

DATE: August 10, 2016
TO: Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC)
FROM: Megan Walker, Assistant Planner
RE: August 17, 2016 CTC Meeting

The Coordinated Transit Committee will meet **Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 10:30 am** at the MAPA Offices – Downstairs Training Room. Please enter the building through Metro's front door and follow the signs to the Training Room in the lower level. The agenda item materials are available at the MAPA offices and online at <http://www.mapacog.org/boards-a-committees/58-agendas>.

AGENDA

For CTC Approval

1. Introductions
2. Meeting Minutes
The committee will consider approval of the July 17, 2016 CTC meeting minutes. (Action Item) (Attachment)

For CTC Discussion

3. Agency Spotlight
Nebraska Families Collaborative will present on their agency and the transportation and transportation related activities that they perform
4. 5310
MAPA staff will update the committee members on the status of the 5310 program with FTA and the States
5. 5310 Application Update
MAPA staff will present suggested updates to the 5310 scoring rubric and voting process
6. Informal Coordination Activity
CTC members will continue work on informal coordination efforts to better coordinate regional transit services.
7. Additional Business
8. Next Meeting
The next CTC meeting will be at 10:30 on September 21. This meeting will be located at the MAPA Downstairs Training Room.
9. Adjourn

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Coordinated Transit Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 10:30 a.m.

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

In Attendance:

Chair:

Lisa Picker, Heartland Family Services

Vice-Chair:

Ann Grober, City of Council Bluffs

Mark Bulger, Omaha Association of the Blind

Fred Conley, Papio-Missouri River NRD

Liz Davis, Nebraska Family Collaborative

David Hudec, VA

Karen Jackson, City of Bellevue

Lois Jordan, Florence Home

Ann Marie Kudlacz, Refugee Empowerment Center

Stephanie Little, Crossroads

Daurine Petersen, SWITA

Cindy Petrich, New Cassel

Erin Porterfield, HWS

Kelly Shadden, Metro Transit

Randy Stonys, Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency

Rich Surber, Lutheran Family Services

Scott Stopak, City of La Vista

Carrie Zachariahs, Nebraska Family Collaborative

MAPA Staff

Court Barber

Megan Walker

For CTC Approval

1. Introductions

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

2. Meeting Minutes

Ms. Picker introduced the July 17, 2016 minutes and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections.

Ms. Picker noted that she was the one who introduced the meeting minutes (Item 2).

Ms. Ann Marie Kudlacz MOTIONED to approve the July 17, 2016 minutes with the correction noted above.

Mr. Ric Miller SECONDED.

Motion passed.

Discussion Items

3. Agency Spotlight

Liz Davis, Utilization Management Supervisor, from Nebraska Families Collaborative (NFC) presented to the committee. NFC was formed in 2009, in response to an RFP for service coordination for child welfare and juvenile justice in the eastern service area (Douglas and Sarpy Counties). NFC is a collaboration of 5 different agencies: Child Saving Institute, Nebraska Family Support Network, Omni Behavioral Health, Heartland Family Services and Boys Town. The contract since 2009 has expanded and NFC now handles all of the case management for the eastern service area for child welfare cases and juvenile justice has mostly transitioned to probation. There are court involved and non-court families. If the DHHS decides that a family needs ongoing case management, NFC gets the case. There are about 1,250 families with working with NFC and most of the population is court involved. NFC currently serves 2,460 youth. All families that are referred by the department are served. There is a new initiative called Coordinated Response and during the period of time that the department is investigating and determining whether the children need to be removed from the home they are allowed access to NFC's network and services during that time. There is a provider network made up of 24 agencies and most of the services are now available 24/7 and have someone on stand-by that can go out to a home within a 2 hour response time. NFC also has an electronic referral system to manage contracts and services. Other departments within NFC are an adoption unit, a family finding unit, clinical management program, an after-care program that serves families for up to a year and program support workers.

Most of the services have a transportation component in them, parenting time (also known as supervised visitation) in a big one. Many agencies that provide that service pick up the children and take them to and from their visit. All foster care providers are required by their contract to take the children to school, therapy and wherever they need to go. Family support work often requires transportation. Some barriers with transportation is that often times foster families may have multiple children in the home and have several places to go (multiple schools, therapy appointments, medication management appointments, evaluations) and it can be very difficult for the parents and families. There is an education liaison that works closely with the school district to assist in keeping children in their home schools. Other challenges, transportation is often limited with a lot of families that work with NFC and transportation for unsupervised visits since there's no longer a requirement for an agency to be there. NFC does offer commercial transportation for children 13 and over however is not ideal for the children. For commercial transportation, there is a 15 minute window for each person that they're scheduled to pick up so the 3rd child being picked up could potentially sit in front of their school waiting for half an hour.

4. 5310 Update

Mr. Barber provided an updated on the 5310 program to the committee. MAPA has contacted IDOT and NDOR, and IDOT stated that their grant has been approved by FTA. Mr. Barber stated that he would follow up with SWITA to begin contacting agencies. NDOR stated that their grant has not been approved yet but it is in the system. Operations has run into an issue, for the FY 2015 dollars there is a discrepancy in the system and the FTA will not allow MAPA to pull down FY 2016 dollars until the FY 2015 dollars are complete. There is only one project left for FY 2015, contracting for Sarpy County and there is funding for FY 2015 that has not been obligated. FTA is looking into the FY 2015 dollars. MAPA anticipates that the issue will be resolved by October.

5. Scoring Rubric

Ms. Walker presented to the committee that changes have been made to the scoring rubric. The scoring rubric has been streamlined to better match up with the grading scoring process. The two scoring rubrics used in the past were combined and there is now only one application and one scoring rubric. Mr. Barber covered the changes that were made and requested that the new scoring rubric be reviewed by the committee and would like to bring it to the committee for a vote at a future meeting. Chairperson Picker requested that Mr. Barber or Ms. Walker provide the previous rubrics to the committee for review to allow them to compare prior to the vote. Ms. Picker mentioned the previous concerns with the granting of dollars and suggested that the committee discuss this in a future meeting. Mr. Barber agreed to provide the committee with the updated scoring rubric, the two previous rubric, the list of suggestions for discussion and the long range transportation items. Due to time constraints the discussion of the new rubric will continue during the next meeting.

Ms. Walker reminded the committee of the meeting that is being held on September 8th to review the different funding programs that are available: 5310; state transportation funds and transportation alternative funds. There has not been a lot of non-profit involvement so Ms. Walker encouraged the CTC members to attend this meeting and provide their input and perspective on the process.

Ms. Picker made a proposal to allow an additional half hour during the next few meetings to allow an appropriate amount of time for discussion.

Due to time constraints the committee did not have time for the Informal Coordination Activity but Ms. Walker provided a handout to the committee and stated that she would share a Google Doc with the committee to allow the members to continue the conversation.

6. Additional Business

None.

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7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on September 21, 2016 and Ms. Picker asked the committee to try to adjust to stay until Noon at the next meeting.

8. Adjourn

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.