Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Members

Marion Transit Services i.e. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

Clayton Murch, Transportation Director Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Carlos M. Colon, Transit

Project Coordinator

Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
Robert Balmes, TPO Director

Marion County Board of County Commissioners Mathew McClain, Commissioner - TDLCB Chair

Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Gisela Ruiz, Sr. Human Services Program Specialist Agency for Persons with Disabilities

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Tiffany McKenzie, Compliance & Reporting Officer Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida (CILNCF) Andrea Melvin, Associate Director – TDLCB Vice Chair

Department of Children and Families - Adult Protective Services (DCF) Elizabeth Alacci, Program

Specialist

Florida Center for the Blind Anissa Pieriboni, President/CEO Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOE)

Susan Hanley, Program
Operations Administrator

Florida Department of Health (DOH)

Tracey Sapp, Education Program Manager Housing Finance Authority Keith J. Fair, Executive Director

Marion County Public Schools (MCPS) Eric Ostanik, Director Marion County Veterans Services Department Daisy Diaz, Director Ocala Housing Authority Angela Juaristic, Resident Services Manager SunTran Bus Services
Tom Duncan, Transit
Director

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Marion County Board of County Commissioners (MCBCC)

The primary legislative & policy-making body for Marion County. Commissioners are responsible for providing the safety and welfare of all County residents and visitors.

Mathew McClain, Commissioner, TDLCB Chair mathew.mcclain@marionfl.org (352) 438.2323

https://www.marionfl.org/home

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Funding Source. Provide descriptions and budgets for the development of Public Transit Grant agreements. Monitor and report project activity, and process invoices for Transit/Intermodal projects. Review Transportation Improvement Plans (TIP), and Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP).

Carlos M. Colon, Transit Project Coordinator carlos.colon@dot.state.fl.us
(321) 319-8173



https://www.fdot.gov/

Marion Senior Services, Inc. dba Marion Transit, i.e. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

Supporting the elderly, disadvantaged residents of Marion County to maintain independent living status by providing para-transit transportation, meals, and in-home support services.

Clayton Murch, Transit Director cmurch@marionseniorservices.org (352) 620.3519



https://www.mariontransit.org/

Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

A federally mandated agency responsible for coordinating transportation projects, including highway, transit, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, aviation and paratransit, throughout the county. The TPO allocates federal transportation funds and works to improve the region's transportation system by developing a variety of plans and programs.

Robert Balmes, Director rob.balmes@marionfl.org (352) 438.2630

https://ocalamariontpo.org/

PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TRANSPORTATION

Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)

Ensures providers maintain proper function and compliance with State approval license/certifications, documentation, location and operations at appropriate settings for Medicaid recipients and contractors.

Gisela Ruiz, Sr. Human Svcs. Prog. Specialist gisela.ruiz@ahca.myflorida.com
(407) 420.2588

https://ahca.myflorida.com/

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities supports persons with unique abilities in living, learning, and working within their communities. They oversee program operations and administration for 12 counties that comprise the Central Region of the State of Florida. This is the agency's Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Program.

Jeannette Estes, Regional Operations Mgr.

jeannette.estes@apdcares.org (352) 330-2763



https://apd.myflorida.com/

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion

Service provider for Welfare Transition participants, work registrations, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act participants. Provide services for job seekers and businesses, job posting, job events, youth events and re-employment assistance.

Iris Pozo, Human Resources Manager/EO Officer

<u>Ipozo@clmworkforce.com</u> (352) 861.1657



Central Florida Community Action Agency (CFCAA)

Provides services and programs that provides residents the opportunity to move towards self-sufficiency and financial independence through various programs in Alachua, Levy and Marion Counties. Programs are: raising and improving self-sufficiency, weatherization assistance, and low income home energy assistance.

