Coordinated Transit Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – 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
Lyndsi Gibbs, Metropolitan Community College
Chris Hall, Friendship Program
Lori Hansen, City of Papillion
Sara Hansen, Nebraska VR
Rita Hamele, Crossroads of Western Iowa
Karen Jackson, City of Bellevue
Phil Johnson, Black Hills Works
Rob Koneck-Wilcox, Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership
Bob Matthews, Black Hills Works
Lisa McMichael, Ollie Webb Center Inc.
Krystal Rider, Heartland Workforce Solution
Kelly Shadden, Metro Transit
Dan Stache, Omaha Public Schools
Keith Station, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Scott Stopak, Cities of La Vista & Ralston
Rich Surber, Lutheran Family Services

MAPA Staff
Court Barber
Christina Brownell
Travis Halm
Megan Walker

For CTC Approval

1. Introductions –

Ms. Picker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

Discussion Items

2. Agency Spotlight: Heartland Workforce Solutions –

Heartland Workforce Solutions (HWS) Director of Business Relations, Keith Station and Business Services Coordinator, presented to the committee. HWS is a non-profit organization made up of agencies from both the private and public sectors, dedicated to expanding employment opportunities for job seekers and employers in Douglas, Washington and Sarpy Counties and the City of Omaha. One of the goals is to connect people in the community, businesses and job seekers. HWS has 14 co-locative partners and is a one stop center offering many services such as veterans services, clothing closet, ex-offender resource services, resume assistance and more. Metropolitan Community College (MCC) PROTO Career Skills Coach, Lyndsie Gibbs, presented the committee information on the National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC) program. The NCRC is a skills assessment and portable credential, made up of three critical areas essential to workplace success: Applied Math; Graphic Literacy; Workplace Documents. This assessment gives individuals proof that they possess the skills employers deem necessary. Metropolitan Community College serves as a proctoring agent for NCRC and is responsible for the Career Pipeline Program implementation. Mr. Station reviewed the bottom line impact to employers when they recognize the NCRC and the benefit for career seekers that receive the certification. Resources were provided to the committee to research further the types of industries have signed on to recognize this certification.

3. 5310 Selection Guide Update –

Mr. Court Barber presented an update to the committee on the 5310 Project Selection Manual that will become a part of the 5310 Program Management Plan. The Project Selection Subcommittee will consist of 2 MAPA staff members, 2 non-profit representatives, 2 municipal representatives and 1 Metro Transit representative. This committee will provide a recommendation on the project selections to the entire CTC for approval. Project selection will be measured on Regional Significance with the following categories: Ridership, Service Availability, Priority of Service Type, and Sustainability. The MAPA Region tends to spend funds on vehicle replacement rather than new programs, the manual will include a Vehicle Replacement Program that will evaluate vehicle condition and evaluate programs for regional significance. Mr. Barber reviewed the Continuing Service Program as well as the criteria for new projects.

4. Political Education and Advocacy –

Mr. Travis Halm presented an update to the committee on the political education and advocacy meetings. Mr. Halm reviewed the group meeting outcomes including target populations, action plan and next steps. Ms. Walker discussed with the group their preference for meeting times. The group would like to meet prior to the CTC meetings going forward. Ms. Picker stressed the importance of participation by committee members if this is something that the group would like to continue to pursue.

5. Additional Business

Mr. Barber provided a brief update on vehicle purchases and additional funds. Ms. Meredith Dillon invited committee members to attend a Block Talk that the City of Omaha will be hosting on May 12th @ 12:30, starting at the Salvation Army.

6. Next Meeting

The next CTC meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on April 18th. This meeting will be located at the MAPA Downstairs Training Room.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.