

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

Held on May 6, 2016 after Public Hearing Meeting

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 (Absent)	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 (Absent)	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 (Absent)		(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.	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
J. A local representative for children at risk	Lorena Rodriguez (Absent)	Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital	Mark Tesoro (Present)	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 (Present)	LeeTran
L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Beth Severo (Present)	FDEA	Chris Gorgon (Absent)	FDEA
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 (Present)	Lee Memorial Health Systems	Vacant	Lee Memorial Health Systems

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 am.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of the March 4, 2016 Minutes

Ms. Severo said her agency is listed as DCF on the minutes and needs to be changed to Elder Affairs.

Motion by Ms. Negron and seconded by Mr. Martinez to approve the minutes with the change. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on the Agenda

None

Agenda Item #3 – Program Updates and Distribution Items

Mr. Raimondo discussed the calendar of events and upcoming planning items.

Agenda Item #4 – Good Wheels Updates and Reports

Mr. Mandel said the additional funding would be signed off soon.

Vice-Chair Pierce suggested a letter to the CTD asking them for extra money or extra grants. Mr. Raimondo said the CTD is well aware of the issues in Lee County from all the time Mr. Mandel has spent with them. Also, Mr. Raimondo mentioned the only issue he saw with funding is Lee County is one of the few counties in the state that doesn't provide constant local funds. He talked to most of the TD Commissioners recently and discussed this issue. The Vice-Chair elaborated on his thoughts on writing a letter and would discuss this more in the future.

Discussion on how Good Wheels is getting the extra \$20k from the TD Trust Fund and specifically how it will be used. Good Wheels is doing over 3,000 Medicaid trips in Lee, Hendry and Glades. Most of these trips are in Lee County and they are working with the three Brokers.

Mr. Mandel said they are now sending out automated phone call reminders at 4pm prior to the day of the trip, and this allows for the cancellation of the trip too. Mr. Martinez asked if this was only for Lee County, but Mr. Mandel said it was for all three counties. Vice-Chair Pierce asked how soon in advance do they need to cancel for it to be a no-show, and Mr. Mandel said that would need to be done at the 4pm call so they don't drive out. Good Wheels listens to the messages at 4am that morning to determine if the trip has been cancelled or not.

Referring to the ridership and complaint charts, Ms. Reardon asked what the 'Other' column was, and Mr. Mandel said he didn't know. There was discussion on removing the Medicaid column and the Other column from the charts.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None

Agenda Item #6 – Member Comments

Mr. Martinez asked to have the next meeting date on the agenda.

Mr. Gajdjis discussed the letter of support to Tallahassee and said the biggest barrier is agencies don't have the vehicles or don't have enough funding for transportation. He said the statistics for the CTC ridership numbers are important. The 5310 grants will allow match money for operating assistance.

Motion by Mr. Griffin and second by Ms. Severo to Adjourn at 11:03 am. Passed.