Tiffany McKenzie, Compliance & Reporting Officer

tmckenzie@CFCAA.org (352) 373.7667

www.cfcaa.org

Centers for Independent Living of North Central Florida (CILNCF)

Provide information, referral, advocacy, transition out of institutions or after high school, peer support, ADA paratransit, employment services, assistive technology and durable medical equipment, independent living skills for people with all types of disabilities in a 16-county area.

Andrea Melvin, Associate Director, TDLCB Vice-Chair

amelvin@cilncf.org (352) 368.3788

https://www.cilncf.org/

Department of Children and Families - Adult Protective Services (DCF)

Adult Protective Services investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation against vulnerable adults. Assesses service needs and refers services as identified.

Elizabeth Alacci, Sr. Program Specialist elizabeth.alacci@myflfamilies.com (407) 760.0960



https://www.myflfamilies.com/

Florida Center for the Blind

Rehabilitative training for individuals, ages birth to end of life, who are blind and or visually-impaired to 8 North Central Florida counties.

Anissa Pieriboni, President/CEO apieriboni@flblind.org (352) 873.4700



www.flblind.org

Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOE)

Determines medical level of care eligibility for individuals applying for nursing facility, Medicaid and home community-based Medicaid programs. Staff also participates in disaster recovery efforts throughout the state as needed.

Susan Hanley, Program Operations Administrator

hanleys@elderaffairs.org (352) 620.3457

https://elderaffairs.org/

Florida Department of Health (DOH)

Works to protect and improve the health of people in their communities. This is achieved by promoting healthy lifestyles, researching diseases, injury prevention, and detecting, preventing, and responding to infectious diseases.

Tracey Sapp, Health Education Program Manager

tracey.sapp@flhealth.gov (352) 644.2721

Florida HEALTH Marion County

https://marion.floridahealth.gov/

Housing Finance Authority of Marion County (HFAMC)

A separate public body corporate and polite, helps families and individuals in Marion County with affordable housing options. The HFAMC works with developers to assist in bond funding to create affordable housing within the County.

Keith J. Fair, Executive Director keithf@hfamc.org (352) 322.1987



https://www.hfamc.org/about-us/housingauthority-advanced-components/custom-documents-images-calendar/-item-55770/-toggle-allupcoming/-folder-129

Marion County Public Schools (MCPS)

The school district is the area's largest employer with almost 6,300 team members. It serves nearly 45,000 students and is responsible for 49 traditional schools, 5 charter schools, 1 special needs school, 1 adult education, and 1 virtual school. MCPS has 254 bus routes that cover an average of 31,806 miles every day.

Eric Ostanik, Director Governmental & Community Relations

<u>Eric Ostanik@marion.k12.fl.us</u> (352) 671-7759

MCPS
MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
"Helpina Every Student Surceed"

https://www.marionschools.net/

Marion County Veterans Services Department

Provide services to veterans and their families when submitting for Veterans Benefits. This includes service/non-service connected claims, widows, education, healthcare, dental, burial and memorial, nursing home and long-term, special claims, and miscellaneous benefits. Host events & programs in the Veterans Park. Give tours of the Veterans Exhibit and Education Center.

Daisy Diaz, Director daisy.diaz@marionfl.org (352) 671.8422

https://www.marionfl.org/agencies -departments/departmentsfacilities-offices/veterans-services

Ocala Housing Authority (OHA)

Administers and oversees 186 public housing units 1511 housing vouchers and 46 open market properties. Providing the housing needs to low-income families while also offering programs for self-sufficiency and homeownership.

Angela Juaristic, Resident Services Manager

ajuaristic@ocalahousing.org (352) 620.3374



https://www.ocalahousing.org/

SunTran Bus Services

Provides fixed-route service to provide safe, comfortable, and accessible transit services as a viable means of mobility to the citizens and visitors of Ocala and Marion County. Currently, there are seven fixed routes providing service throughout the City and County operating on weekdays and Saturdays.

Tom Duncan, Transit Director tduncan@ocalafl.gov (352) 629.8286

www.suntran.org