

Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board

Teleconference notes

August 6, 2015

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Alaska Time

PRESENT:

- Pat Branson, Seniors
- Heidi Frost, People with Disabilities
- Glenn Miller, Municipalities with Transit Systems
- Julie Baltar, Tribal Representative
- Mike Vigue, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- Lucas Lind, Alaska Mental Health Trust
- Doug Bridges, Non Profit Organization
- Kelda Barstad, Department of Health and Social Services
- James Starzec, Public at Large

NOT PRESENT:

- Katherine Eldemar, Denail Commission
- Jennifer Beckmann, Low Income
- Joe Thomas, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

STAFF:

- Debbi Howard, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- Eric Taylor, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- Patrick Sidmore, Department of Health and Social Services
- Sarah Harlamert, Department of Health and Social Services
- Marsha Bracke, Bracke & Associates, Inc., Facilitator

AGENDA

Interagency Working Group

Marsha distributed a Work Plan to the Interagency Working Group (IWG) for which there was no comment. Subsequently, Marsha distributed a series of action items to begin initiating the Work Plan. Some responses to those items have been collected, specifically some funding data and some existing grant language. The group will have a conference call following this one today, and will discuss the potential for their recommendations to become recommendations the Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board (C&PTAB) makes to the Governor for adoption and implementation.

The next meeting of the IWG is scheduled for Thursday, September 30 from 9-11 concurrent with the C&PTAB meeting in Anchorage. It is hoped some of the IWG members will be able to attend in person.

Calculating Costs

Debbi Howard reported that Jennifer Beckmann, who is drafting some explanation to categories identified in the calculating costs spreadsheet, is not able to make today's call. The subcommittee plans to share the revised draft with the original stakeholder focus group by the end of the month, and plans to use the spreadsheet in the upcoming DOT&PF grant cycle.

Accessible Taxis

The Accessible Taxi survey is ready to go with one with the exception of one question to be added regarding payment for services and to glean payment source impact on ride mode choice (specifically Medicaid). Heidi Frost and Glenn Miller propose an electronic distribution of the survey using Survey Monkey, working questions such as point of contact for survey coordination, collecting e-mail addresses, and who will perform the final work. Regarding distribution, C&PTAB members will have copies of the survey link and e-mail and will forward them to their sources. The survey is intended for distribution in September, and a status of the survey will be provided at the September meeting of the C&PTAB.

Medical Transportation

Regarding the medical transportation brokerage model, Doug Bridges and Kelda Barstad have been communicating and bringing additional detail to the discussion. Kelda will continue with the development and refinement of the report, in anticipation of a more complete recommendation to the Governor in the 2015 Annual Report of the C&PTAB. The work is particularly relevant in light of Medicaid expansion. Additional support on this subcommittee is needed to assist in the development of the recommendation.

Regarding Medicaid waiver language information, Kelda and the C&PTAB are waiting on DHSS' schedule for generating a proposal for CMS. DHSS is looking at new waiver packages, and working to secure a contractor to work that for the Department. C&PTAB hopes to secure an opportunity to participate in that process from the transportation perspective and specific to its 2014 recommendation regarding Medicaid Waiver language.

Outreach

Mike Vigue is working an opportunity for he and C&PTAB Chair Pat Branson to meet with Commissioner Luiken. Pat will send her availability immediately following this call so that meeting can be scheduled. Meetings with other Commissioners and Governor's office staff will be scheduled subsequent to that discussion. Having received no comments on the one-pager, Marsha will complete a more formal draft of that document for the subcommittee's review and use.

Annual Report

Marsha asked the group what they would expect to see in this year's annual report. The following suggestions were provided:

- Medical transportation report and recommendations with some quantification of its value

Follow-up suggestions via e-mail are also encouraged. IWG members are in the process of providing funding data, so the C&PTAB has no direct need to pursue that information at this point in time.

September Meeting in Anchorage

The C&PTAB meeting in September will be held September 29-30 in the Atwood Building Room 1270. Parking is free in the garage across the street when validated with the Atwood Building Security Guard. A block of rooms is being held at the Marriott, which is two blocks from the Atwood building, for C&PTAB meeting participants. The link to that reservation has already been provided electronically. Marsha encouraged all participants to use the meeting block to fulfill our commitment to the hotel. That agenda is anticipated to include:

- Subcommittee work status reports, product review and breakout meetings
- A report regarding Medicaid Expansion
- A detailed review and refinement of the draft annual report and funding review, including C&PTAB recommendations to the Governor and the State Legislature
- A discussion (face-to-face or telephonically) with the IWG regarding C&PTAB efforts and impacts on IWG agencies and IWG recommendations for C&PTAB consideration
- Generating the calendar year 2016 meeting location and schedule

Membership

Doug Bridge's term is up August 15 and he will not be seeking renewed membership on the group at this point in time as he is leaving his current position. Members asked if he would consider applying for the vacant public-at-large seat, to which he said he would give some thought.

Eric will pursue the process for filling the vacated public-at-large seat and the seat to be vacated by Doug on August 15.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Marsha will prepare and deliver draft and final meeting notes.
2. Marsha will draft the annual report and funding review for review at the September meeting.
3. Marsha will refine the one-pager and send for subcommittee review and use as appropriate.
4. Eric will follow-up to confirm and pursue the process for appointing new members to the Board.
5. The Calculating Costs subcommittee will complete the spreadsheet, send to the Focus group for refinement in late August, and provide to DOT&PF for inclusion in its next grant cycle.
6. The Accessible Taxi subcommittee will issue the survey in September and provide a preliminary review of its status to the C&TPAB at its September meeting.
7. The Medical Transportation subcommittee will generate an updated version of its report, and refine its recommendations in a manner that offers quantifiable proof

of the validity of the recommendation. This document will be subject to review and discussion at the next meeting and included as a major component in the Annual Report.

8. Mike Vigue will schedule a meeting with Commissioner Luiken for as soon as possible, using the calendar of availability Pat Branson provides to include her in that meeting.
9. Marsha will generate and solicit feedback on a draft agenda for the September C&PTAB meeting.