

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

Held on March 4, 2016 @ 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 |
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| 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 (Present) | FDOT | Richard Shine (Absent) | FDOT |
| B. A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) | Donna Torres (Absent) | DCF | Nicole Negron (Present) | 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 | 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 | Vacant | | Vacant | |
| F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged | Kim Hustad (Absent) | 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 | (Vacant) | | (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 (Absent) | | (Vacant) | |
| J. A local representative for children at risk | Lorena Rodriguez (Present) | Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital | Mark Tesoro (Absent) | Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital |

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| 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 | Beth Severo (Present) | DCF | Chris Gorgon (Absent) | DCF |
| 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 | Anna Callwood (Absent) | Creative Resources |
| N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration | Joe Martinez (Present) | AHCA | Patricia Brooks (Absent) | AHCA |
| O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i> . | Deb Reardon (Present) | Career Source SWFL | Jim Wall (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. | Heidi Shoriak (Absent) | Lee Memorial Health Systems | Vacant | Lee Memorial Health Systems |

Also in attendance: Alan Mandel- Good Wheels, Don Scott and Brian Raimondo – Lee MPO and Councilman Pendergrass.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of the Minutes from the December 4, 2016 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Gajdjis and second by Mr. Griffin. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on Items on or not on the Agenda

None

Agenda Item #3 - Endorsement of the FTA Grant Applications

Ms. Stephens said since she works for FDOT who awards the grants she would need to abstained from the vote. Motion by mr. pierce and second by Martinez. Passed uni

General discussion was held about the grants on whether they would benefit the coordinated system. No one from Dr. Piper Center or Lighthouse SWFL attended to answer potential questions.

Chairman Williams suggested tabling the item, but I mentioned the grants were sent out and were available two weeks prior to the meeting. Discussion on whether FDOT needed the endorsement from the LCB or not.

Motion by Mr. Pierce and second by Mr. Martinez to approve all FTA grants. Motion carried unanimously with one person abstaining.

Agenda Item #3a: Walk on item: Rate Sheet

Mr. Raimondo discussed this was for next fiscal year and needed to be reviewed by the LCB. Mr. Mandel said their rate will be lower and they will be able to provide more trips. Ms. Reardon asked how they are lowering the cost, to which Mr. Mandel answered saying by lowering maintenance. Ms. Stephens said what maintenance exactly? Mr. Mandel replied that the tire changing equipment will provide a significant reduction in cost and getting money from locals will help tremendously. Ms. Reardon asked if the money is secured or is Good Wheels waiting on it? Mr. Mandel said the money from the county was passed last October, but he is unsure if Good Wheels will get the money again next year.

Mr. Mandel discussed the Senate Bill that would give him approximately \$275,000 for more trips, but was only for one year. The House doesn't agree with the Senate, but wants to disburse less per county.

Motion to approve rate model by Mr. Gajdjis and second by Ms. Reardon. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 Program Updates and Distribution Items

Mr. Raimondo discussed the calendar.

Mr. Raimondo said the CTC evaluation committee met in January, but we didn't finalize it like we normally would. Therefore, since part of the TDSP is the evaluation criteria, I choose to bring the TDSP and the evaluation to the May meeting.

Agenda Item #5 Good Wheel's Updates and Reports

Mr. Mandel discussed the ridership and complaint numbers.

Mr. Mandel said that Logistica Care and MPM likes the service Good Wheels is providing, and has asked them to go into Orange County and start doing Medicaid trips in mid-March this year. They are also providing Medicaid trips to Collier County. Ms. Stephens asked if they are using 5310 vehicles for this, but Alan said they are using leased vehicles for Collier and will use leased vehicles for Orange County.

Mr. Gajdjis asked if the Medicaid number is provided, and Mr. Mandel said it is. Discussion on the cost per trip.

Agenda Item #6 Members Comments

Councilman Pendergrass said the budget is different than last year and not sure what will happen next year, but updates will be provided.

Mr. Gajdis mentioned the partnering for transportation for results program and discussed the 5310 match money program. He said it is helping agencies, especially Good Wheels, for match money. Trip equipment match is approximately \$800,000 per year, regardless of the cost per trip. An additional \$300,000 from the County for the premium ADA service has been allocated. Mr. Pierce complimented LeeTran/Passport for the premium service. His consumers are able to go to places that they couldn't.

Meeting ended at 10:32.