

March 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes for The Rhode Island Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council

The Meeting was held at Executive Office of Health and Human Services Dr. Johannes Virks Building, Room 402, and called to order at approximately 2:00 pm. Attendees of the meeting are listed on the attendance sheet attached to these minutes.

Amy Pettine, Acting CEO of RIPTA, gave introductory remarks. The group discussed formalizing Council membership and agreed that the following individuals would serve as official Council members: (see Council Members/Designees on the attached attendance sheet).

The Council members voted to approve the January 29, 2018 meeting minutes.

Barbara Polichetti provided an update on the progress of the Communications Working Group. Greg Nordin provided an update on the progress of the Bus Pass Program Funding Working Group.

EOHHS staff announced that an RFP for NEMT services would be issued in the near future, and sought input from Council members regarding the NEMT program. Comments were provided regarding service quality, customer access to services, levels of assistance, service provider performance standards, data standards and availability, technology and transparency in route planning and scheduling, and the importance of customer service and driver training.

Council members reviewed the meeting calendar and agreed to meet as planned on 4/30, 6/11, and 7/30. Working group meetings will be scheduled separately.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM.

Attachment: Attendance List

**Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council
March 5, 2018 Attendance List**

Council Members/Designees	Organization	Present?
Amy Pettine	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Charles Fogarty	Division of Elderly Affairs	Megan Connelly, designee
Don Rhodes	RIPTA Riders Alliance	Yes
Eric Beane	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Dacia Read, designee
Karen DiLauro	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Karen Santilli	Crossroads	Yes
Kasim Yarn	Office of Veterans Affairs	Michael Jolin, designee
Linda Katz	Economic Policy Institute	Yes
Mark Therrien	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Maureen Maigret	Long Term Care Coordinating Council	Yes
Rebecca Boss	Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Hospitals, and Development Disabilities	Thomas Martin, designee
Rui Cabral	RIPTA Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee	Yes
Others Present	Organization	Present?
Barbara Polichetti	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Ben Salzillo	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Bob Marshall	RI Developmental Disabilities Council	Yes
Brooks Almonte	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Gregory Nordin	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Jody Shue	Age Friendly RI	Yes
Laurie Brayton	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Lissa DiMauro	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Yes
Mackenzie Thiessen	Division of Elderly Affairs	Yes
Maria Narishkin	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Yes
Mario Olivieri	Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Yes
Marjorie Waters	RI organizing Project	Yes
Sarah Ingle	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Shanna Vecchio-Schubert	Senate Fiscal Office	Yes
Taylor Ward	Division of Elderly Affairs	Yes