

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2020 at 2:00 pm

Via GoToMeeting Online Meeting Platform

Present:

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Currier, VTrans | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Kern, CVCOA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jordan Posner, GMT |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Gallagher, GMT | <input type="checkbox"/> Ursula Margazano,
Gifford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bonnie Waninger,
CVRPC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Johnke, VCIL | | |

Guests: None.

Introductions

Hellos were shared.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Updates

VTrans: Dan Currier noted E&D strengthening workplan development and described efforts around the state. Need goals and workplan. VTrans wants an outcome of survey follow up – actions, tracking, partners, improvements to REDPAC. Adult days can open; Dan fielding calls about associated transportation. Uber bought Route Match. VTrans having conversations about potential merger of Uber app for volunteer driver services as a potential service model statewide.

Green Mountain Transit: Jordan Posner reported no budget worries. Ticket to Ride changes implemented July 1 seem to be working – no overbudgets and passengers getting more rides. Franklin County adult day opening this month. Haven't hear about local provider for Washington County. Microtransit progressing; met with VIA and working out how NEMT will work. Montpelier Transit Center opening soon.

Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

Peter asked about bus capacity challenges. Jordan reported their had been challenges, resulting in a “demand response” accompanying the fixed route service. Model is not permanent.

VT Center for Independent Living: Peter Johnke shared a new program called RISE. VCIL is using Cares Act money to have people with disabilities access supplies and services to mitigate COVID-related challenges. Electronics for telecommuting are highest area of need. The program’s advantages are lack of income guidelines, a higher limit for assistance (\$2,500), and an ability to access more assistance within the overall limit. Creating a brochure is in progress. In a Burlington location, VCIL is exploring providing tablets in specific locations for individuals experiencing homelessness’ who need them to access services.

Central VT Council on Aging: Jeanne Kern updated the group on Beth Stern’s resignation. She accepted a new position with Senator Sander’s office. Co-interim Executive Directors are Jeanne and Davoren Carr. New director anticipated in early spring. Jeanne is doing more with the Senior Companion Program since the previous Director left. CVCOA anticipated relinquishing the program, but extended it a 4th year. COVID focus is shifting services to phone calls and grocery shopping, not transportation due to safety protocols. Area plan will need to be done in the next few years. (Helpful data sources: CVMC CHNA, Capstone Needs Assessment, Housing Needs Assessment, GMT NextGen Plan)

Central VT Regional Planning Commission: Bonnie Waninger said CVRPC has begun a bus stop facilities inventory using GMT’s app. CVRPC is participating in the Microtransit Advisory Committee. CVRPC’s Planning Technician, Elena Judicious, is providing data and maps for the REDPACs workplan

Questions: How do new models of service provide statewide/regional service? Will we gain more or lose service in certain areas as limiting funding is used differently?

Quick Guide

Completed a quick walkthrough of text. Partners will review the text and provide comments to Bonnie.

Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

Discussed VTrans goals for transitioning E&D committees to mobility committees. Discussed need for REDPAC to separate funding decisions from mobility discussions; idea is that those contributing funding participate in funding decisions.

REDPAC Work Plan

Waninger shared a table depicting transit dependent demographics by town. This table may be something a mobility group might review.

Brainstormed formal/informal transportation services operating in the region. CVRPC will develop a contact list.

- Green Mountain Transit, Jordan Posner/Jenn Wood – public transit services (fixed route, demand response, seasonal)
- VT Center for Independent Living, Peter Johnke
- WCMHS, Clare Kendall – students with special needs
- Vermont Foodbank, John Sayles/Chris Meehan
- Better Beginnings of Central VT, Gretchen Elias
- Central VT Home Health & Hospice, Sandy Rousse
- Capstone Community Action, Sue Minter
- Sustainable Montpelier, Dan Jones
- Northfield Energy Committee, Sarah Wolfe
- Central VT Medical Center, Anna Noonan
- OneCare VT, Maureen Fraser

Next Steps

The REDPAC scheduled its next meeting for January 13, 2021 at 2 pm. The agenda will include REDPAC member updates (GMT requested to discuss Microtransit and seasonal service), final Committee Quick draft, and continued discussion of workplan development.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.