

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Downstairs Training Room

In Attendance:

Chair: Lisa Picker, Heartland Family Service

Vice-Chair: Ann Grober, City of Council Bluffs

Ann Marie Kudlacz, Southern Sudan Community Association

Ben Kraft, Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging

Bill Bivin, UNL

Bob Matthews, Black Hills Works

Britt Sommer, Development Services of Nebraska, Inc.

Clint Sargent, Crossroads of Western Iowa

Dan Freshman, City of Ralston

Daurine Petersen, SWITA

Fred Conley, Papio Missouri River NRD

Karen Jackson, City of Bellevue

Kelly Shadden, Metro Transit

Lee Myers, AARP

Mark Bulger, Omaha Association the Blind

Mark Lander, SWITA

Martha Holmes, Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership

Mary Angus, Mayor's Commission on Citizens with Disabilities

Rich Surber, Lutheran Family Services

Shirley McNally, Sheltering Tree, Inc.

Stephanie Little, Crossroads of Western Iowa

Traci Shobe, Omaha Public Schools

Vicki Quaites-Ferris, Empowerment Network

Yvonne Betts, Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging

MAPA Staff

Ashley Myers

Megan Walker

1. Introductions

Ms. Lisa Picker called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. She welcomed the committee and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Picker introduced the July 16, 2015 minutes and asked if there were any changes or additions.

It was noted that Medicaid was misspelled in the minutes and Ann Grober's name was also misspelled, there is no "e" at the end of Ann's name.

Mark Lander MOTIONED to approve the July 16, 2015 minutes with the changes.

Ann Marie Kudlacz SECONDED.

Motion passed.

3. Agency Spotlight

Mr. Mark Lander, Transit Director and Ms. Daurine Peterson, Transit Assistant-Outreach Specialist for Southwest Iowa Transit Agency (SWITA) presented their agency spotlight to the Committee. In the State of Iowa, every portion of the state is covered by some type of transit system. There are 35 public transit systems in the State of Iowa, 16 rural and 19 urban. Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO) contains three departments: housing, city planning, and transportation. SWITA is the transit division of SWIPCO. There are 61 drivers and 72 vehicles within the 8 counties for Southwest Iowa. SWITA provides about 370,000 rides per year and just over 1.5 million miles annually. The agency is open to the public and vehicles are wheelchair accessible. SWITA provides routes for sheltered workshops, work routes, general medical transportation and non-medical appointments. SWITA has a billing system and the cost varies depending on rider and the trip.

4. 5310 Project Selection Committee

Ms. Ashley Myers presented the 5310 project selection criteria to be used in the FY 17 TIP call for projects process. In August, the project selection committees will meet (ProSeCom, TAP-C, CTC) to discuss project selection criteria. In December, there will be a call for projects for the years of 2020-2021. Applications will be due and reviewed by MAPA staff in January. In February, the CTC will review MAPA scores and allow time for appeals if needed. The draft TIP will be finalized sometime in June or July of 2016. Ms. Myers reviewed last year's criteria, MAPA application suggestions, and opened up discussion to the committee for suggestions. She said the CTC will review the revised application at the September CTC meeting.

5. Informal Coordination Activity

Ms. Megan Walker presented the informal coordination activity. The Committee will review the first two goals and objectives and decide which objective for each of the two goals is the most important. In September, the group will work on the fiscal and operational assets that are needed to achieve the objectives selected. In October, the committee will review goals three and four and go through the same process for those.

6. Call Center Update

Ms. Ashley Myers provided a call center update to the Committee. It was decided by the "Leaning In" group to do a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for call center technology. The RFQ is due by September 18th.

7. Additional Business

October's agency spotlights are Goodwill and Heartland Workforce Solutions

8. Next Meeting

Ms. Picker announced that the next CTC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. and the final LSC Call Center Research Stakeholder meeting will be held on September 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the MAPA Downstairs Training Room. Everyone is invited to attend the stakeholder meeting.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.