

May 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes for the Rhode Island Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council

The meeting was held at RIPTA's board room, 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, and was called to order at 2:05 PM. An attendance sheet is attached to these minutes. Sarah Ingle of RIPTA made introductory remarks describing the Council's work as an outflow of the Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan.

Maureen Maigret made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Coordinating Council meeting as presented. Jody Shue seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Two presentations were made, focusing on senior issues and services: Mackenzie Thiessen, Community Living Director for Rhode Island's Division of Elderly Affairs (DEA) and Jody Shue, Director, Age-Friendly RI, a non-profit that works to support healthy aging. Jody extended an invitation to the Power Up! Conference at the Crowne Plaza on June 20th which will highlight local and regional Age-Friendly initiatives.

After the presentations, the Council reviewed several vision and mission statements drafted by a working group in April. The group suggested combining several phrases into one vision statement that reads: Accessible, coordinated statewide mobility for all Rhode Islanders. The group provided input on how to shape the mission statement and asked RIPTA staff to present 2 or more options for review and approval at the next Council meeting. The selected statement should be action oriented and should relate to the implementation of the Coordinated Plan. Until the next meeting in July, the work plan will remain as a living document.

RIPTA staff reported on regional coordination meetings in Newport in February and West Warwick in April. Similar roundtables will be scheduled in communities with Flex zones across the state over the next few months.

Paul Salera, Westbay CAP, reported on his involvement with the West Warwick Health Equity Zone and noted a few projects that emerged from the community's needs assessment including

a nutritional program for homebound seniors and a program for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. He also mentioned an opportunity for Council members to include specific questions in a statewide assessment that will be conducted in partnership with the Department of Human Services. It should be administered early next year and will target 25,000 CAP and 5,000 non-CAP clients.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.



**Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council
May 13, 2019 Attendance List**

Council Members	Organization	Present?
Barbara Polichetti	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Brady Dunklee	Community Compass RI	Yes
Chris Durand	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Diana Imondi	AAA Northeast	Yes
Gregory Nordin	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	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
Maureen Maignet	Long Term Care Coordinating Council	Yes
Michael Cronan (for Dacia Read)	RI Executive Office of Health & Human Services	Yes
Paul Salera	Westbay Community Action	Yes
Rui Cabral	RIPTA Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee	Yes
Sarah Ingle	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Tom Martin	RI Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals	By phone