

**TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD**

TDLCB MINUTES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Building B, conference Room B1-501

1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street

Vero Beach, FL 32960-3365

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joel Herman	Veteran's Service Office
Cathy Viggiano	FL Dept. of Education, Div. Voc. Rehab.
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
Toni Purvis Teresi	Representative for Seniors

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Carolyn Geck	FL Dept. of Transportation
Ruth Freeman-Wheeler (unexcused)	Public Education Rep.
William Lundy Parden	Rep. for the Handicapped, Vice Chair
Ellen Higinbotham	Department of Children and Families
Ann Viens	FL Dept. of Elder Affairs

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Phil Matson, IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization; Rob Grey from the Center for Urban Transportation; Karen Wood, Senior Resource Association; Beth Casano, Recording Secretary/Commissioner Assistant District 5

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 10:00 a.m. (00:08)

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEB. 28, 2008 MEETING

**ON MOTION BY** Ms. Patten and **SECONDED BY Cathy Barnes** the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 28, 2008.

- Rob Grey from the Center for Urban Transportation gave a brief overview of the Transit Development Program (TDP.) He stated that a TDP is required by FL statutes and allows us to access funds. He also presented the results of a recent survey on our local transit service. Based on a 1-5 ranking, a 5 being the lowest/poorest, the results were as follows:

IMAGE (2); AWARENESS (3-4); QUALITY (1-2); SAFETY (1);  
FREQUENCY (3); SPAN OF SERVICE (3-4)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 3. Status Report on Kidney Dialysis Transportation – Harry Hurst

Mr. Hurst was pleased to announce that Ms. Wood was working on a grant application that could bring in \$51,000 per year and that IRC matched dollars would be about 25% . Ms. Wood reported that in-house she is trying to do group pickups but still does not include holidays and weekends. Mr. Hurst felt they were still at least in a safe environment and the waiting hardship would not be unbearable. Discussion ensued about other funding options/partnerships. Phil reiterated his comments from prior meetings concerning the lack of hard numbers but that maybe with the assistance of the United Way they could get monies to fund all needy individuals not just those on dialyses. Discussion continued concerning criteria to establish need and the cost effectiveness of individual vs. fixed routes which saves energy and keeps traffic down.

## NEW BUSINESS (27:36)

### 4. TDLCB Chairman's Report

None

5. Planning Status Report

Mr. Matson briefly discussed looking into Volunteer Driver applications from the Cancer Society as well as Volunteer Ambulance Squad applications to be imitated in assisting the dialyses patients.

6. Community Transportation Coordinator Status Report

**ON MOTION BY** Mr. Hurst and **SECONDED BY** Mr. Granse the Board voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of the TD Trust Fund Grant.

**ON MOTION BY** Mr. Hurst and **SECONDED BY** Mr. Teresi the Board voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Senior Resource Association as the Community Transportation Coordinator and the state Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Ms. Wood gave most recent rider/route statistics. She feels that numbers will continue to increase for Fellsmere to/from Sebastian route especially since Fellsmere has added funds. Mr. Matson suggested going to Sebastian and see if they would also match funds. Karen said that Barefoot Bay wants more stops; they started just picking up at main gate but they are now looking into adding a few more clubhouses within the community and another stop at Pelican Bay.

7. Review of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) for FY 2008/09

Mr. Matson pointed out a few things he found interesting such as: Indian River County Population increased by 20% where state is 15%; State average age is 39, and IRC is 46.1; 1 out of every 2 people in IRC need help getting around. He said that there were big changes in the economy from last year and that expenses have finally caught up. Went over rate justification – expenses have caught up.

**ON MOTION BY** Ms. Barnes and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Patten, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan for 2008/2009.

8. Review of IRC MPO Transportation Improvement Program

**ON MOTION BY** Ms. Viggiano and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Barnes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Indian River County MPO Transportation Improvement Program.

9. Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #3 for 2008 Planning Grant

**ON MOTION BY** Ms. Barnes and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Patten, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Indian River County MPO Transportation Improvement Program.

10. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned (57:58)

Meeting Adjourned 11:00 a.m. (57:58)