

**MRPC MOBILITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES**

March 15, 2016 at 3:00 P. M.
4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO.

Present: Darin Pryor (City of Rolla), Amy Heyer (Metro Business College), Trudy Matlock (Dept. Mental Health), Marsha Ray (CMAAA), Gary Stevens (People First), Phyllis Hollingsworth (Independent Living Rolla), Nick Hughey (Washington County Health), Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage County), Susan Steinbeck (Gasconade County Special Services), Jan Boatman (Senior Companions), Gillian Brown (IHN, PCRMC), Rob Honan (Governors Council on Disability)

Staff Present: Donna Ridenhour, Holly Kreienkamp, and Kelly Sink-Blair

Call to order: Amy Heyer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Introduction: Amy Heyer asked each member of the group to introduce themselves and to state what county or entity they represented.

Approval of Minutes: Reviewed meeting minutes of February 23, 2016. Motion was made by Gary Hicks, seconded by Gary Stevens to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Business Reports:

- **Client/Ridership/Transportation Provider Update:** Holly Kreienkamp updated the committee on program clients including website, phone users and newly added transportation providers to the MORIDES site. A handout was given showing the usage statistics for MORIDES.ORG for the month of March, 2016.
- **Mobility Management Promotion/Marketing:** An updated MORIDES Transportation Referral Service in Missouri brochure was handed out at the meeting. This brochure explains what MO RIDES is, where to find information on their website, who to call to for more information about transportation options available including a list of other MORIDES coordinators in different regions.

Mobility Management Voucher Program – MVPV:

Program Description:

The Mobility Plan Voucher Program has two strategies. These strategies are to enhance public transit options and provide alternative transportation funding. The plan has been designed to increase mobility and accessibility for older adults, low income, those with disabilities and the general public. These vouchers will be provided as a last effort transportation option. The purpose of this program is to provide an affordable, accessible transportation alternative when existing transit services are not available to meet an identified transportation need. The travel vouchers can be used with carriers that have entered into agreement with MRPC to participate in the MVPV. As a new program, it is important that ridership, use patterns and costs be monitored closely.

Eligibility Requirements:

The committee discussed the criteria for individuals to be eligible for transportation vouchers such as, income guidelines, age considered to be a senior, and/or criminal record exemptions. The group decided to further look into income guidelines and table the discussion for additional finding for another meeting. In addition, the group discussed looking into if the Federal Transportation Association (FTA) has specific standards to define a “senior”. If the FTA does not provided guidance the group decided upon the age for an elderly person to be 55. The need of criminal record search for individuals that receive transportation vouchers will be further discussed as the MPVP program is further developed.

Client/Potential Client Survey: A copy of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission Transportation Survey, with the suggested addition from last month’s meeting, was reviewed and discussed. The committee was in agreement that Holly Kreienkamp did a very good job in putting together the survey.

Schwan's Cares Fundraiser: MRPC is partnering with Schwan's Home Services in a fundraising campaign to provide much needed dollars to help cover transit costs when there is no other way to provide for the ride. Through Schwan's Cares.com, customers can order from Schwan's Home Delivery. When you order between March 3 through April 17, 2016, 20% of product sales and 40% of the eGift card sales will come back to MRPC.

Pending Grant Request:

- **Transit Planning 4 All – TP4A:** MRPC is applying for the Transit Planning 4 All grant which is due on March 18, 2016. If we are awarded the grant, we will be working on developing, testing and demonstrating ways to empower people with disabilities and older adults to be actively involved in designing and implementing a coordinated transportation system. We will develop an effective public involvement program where we will respond to ideas from the public and combine the ideas into decisions. The grant amount that we are applying for is \$80,000-\$85,000.

TP4A Group Discussion:

- Engaging participation of people with disabilities and older adults
- Location to hold focus groups within the region that are accessible to all
- Community activities to identify transportation barriers
- Ways to identify needs for people with disabilities and older adults

Walmart State Giving Program: MRPC will submit application for funding to support the MPVP. The application process opens April 4, 2016. The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program plays an essential role in the Foundation's mission to create opportunities so people can live better. The program provides grants to 501(c)(3) organizations ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, depending on the type of program.

Items of Interest: The next meeting will be April 19, 2016 at 12:00 noon (Lunch will be served)

Adjournment: Motion was made by Jan Boatright, seconded by Susan Steinbeck that meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.