

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD

TDLCB MINUTES

Thursday, February 28, 2008
Building B, conference Room B1-501
1800 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960-3365

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joel Herman	Veteran's Service Office
Cathy Viggiano	FL Dept. of Education, Div. Voc. Rehab.
William Lundy Parden	Rep. for the Handicapped, Vice Chair
Ann Viens	FL Dept. of elder Affairs
Barbara Patten	FL Association of Community Action
Dr. Harry Hurst	Citizen Advocate Representative
Jim Granse	Citizen Advocate Representative
Cindy Barnes	FL Agency for Health Care Administration
Sandra L. Bowden	IRC Commissioner, Chairman
Ellen Higinbotham	Department of Children and Families
Toni Purvis Teresi	Representative for Seniors

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Carolyn Geck (excused)	FL Dept. of Transportation
Ruth Freeman-Wheeler (unexcused)	Public Education Rep.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Matson	IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization
Karen Deigl	Senior Resource Association
Karen Wood	Senior Resource Association
Linda Mistic, MSW	Renal Care Center
Billy O. Lay	Citizen with Disability
Shirley Snell	Project Response
Beth Casano, Recording Secretary	Assistant/District 5/ Commissioner Bowden

(NOTE: The following is a summary with emphasis on motions and decisions requiring action. The numbers in parenthesis correspond to the approximate location of these items in the audio recording that can be heard at www.irc.gov/Boards/TDLCB/2008.htm.)

1. CALL TO ORDER (00:00:30)
2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR AND CONFIRMATION OF YEARLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (00:01:32)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Hurst and **SECONDED BY** Mr. Granse, the Board voted unanimously to re-elect William Parden as Vice-Chairman. (00:01:37)

ON MOTION BY Ms. Barnes and **SECONDED BY** Mr. Tyson, the Board voted unanimously to confirm the yearly calendar of meetings.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOV. 15, 2007 MEETING (00:02:48)

ON MOTION BY Ms. Patten and **SECONDED BY** Mr. Granse, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Nov. 15, 2007 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (00:03:17)

4. Harry Hurst gave the committee report concerning transportation for people needing dialysis. (*Cathy Viggiano arrived*00:03:27) He stated that they had met with center representatives, discussed needs and requested statistical data and insurance carrier information be gathered . The committee found that they could not provide transportation for everyone. The dialyses center can transport those with medicaid on Saturdays. They have no data – have heard nothing from the folks they met with three times. Matson said that Mr. Lay provided a list of patients – only 15 fell within the hours that are available for transportation. The list is a first step to analyze the problem. Mr. Matson spoke of the Cancer society group with 3 or 4 volunteer drivers noting that they leverage the volunteer community. (*Ann Viens arrived at* 00:10:07) Harry said that they needed more cooperation between patients and their families. There is not enough for all to go around. Karen Diegl thanked Harry for working so closely trying to assist and Phil thanked him also. Hurst said it would only work if it can be done as a partnership. Commissioner Bowden thanked him.

NEW BUSINESS

5. TDLCB Chairman's Report (00:12:23)
None.
6. Planning Status Report (00:12:28)

Mr. Matson directed attention to the agenda packet containing the planning status report and noted that legislative budget cuts may affect their programs. He said that the Board and Governor have all stated that life dependent issues are going to be cut last. Governor did not touch TDLCB trust fund. Cuts may come on administration side but lions share may not be touched at this point. He also said that new legislation allows for more volunteers; a good Samaritan type law where volunteer drivers will not pay increased insurance and will not be held liable in no fault accidents. Chairman Bowden asked about the format to register and Mr. Matson will bring them to next meeting.

7. Community Transportation Coordinator Status Report (00:16:06)

Karen Wood gave numbers from report. Cost increases showed across the board and they are expecting continued increases due to gas increases. They have also looked into, and applied for, a new operational grant called the New Freedom Grant in the amount of \$153,769. She hopes that will help. Also the Fellsmere - Sebastian run has become so popular that Fellsmere wants to add more runs. The city of Fellsmere is giving them \$51,000 a year for 3 years/matched dollars. Commissioner Bowden will send a letter of Thank-you. Mr. Matson felt that Fellsmere has set a positive precedent and complimented the SRA on how it can get grants and turn it around into service. . Everyone joined in with comments commending the SRA.

8. Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #2 for the 2008 Planning Grant. (00:27:23)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Hurst and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Barnes, the Board voted unanimously to confirm the yearly calendar of meetings.

9. Designation of Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Evaluation Sub-Committee (00:28:15)

Mr. Matson said that the TDLCB receives about \$82,000 in grants and other funding; in exchange they ask that we evaluate our coordinator, the SRA. There is a proscribed way of evaluating. Volunteers from this committee must assist with evaluation. It happens right after the next TDLCB meeting. Members are encouraged to ride along. Phil opened floor for volunteers. Mr. Hurst volunteered to Chair the Sub-Committee and serve along with Ms. Viens, Ms. Higenbotham, Ms. Viggiano. Mr. Matson also volunteered Ms. Geck.

10. Other New Business (00:31:23)

A lengthy discussion was begun by Bill O. Lay when he reiterated his statements from the prior meeting that there is no other way in this County for him to get a ride to dialysis. After a variety of options were discussed, Mr. Matson said that it is imperative that the dialysis offices get with SRA and share information. Concerns were expressed about the names of people given earlier due to confidentiality issues. Board cannot accept names without a signature from patient that it is okay. Mr. Hurst said The United Way was willing to look at the problem but had to have statistics from Ms. Mystic and the other dialyses centers for backup. Phil wanted to know if it violates HIPPA to have a street name and zip code and then number patients. Ms. Deigl said she would look into trips. Commissioner Bowden determined that the matter would be left with the subcommittee. Mr. Hurst reiterated that the solution must be a collaborative effort.

11. Adjournment (1:06:02)