

July 8, 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.

Attendees reviewed minutes from the May 13, 2019 Coordinating Council meeting but postponed a vote to approve them. The council's proposed vision and mission statements were then discussed. The vision, which council members agreed upon at the May meeting, was presented as: Accessible, coordinated statewide mobility for all Rhode Islanders.

A draft mission statement, which incorporated feedback from the May meeting, was also read to the council. RIPTA staff agreed to share that draft by email, along with an amended version, and will request an online vote before the September meeting.

Sarah Ingle updated the group on recent regional coordination efforts, which included a presentation at the Narragansett Senior Center followed by a trip on RIPTA's Route 203 Flex service. Moving forward, Council members will continue their outreach to transportation providers and consumers in targeted communities across the state in an effort to assist with coordination.

Bob Cooper, executive secretary of the Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Disabilities, gave a presentation focused on transportation barriers impacting the state's disability community. He described the correlation between transportation and employment, education, housing, and healthcare, and highlighted challenges specific to seniors aging in place. He invited the group to participate in a series of public forums scheduled around the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), between July 22nd and August 7th. Following the forums, the commission will develop recommendations that will form a working plan to address policy changes.

After the presentation, Sarah provided an update on the Council's draft work plan, which will also be emailed to members for approval. Priority items include establishing a Council web

presence, creating a periodic newsletter, completing an annual report to the governor and legislature, and planning to develop a one-call/one-click transportation resource.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 PM.



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Council Members	Organization	Present?
Bob Cooper	Governor's Commission on Disabilities	Yes
Darlene Reza Rossi	AARP	By phone
Jay Burdick	2-1-1	Yes
Joelle Kanter	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Mackenzie Thiessen	RI Department of Elderly Affairs	Yes
Paul Salera	Westbay Community Action	Yes
Raymond Goff	Burrillville	By phone
Sarah Ingle	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Scott Avedisian	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Yes
Sean McFarland	RI Executive Office of Health & Human Services	Yes