

Coshocton County Transportation Advisory Council
Minutes
February 12, 2009

Board Members Attending: Becky Mason, DJFS; Mary Beckholt, Kno-Ho-Co; Diana Phillips, AAA, Duane Beck, Handicap Society; Matt Lingo, Veterans' Service Commission; and Mike Householder MRDD

Others Attending: Tracy Haines; Coshocton County Transportation Coordinator; and Bobbi Marlatt Coordinated Transportation

Absent: Mike Dennis, RHDD; Superintendent of Hopewell Schools; Melinda Jones, Thompkins Child and Adolescent; Dane Shryock, Coshocton County Commissioner

Tracy welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with introductions of the CCCTA office staff. Angie Smith; billing specialist, Robin Shannon; scheduling specialist and Bobbi Marlatt; administrative assistant. Tracy gave a brief overview of how the office was functioning since its transition.

Old Business

Copies of the Locally Developed plan were distributed for everyone to read. Board members were notified that we would be planning a meeting late summer to discuss the plan and possible changes.

Tracy informed the board that the ODOT grant application had been successful. CCCTA had applied for \$58,874 and was awarded \$63,397. The grants are federally funded this year and only cover expenses that are directly related to the Mobility Manager (Coordinator). CCCTA had not received confirmation on the Area Agency on Aging grant at this time. Diane Phillips said that it would be a continuation from 2008 with level funding at this time. The Kno-Ho-Co senior levy board voted to contribute the required 15% in matching funds. Tracy also acknowledged Duane Beck from the Handicapped Society and their generous donation to CCCTA for matching funds.

We discussed the lettering of the CCCTA van which was purchased through ODOT's specialized vehicle program in 2007. Local Veterans of Foreign War charities donated the 20% in matching funds to make this vehicle possible. The vehicle is schedule to be lettered in March and will be available at the next board meeting for everyone to view.

New Business

Tracy discussed CCCTA's new partnership with Hopewell. CCCTA schedules drivers for five shuttles titled by Hopewell. The primary use of the shuttles is to transport clients

to and from Hopewell Industries. Tracy explained that with any new partnership there are kinks to work out but things are going well and we are very happy to be working with Hopewell and serving their clients. Tracy asked Mike Householder if he had any comments. Mike stated that he was happy with the transportation that was being provided by CCCTA.

In an effort to streamline transportation for the Department of Job and Family Services, CCCTA begin issuing gas vouchers for DJFS clients as of March 1st. CCCTA will only issue a gas voucher in the event that we are not able to provide adequate transportation. In October of 2008 our agencies began working together to cut down on the amount of gas vouchers being issued. In August and September of 2008, DJFS provided clients with over \$7,000 in gas vouchers each month. Through our collaboration we have cut that down to less than \$200 per month.

It is CCCTA's goal to establish a marketing plan. This is in the preliminary stages. Some ideas that have been discussed are: holding an informational breakfast, ride free days on our shuttle and attending the 50+ expo. Tracy welcomed suggestions from the board.

The next meeting will be held on June 11th at 10 a.m. at Kno-Ho-Co on 4th Street in Coshocton.

Meeting adjourned.