

## Central Vermont REDPAC

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00 pm

#### In Attendance:

Jeanne Kern (VCOA), Donna Gallagher (GMT), Christian Meyer (CVRPC), Gavin Bodnar(CVRPC), Peter Johnke, Amanda Carlson (Capstone), Tim Bradshaw(VTrans), Ross MacDonald (VTrans)

#### Meeting opening

##### Accept December 8th Meeting Minutes

Amanda moved to accept the minutes as presented. Jeanne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

##### Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustment were made to the agenda

#### Update for MyRide (GMT)

##### Expansion into Barre City

Ross discussed the planned MyRide expansion into Barre with the group. There will be funding available in FFY 2023. It is anticipated that the trunk line along Main Street will be maintained connecting up to Hospital Hill with on demand services serving a buffer around the central trunk. This service is expected to use smaller sprinter vehicles instead of the larger cut-off buses. Under the current timeline, bids will be received in August, it will likely take a few months to stand up service. Beyond Barre, there are four other pilots. This is a broad test to identify who benefits from these programs. Jeanne asked how this new service would fit with the Capstone program? Ross responded that the programs are meant to be complementary, with capstone expanding capacity off hours and in new areas. Outreach for the new program is still in development. Jeanne highlighted the importance of making sure she and others are informed so they can make sure case managers are ready for the initial disruption.

Jeanne wondered if there couldn't be a bill of rights for riders so that in addition to knowing the rules of conduct, riders also know the expectations of the provider. Tim expected this would be developed.

Peter underscored the importance of clear engagement with riders to inform them about how and where they can go on a micro transit ride.

## Work Program updates and Discussion

The group discussed what it means to be a mobility committee. Ross recommended starting by thinking about the client. Ask, who needs mobility that could be included in the committee: BART, the hospital, Creative Workforce Solutions, and other larger businesses. The committee can comprise voting and non-voting members. Jeanne wondered if the committee will continue to touch base on the E&D program. The expectation is that yes, E&D will still hold a standing slot in the agenda. Peter recommended including Washington County Mental Health. This would potentially be an opportunity to share expertise. Good Samaritan could be included as well.

Amanda asked if bike and pedestrian advocates should be considered as well. Tim thought this may be best suited for guest speakers.

CVRPC will adding a volunteer button to the mobility page of their website to the goVermont page to help attract drivers.

Regarding adding a volunteer check box to the state renewal process, from past requests, the renewal forms are always being solicited with good ideas that would ultimately clutter the process. However, this may be a good time to ask again. GMT reported that they are losing drivers to gas prices. The federal GSA rate has not changed. The DOL has looked at this and there may be a way to increase the rate immediately. They have also looked at leasing electric cars for drivers. They are trying to be creative in how to address this. Donna noted that GMT is having to prioritize trips.

## Transportation to Adult Day Service.

Jeanne introduced the topic by discussing how Project Independence has closed down. GMT is transporting riders on Medicaid to other locations. Are there ways to help other riders get to these locations? Currently there are no adult day services in Washington County. Can we serve clients in going to Bethel or Morrisville? Ross wondered how many clients might be interested in this. Jeanne thought there would be a few. Ross recommended using the Rides For Wellness funding to offer this service and gauge demand.

## Round Table

The group further discussed the difficulty of attracting volunteer drivers.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:00**