

**MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**

Held on December 5, 2014 @ 10:00 am

City of Cape Coral Annex Building, Conference Room A200, 815 Nicholas Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL

A Representative of:	Voting Members	Agency	Alternates to Voting Members	Agency
An elected official from the MPO Board to serve as the official Chairpersons.	Rick Williams (Present)	City of Cape Coral	No alternate	
A. A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)	Debi Stephens (Absent)	FDOT	Richard Shine (Present)	FDOT
B. A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)	Vacant	DCF	Vacant	DCF
C. A local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office, or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is responsible	Ellen Lucas for Roger Lloyd (Present)	Lee County School Board	Vacant	
D. In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education	Mary Watford (Absent)	DOE	Flora Gonzalez (Present)	DOE
E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	Jerry Conway (Absent)		Frank Greulich (Absent)	
F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged	Kim Hustad (Present)	Lee County Human Services	Robin Jewett (Absent)	
G. A person representing the Elderly in the county	Linda Carter (Present)		(Vacant)	
H. A person with a disability representing the disabled in the county	Brian Powers (Absent)		(Vacant)	
I-1. [One of Two] Citizen Advocates in the County	Michael Pierce (Present)		(Vacant)	
I-2. [One of two] Citizen Advocates this one must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation.	David Lane (Present)		(Vacant)	
J. A local representative for children at risk	Lorena Rodriguez (Absent)	Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital	Sally Kreuzscher (Absent)	Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital

K. In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit Systems Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator.	Steve Myers (Absent)	LeeTran	Peter Gajdjis/ Jill Brown (Present)	LeeTran
L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant		Vacant	
M. An experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non-profit representative will be appointed, except where said representative is also the CTC.	Michael Griffin (Present)	SWFL Transportation	Priscilla Hardaway (Absent)	Creative Resources
N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Joe Martinez (Present)	AHCA	Karen Brooks (Absent)	AHCA
O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i> .	Jim Wall (Present)	Career Source SWFL	Deb Reardon (Absent)	Career Source SWFL
P. A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.	Vacant	Lee Memorial Health Systems	Vacant	Lee Memorial Health Systems

Also in attendance: Julia Davis – Omnibus, Rosalie Berlin – Citizen, Brian Raimondo and Don Scott– Lee MPO.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 10:01 am. There was a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and introductions were made.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of the Minutes from the September 5, 2014 meeting

Motion by Ms. Carter and seconded by Ms. Gonzalez to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

None

Agenda Item #3 – Election of Vice-Chair

Mr. Raimondo said at the end of each year Vice-Chair nominations are held. Mr. Lane is the current Vice-Chair.

Motion by Mr. Martinez and second by Mr. Griffin to nominate Mr. Lane as the Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Appointment of Annual CTC Evaluation Committee

Mr. Raimondo said each year a subcommittee is created to conduct the CTC evaluation at Good Wheels. He would like to have the evaluation done near the end of January so the completed document can be brought back to the March 6th LCB Public Hearing meeting. Chairman Williams asked if the same group from last year would like to volunteer again this year and they agreed. Mr. Raimondo said anyone is invited.

Motion by Mr. Martinez and second by Mr. Lane to have Mike Griffin, Linda Carter, David Lane and Priscilla Hardaway on the CTC Evaluation subcommittee. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Program Updates and Distribution Items

Mr. Raimondo distributed the calendar of events and quarterly reports.

Mr. Raimondo said the TDSP minor update is underway and he brought hard copies/disks for those who wanted to start reviewing it. He would like to have the draft minor update completed for the March 6th LCB Public Hearing.

Agenda Item #6 – Good Wheels’ Updates

Mr. Raimondo said Mr. Mandel apologized for not being at the meeting, because he is at the Legislative Delegation and would give his report. Good Wheels have Medicaid agreements with Access2Care, MTM and Logisticare. They will be partnering with Goodwill in pursuit of future grants for workforce training and transportation for the disadvantaged. They seek the groups support with their legislators to increase TD funding for Lee County. Currently there is not sufficient funding to transport all dialysis and chemo patients and certainly not for any other medical condition. They are making 200-600 more trips per month over and above TD funding levels. Last year Good Wheels lost \$154,000 in excess trips. His best estimate is they need an increase from \$63,000/month to \$100,000/month. Lee County has 95,000 people below the poverty line.

Mr. Shine asked if there have been discussions to move riders from Good Wheels to LeeTran if they qualify. Mr. Gajdjis said they do their own medical trips and if the riders fall in their system they will do it. Good Wheels will buy monthly passes if they can. They cost about \$35 a trip which is similar to a monthly pass.

Mr. Wall asked if Lee Memorial has been approached to pay for their own chemo/dialysis trips. Joe said these trips should fall under Medicaid. He said contact Cecil at Lee Memorial.

As a follow up to questions about the AOR from the last meeting, Ms. Davis provided a detailed history of the accident and complaint lists. The accident report is Good Wheels data only.

Ms. Carter said it seems like a lot of the accidents are distracted Good Wheels drivers. She asked if there is driver training and Ms. Davis said they have a monthly driver meeting and annual training. Mr. Gajdjis said FDOT has the same safety certifications as other transit agencies. These include annual and bi-annual certifications by FDOT.

Ms. Carter suggested installing back up cameras.

Regarding complaints, Ms. Carter asked if they are going to be early to a call should Good Wheels call the client to let them know they will be very early. Discussion about Service Standards, how early is too early and how early passengers should be ready.

Ms. Davis discussed the August through October complaints and ridership numbers.

Mr. Gajdjis said the AOR year that was given out isn't the most current, but Ms. Davis said it is.

Mr. Gajdjis said there was one Medicaid complaint which is good.

Regarding operator payments, Mr. Griffin said they are up to date on payments from Good Wheels.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

None

Agenda Item #8 – Member Comments

Mr. Martinez said with regards to accidents and Medicaid recipients, prior to May 1st the CTC needed to notify the TD Commission and AHCA. As of May 1st, if they are in MMA plans the vendor needs to notify AHCA.

Motion by Ms. Carter and seconded by Mr. Griffin to adjourn at 10:43 am. Motion carried unanimously.