

March 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes for the Rhode Island Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council

The meeting was held at the Executive Office of Health & Human Services, 3 West Road, Cranston, and was called to order at 2:06 PM. An attendance sheet is attached to these minutes.

Sarah Ingle of RIPTA made introductory remarks to the Council, framing the importance of bringing people together from different sectors with common interests to solve problems.

Maureen Maigret made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Coordinating Council meeting. Jody Shue seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Sarah introduced Angela Constantino, Senior Transportation Planner & Mobility Manager for the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and Co-chair of the South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation (SERCCOT) in Massachusetts. The RI Coordinating Council and SERCCOT follow similar models, and the two groups can share best practices.

Angela described SERCCOT's formation, early accomplishments, and current structure. She highlighted RideMatch, a one-stop searchable directory for public, private, and non-profit transportation service providers that started in Southeastern Massachusetts and has since expanded across the state. She also mentioned the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, prepared by SRPEDD in December 2018. SRPEDD conducted surveys and empathy interviews with people of a range of ages, ethnicities, and abilities to identify regional needs and gaps in service, which were outlined in the plan. Angela is now drafting an action plan based on the Coordinated Plan's recommendations, and will continue to convene SERCCOT meetings on a quarterly basis while subcommittees will focus on important projects.

Following the presentation, Sarah led a discussion about the RI Coordinating Council's work plan. Attendees reviewed the draft, highlighted important items, and shared their ideas. Recommendations primarily related to Council organization and project management, and included the following ideas.

Council structure:

- Create a vision statement for the Council.
- Set measurable, quantifiable outcomes.
- Expand nonprofit participation in the Council.
- Determine whether the group should focus on communications and advocacy or systems change.

Projects:

- Reference the recommendations in the Coordinated Plan.
- Continue the work of the communications subcommittee.
- Pursue pilot projects and identify deliverables.
- Examine data to understand the needs of targeted populations.
- Update an inventory of resources including municipal transportation programs and volunteer driver programs. Determine how to share the information with consumers.

RIPTA staff agreed to share ideas about the strategic vision and solicit feedback from the group before the May meeting, which will include a discussion about the vision along with a presentation about the state's senior population.

A brief legislative update mentioned the continuation of funding for the reduced fare bus pass program in the governor's proposed budget.

An announcement was made about the MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference, which incorporates the Massachusetts Community Transportation Coordination Conference. It will be held at the DCU Center in Worcester on April 9-10, and members are encouraged to register.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

**Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council
March 11, 2019 Attendance List**

Council Members	Organization	Present?
Alex Speredelozzi	Community Compass RI	Yes
Angela Constantino	Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District	Yes
Craig Dwyer	Office of the Lieutenant Governor	Yes
Deborah Golding	RI Department of Health	Yes
Gregory Nordin	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Jay Burdick	United Way	Yes
Jody Shue	Age Friendly RI	Yes
Joelle Kanter	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Laurie Brayton	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Mackenzie Thiessen	RI Department of Elderly Affairs	Yes
Marjorie Waters	RI Organizing Project	Yes
Maureen Maigret	Long Term Care Coordinating Council	Yes
Michael Cronan	RI Executive Office of Health & Human Services	Yes
Rose Jones	RI Department of Elderly Affairs	Yes
Rui Cabral	RIPTA Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee	Yes
Sarah Ingle	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Sue Anderbois	Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	Yes