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October 2017

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) Meeting GET Regional Transportation Center 101 11th Avenue, Greeley

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. <u>Tuesday, October 24, 2017</u>

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Review of Agenda
- 3. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
- 4. Meeting Notes (July Meeting)
- 5. Action Items 2017 Coordinated Plan Gordon
- 6. Discussion Items Tour and Host Discussion (Travel Training) Torres

2018 Schedule and Work Plan

Greeley-Evans Transit News/Updates Torres

Gordon

- 7. Committee Member Reports
- 8. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- 9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 5, 2017



Meeting Notes - July 25, 2017 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Greeley Chamber of Commerce 903 7th Avenue - Greeley, CO

WCMC Members in Attendance:

Dori Baker, North Range Behavioral Health Irene Cumpsten, North Range Behavioral Health Joe Soto, United Way of Larimer County Lyle SmithGraybeal, United Way of Larimer County Celeste Ewert, Envision Danielle Baker, North Range Behavioral Health Janet Bedingfield, Senior Resource Services

NFRMPO Staff: Alex Gordon

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Tour of Facility Dori provided a tour of the North Range Behavioral Health. Dori explained the organization assists individuals with mental health referrals with employment, socialization, and some transportation. The organization acts as a Club House, meaning everyone is a member and everyone is on a similar playing field. North Range Behavioral Health buys bus passes from Greeley-Evans Transit to assist members with transportation to employment. There are currently about 260 active members, and the programs are funded through Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Medicaid. The program also reaches out to members for wellness purposes.
- 3. Review of Agenda There were no changes to the agenda.
- 4. Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items) There was no public comment.
- **5.** Approval of Meeting Notes (May 23, 2017) No edits to meeting notes. Janet motioned to approve the minutes, and Irene seconded the motion.

6. Discussion Items

2017 Coordinated Plan Update - Alex distributed information about the Coordinated Plan, which should be ready for Planning Council adoption in December. He will complete a draft by August to send to the Mobility Committees for comments, which will be due by the end of September. Alex will compile the comments and edits and send a complete draft prior to the meeting.

7. Committee Member Reports

Joe - United Way distributed fewer transit passes this year due to decreased funding, but there are walk-in sites at the Salvation Army or by calling 211. Paratransit trips are used less than day passes, and can be used for medical trips only. Bus passes are provided through a United Way partnership. *Janet* - The Ride and Revel! Event went well. There are preliminary talks concerning the Senior Coalition in Weld County, and are hoping to bring together decision makers.

Dori - There are issues with paratransit. Dori will attend the International Club House conference in Detroit in December, which will have representatives from organizations across the country. Frontier House's accreditation is coming up in September.

Celeste - Envision has a staff shortage. There are vehicles available but the organization needs to be creative. They are providing transit passes and using travel training to spread their resources.

8. Adjournment - 3:15 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday - December 5, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

2017 Meeting Schedule

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the *2017 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan* is to identify transportation issues, service overlaps, and gaps for older adults and individuals with disabilities within the urbanized portions of Larimer and Weld counties as well as goals and strategies to address these identified issues. As a recipient of FTA §5310 funds, the NFRMPO updates the *Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan* every four years. The need for improved transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities has been known and continues to be an issue in both large and small communities within the NFRMPO region. Current programs and strategies are not enough to meet this growing demand.

Throughout the *Coordinated Plan* development process, four key areas for improvement and coordination were identified: education; inclusion; improvements in transportation for the rural, suburban, and unincorporated communities; and improvements in transportation within Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland.

➢ Goal #1: Inclusion

The Mobility Coordination Program will provide a safe, accessible forum for residents, advocates, and employees from human service organizations and agencies to discuss the needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income individuals. Additionally, these groups will have a safe space to air grievances and suggest potential solutions, including projects and areas to collaborate. The desired outcome of this inclusive program is to create tangible strategies that benefit stakeholders in the region, which can be achieved by expanding participation in the Mobility Committees.

➢ Goal #2: Education

To have an educated and informed population is an overarching goal for the Mobility Coordination Program. This can be achieved in a variety of ways, but the distribution of information should be a major strategy for the Mobility Coordination Program. Education exists on two fronts: distribution of information about existing transit service and human services transportation, and regional training for transportation providers and future riders.

➢ Goal #3: Improvements in Smaller and Rural Communities

The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination program should: maintain dialogue with stakeholders in these communities to understand current and future needs; research technology and funding opportunities to be used for improved transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities; support organizations currently filling this gap, including Senior Resource Services; and be engaged in local planning efforts.

> Goal #4: Improvements in Larger and Urban Communities

The NFRMPO Mobility Coordination Program should: maintain relationships with transit providers and other stakeholders to identify need and support; provide technical support to communities interested in expansion of transit service; invite organizations and agencies to Mobility Committee meetings to ensure consistent outreach and feedback; work with local agencies and organizations to identify and apply for potential grants, funding opportunities, and partnerships; identify barriers to using existing services, including ADA accessibility, sidewalk connectivity, snow removal, etc.