

# Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board

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## Teleconference notes

May 21, 2015

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Alaska Time

### PRESENT:

- Pat Branson, Seniors
- Heidi Frost, People with Disabilities
- Glenn Miller, Municipalities with Transit Systems
- Katherine Eldemar, Denail Commission
- Joe Thomas, Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Julie Baltar, Tribal Representative
- Mike Vigue, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- Jennifer Beckmann, Low Income
- 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:

- Sharon Scott, Public at Large

### STAFF:

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

## AGENDA

### Taxi Ordinance

Glenn and Heidi described the development of the existing taxi survey and the need to understand the current experience, seeking comments on the existing draft and suggestions for the distribution process.

#### Suggestions included

- Marketing - in terms of thinking through the who and how and in order to address concerns to include taxi company owners in the process and not surprise them. There are plans to reach out to the taxi companies subsequent to this effort.
- Distribution – using municipalities through their respective social service programs and issuing a survey monkey; using taxi drivers to distribute or not; the challenge of collecting hard copies.
- Additional stakeholders – Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Tribal Medical Service
- Specific edits to specific questions.

- All Board members are to provide their specific comments on the survey to Marsha, Glenn and Heidi by close of business May 28, 2015. Glenn and Heidi will assimilate those and reach out to board members, specifically Joe, Katherine and James, for additional insight as they develop the product. The revised draft will be subject to review and discussion at the June 16-17 meeting.

### **Medical Transportation**

Doug reviewed this history of the medical transportation initiative and summarized the outcomes presented in the Medical Transportation White Paper included in the Annual Report as well as the CPTAB meeting with Deputy Commissioner Jon Sherwood, who encouraged the group to generate a white paper on what a medical brokerage would look like. The four concepts presented were Doug's thoughts on how to potentially move toward a brokerage. All Board members are to provide their specific comments on the concept to Marsha, Doug, Kelda and Sarah by close of business May 28, 2015.

### **Interagency Working Group**

Given Ezekiel's departure from the Department to pursue his PhD, Marsha has been asked to facilitate the work and conference calls of the IWG in concert with Kelda Barstard, CPTAB Liaison to the group and Andy Sandusky, DHSS staff assigned to the IWG. There has been discussion that a reduced core of the IWG, specifically DOT&PF, Health Care Services and Senior and Disabilities Services, who provide the most funding for transportation services, should be the ones intimately involved in the coordination and others can be brought in as appropriate. This approach would prompt a change to the existing Charter. Marsha is in the process of scheduling IWG meetings through calendar year 2015, including a September in-person meeting with the CPTAB, and the potential Charter revision will be the first point of discussion.

### **Calculating Costs**

The subcommittee and Jennifer and Debbi specifically have been working on connecting the current EasterSeals spreadsheet with another provided by Connie Sipe that focuses on human service agencies are reporting. They have done that work and sent it of to Connie to get some feedback and comment. After that, they anticipate sending it to the Calculating Costs Focus Group (of which other CPTAB members and other stakeholders are a part), for their review.

### **Outreach**

Outreach to the Governor's office has been on hold pending the transition of DOT leadership and other administration changes. Now that Mike Vigue is in place as the Deputy, Marsha will reschedule a meeting of this subcommittee. Marsha drafted and distributed a copy of a draft one-pager describing the CPTAB efforts and value of coordination, anticipated for use by leaving with leadership with him the group meets as a glossy cover to the Annual Report. All Board members are to provide their specific comments on the one-pager to Marsha by close of business May 28, 2015.

## **Optimizing Resources**

Luke reported Sharon left her position at the MatSu health foundation. Sharon represents the public-at-large and we assume she will maintain her position on the CPTAB. Marsha will try to reach her, and the CPTAB will regroup around this strategy at the next meeting.

## **Kenai Agenda**

The Board reviewed and supported the draft agenda, making suggestions including maintaining Brent Hibbert on the panel even though we will spend time with him during the afternoon at his business location, and talking with Jennifer more about transportation options. Marsha will follow-up by finalizing the agenda and working those details.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. All Board members will, by close of business Thursday, May 28, 2015, review and comment on the:
  - a. Taxi ordinance survey – comments go to Marsha, Heidi and Glenn
  - b. Medical Transportation Brokerage concepts – comments go to Marsha, Doug, Kelda and Sarah
  - c. Outreach one-pager – comments go to Marsha
2. Katherine will identify which initiative she wants to support and provide that to Marsha prior to the June meeting
3. Marsha will reach out to Sharon regarding future meeting engagement