites on December 4th, 2019. The meeting was also published to the December 5th, 2019 edition of the Star Banner.

Item 3a. Grievance Procedures- Requesting Volunteers

Liz Mitchell, with the Ocala Marion TPO said that it was incumbent upon TPO staff to regularly review and/or amend the TDLCB Grievance Procedures to remain concurrent with State of Florida regulations and code as they related to the operations of the local Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) and the Florida CTD. TPO staff had rewritten the TDLCB Grievance Procedures and respectfully requested the TDLCB Board review and recommend changes.

All elements included in the TDLCB Grievance Procedures were pursuant to Chapter 427 Florida Statutes (FS); Rule 41-2, CTD Local Grievance Guidelines, and subsequent laws setting forth requirements for the handling of grievances of transportation services to the TD.

Part of the requirements were that there be a Grievance Subcommittee. The primary purpose of the Grievance Subcommittee would be to process, investigate and make recommendations to any and all unresolved grievances and/or complaints. To provide a formal grievance process by the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) to address concerns by any person or agency including but not limited to, users, potential users, agencies, and other interested parties. The Grievance Subcommittee would provide a mechanism for issues to be brought before the committee which would meet as often as necessary to address unresolved complaints in a timely manner.

The volunteers were as follows:

- Jeffrey Askew
- Tracey Sapp

- Andrea Melvin
- Dennis Yonce

The discussion item would be brought back to the board at the February 2020 meeting for approval.

Item 3b. Meeting Schedule for 2020

A proposed TDLCB meeting schedule for 2020 was presented to the board to see if there were any conflicts with meeting dates for board members.

The proposed meeting dates were as follows:

- February 20, 2020
- May 21, 2020
- August 20, 2020
- November 19, 2020

Item 3c. Presentation Schedule for 2020

A sign-up sheet for the Presentation Schedule for 2020 was passed around the room for board members to sign up and present what services their organization provides. The following board members signed up to present:

Tracey Alesiani- May 21, 2020
Andrea Melvin- August 20, 2020
Jeffrey Askew- November 19, 2020
Tracey Sapp- Open for when needed

Item 4a. Approval of Minutes- September 12, 2019

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Melvin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Comments by TDLCB Members

Andrea Melvin with the Center for Independent Living announced that they would be having an English and Spanish Emergency Preparedness Expo on March 11, 2020 from 8:30am – 1pm at the Ed Croskey Recreation Center. The flyers and website for registration would be live and sent to the board members to distribute as necessary.

Tracey Sapp with the Health Department said the first death due to the flu had been reported and encouraged everyone to get their flu shot and also to encourage others.

Chairwoman Stone talked about having a Census representative come to the February 2020 meeting to speak to the TDLCB board concerning the upcoming Census.

Item 6. Comments by TPO Staff

Rob Balmes, TPO Director introduced himself to the board and said that Assistant TPO Director, Derrick Harris would be coming to the TDLCB to give an update on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and solicit feedback moving forward on the needs plan and any needs that pertained to the disadvantaged community. He also mentioned the TPO was working on a new and updated website and would inform the board once completed hopefully the end of January 2020.

Item 7. Comments by Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

Mr. Tom Wilder with Marion Transit provided the board with an up to date chart that provided the Current Funding Sources, Marion Transit's 2019 YTD Performance, and Marion Transit's Productivity 2019 vs 2018.

Item 8. Public Comment

Mr. Don Deakin, District 4 Supervisor for the Villages Community Development Districts addressed the board concerning seniors transportation for senior confined to wheelchairs in the area.

Mr. Wilder said that he would speak with Mr. Deakin after the meeting to look at different possible transit options.

Item 9. Adjournment

Chairwoman Stone adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant