

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

**Held on March 6, 2015 @ 10:40 am**

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

<b>A Representative of:</b>	<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Alternates to Voting Members</b>	<b>Agency</b>
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	Nathan Santos (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 (Absent)	DOE
E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	Jerry Conway (Present)		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	(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 (Present)		(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/ 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 (Absent)	Career Source SWFL	Deb Reardon (Present)	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: Alan Mandel- Good Wheels, Rosalie Berlin – Citizen, and Brian Raimondo – Lee MPO.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 10:40 am directly after the Public Hearing. There was a quorum.

**Agenda Item #1 – Approval of the December 5, 2014 minutes**

**Motion by Ms. Hustad and seconded by Mr. Pierce. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

None

**Agenda Item #3 – Program Updates and Distribution Items**

Mr. Raimondo provided the calendar of events.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Good Wheels Updates and Reports**

Mr. Mandel noted there were very few complaints. He said there were three complaints in November and December for Lee County. Mr. Mandel went on to say Good Wheels is doing the TD trips funded by the state. The work they used to do for Medicaid and PEPAC has all changed. All the Medicaid trips are done through HMO'S and brokers. Good Wheels has signed on with all three brokers to do trips. He said it was a difficult process and was expensive. Mr. Mandel said the new way Medicaid trips are being handled has broken up the coordination. The brokers are nice people to work with, but they take a long time to reimburse. They all have a different process for reimbursement. He said it's the future and Good Wheels is adapting to it. They are getting more Medicaid trips this past month than they did before.

Ms. Hustad asked if it increased the administrative costs for Good Wheels and Mr. Mandel said yes.

Mr. Lane asked if there are a larger amount of Medicaid trips and Mr. Mandel said there are a larger number of potential trips.

Mr. Pierce asked if there is anything this committee can do to increase the speed of the reimbursement process. Mr. Mandel said he doesn't know, but is using a line of credit to weather the storm.

Regarding operator payments, Mr. Griffin stated he is an operator and has nothing to say.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Public Comments on Items Not the Agenda**

None

#### **Agenda Item #6 – Member Comments**

Discussion was started by Mr. Lane regarding issues of riders, not related to Good Wheels, being dropped off near jetBlue Park. Mr. Griffin said the riders are being dropped off at either the bus stop or CVS and are picked up from there by the shuttle service.

Ms. Carter asked if UBER is cutting into SWFL Transportation's business and Mr. Griffin said it is cutting into the airport business. Discussion regarding UBER's lack of ADA compliant vehicles and permits. SWFL transportation goes through drug and background screening, but UBER does not require this.

**Ms. Carter motioned and second by Mr. Griffin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**