



Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board

Webinar - Meeting Notes
Monday, February 25, 2013
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

C&PTAB PARTICIPANTS:

- Bill Herman, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Carol Wren, Tribal
- Cheryl Walsh, Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Doug Bridges, Nonprofit Organization
- Duane Mayes, Department of Health and Social Services
- Glenn Miller, Municipality
- Heidi Frost, Transportation Expert/Disabilities
- Jeff Ottesen, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, C&PTAB Chair
- Jennifer Beckmann, Transportation Expert/Low Income
- Pat Branson, Transportation Expert/Senior Citizens, C&PTAB Vice Chair
- Susan Bell, Denali Commission State Co-Chair

GUESTS

- David Levy , Alaska Mobility Coalition

STAFF

- Eric Taylor, Department of Transportation and public Facilities
- Debbi Howard , Department of Transportation and public Facilities
- Marsha Bracke, C&PTAB Facilitator, Bracke and Associates, Inc.

Meeting Purpose

1. Provide status reports on work group activities
2. Confirm April 1 Public Stakeholder Meeting details
3. Refine and confirm April 2 C&PTAB Meeting agenda
4. Review June meeting logistics in Craig
5. Review work plan
6. Address membership vacancies

References:

- C&PTAB Status Report February 25, 2013
- C&PTAB Draft Public Stakeholder Meeting agenda April 1, 2013
- C&PTAB Draft Meeting agenda April 2, 2013
- C&PTAB Logistics June 19, 2013

Announcements

The DOT&PF has a new liaison in the Governor's Office - Jeff Jones - who works out of the Anchorage office. Eric provided him with an electronic update about the C&PTAB and a copy of the board's annual

report to the Governor this past week. There has been no feedback, and potential follow-up may be in order after the legislative session.

Status Reports

GOAL 1: LEVERAGE COLLECTIVE RESOURCES (annually review and report resources)

– *Jeffrey Ottesen, Pat Branson, Cheryl Walsh*

Given sequestration realities, new legislators, proposed legislation under consideration by the state legislators in the current session, and the fact that most members are consumed by legislative support of their own, only the DOT&PF funding matrix has been updated to date. The remainder of the materials are under development and are due to Marsha by closely of business March 15, 2013. The product will be subject to review, refinement and finalizing as a C&PTAB product at the April 2 meeting.

GOAL 2: PERFORMANCE MEASURES

– *Heidi Frost, Duane Mayes, Carol Wren*

The work group is refining its PowerPoint presentation to deliver at the April meeting.

GOAL 3: BARRIERS TO COORDINATION

– *Bill Herman, Doug Bridges, Connie Sipe*

Bill and Doug with the help of Connie Sipe continue to work with advisory boards and contacts within Medicaid to learn more about the Medicaid medical and waiver systems in relation to transportation. Two specific coordination opportunities that seem fruitful to pursue as a result of discussions are, the potential for a ground transportation brokerage (Medicaid cites success with their air transportation brokerage), and more tentatively, coordination with school districts specifically as it relates to special needs children in rural areas. The work group is discussing issues associated with Medicaid expansion as a state option of the Affordable Care Act, the challenge of securing transportation data from Indian Health Services in an efficient way, and the need to understand and honor the efforts underway by Medicaid to address the transportation costs and complexities of their own system. The work group proposed for April, and the C&PTAB postponed until June, a presentation to the C&PTAB about potential Medicaid expansion, with a follow-on discussion about its impacts to community and public transportation and any potential recommendations that may ensue.

April 1-2 meeting

- C&PTAB confirmed the April 2 meeting agenda, noting that the Medicaid expansion presentation will be deferred until the June meeting. Marsha will build more time on the agenda for the performance measures presentation.
- C&PTAB confirmed the April 1 public stakeholder meeting discussion questions and invitee list, requesting the invitation acknowledge previous presentations provided earlier Task Forces by some of these guests and specifically requesting updates/responses to the discussion questions in the current context. Members will provide a list of names from those throughout the southeast part of the state who may be interested in participating in the stakeholder forum via conference call and/or listening into the April 2 meeting. Should there be among those a board member proposes as a speaker in place of one already on the list, members are to let Marsha

know. Marsha will work to get the invitations to speak distributed to the stakeholder participants by the end of the week.

June 19 meeting

Marsha reviewed travel logistics she researched and produced for all members, encouraging them to make their travel and room reservations as soon as possible. Doug will investigate the possibility of using a Klawock Senior Center vehicle to support mobility on the island for those who need or want it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Levy, executive director of Alaska Mobility Coalition, made a number of announcements:

- A Department of Labor grant for bus passes for veterans as part of the AMC veterans project
- Working to secure state support of state match for public transportation
- Will be attending an APTA meeting in Washington D.C. next week
- AMC is about to produce a report regarding the economic impact of public transportation statewide and looks forward to sharing that with the Board
- David would be happy to work with the Barriers subcommittee on medical transportation, specifically now that the brokerage proposal has been suggested
- David will provide contact information from Labor to Carol regarding the veterans bus pass initiative

Membership

Eric pointed out two open, public positions on the C&PTAB as both Camille Ferguson and Hugh Dymant resigned their positions, asking the group for input regarding potential replacements. After much discussion the group concluded that a representative of rural school district transportation would be particularly meaningful given opportunities, needs and barriers in that area. Suggestions for the second position included someone from the business community, someone from Indian Health Services, and/or someone with rural tribal transportation experience (noting that at the October conference a specific suggestion to add someone with such experience is necessary to the composition of the group). Ultimately, the Board asked Marsha to develop a matrix of existing perspectives, and the C&PTAB will consider what are missing and identify what opportunities exist. David Levy suggested the C&PTAB provide the Governor's office with a number of options. Marsha will produce the list and work the process electronically, in hopes that DOT can pursue the additional members in coordination with the Governor's office as soon as possible.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the C&PTAB is scheduled for April 1-2, 2013 in Juneau. At the C&PTAB's request, Marsha will go ahead and schedule conference calls through calendar year 2013.

ACTION:

1. Transportation funding data and text from all entities requested are due to Marsha by March 15, 2013.

2. A presentation to the C&PTAB about Medicaid expansion, with a follow-on discussion about its impacts to community and public transportation and any potential recommendations will be included on the June 19, 2013 meeting agenda.
3. Marsha will finalize the April 2 meeting agenda.
4. C&PTAB members will provide a list of names from those throughout the southeast part of the state who may be interested in participating in the stakeholder forum via conference call and/or listening into the April 2 meeting. Should there be among those a board member proposes as a speaker in place of one already on the list, members are to let Marsha know.
5. Marsha will work to get the invitations to speak distributed to the stakeholder participants by the end of the week., to include acknowledgement of presentations provided to earlier Task Forces by some of these guests and specifically requesting updates/responses to the discussion questions in the current context.
6. Marsha will send input received by public forums through the CTF history as available to all members of the group.
7. C&PTAB members are encouraged to make their travel and room reservations as soon as possible.
8. Doug will investigate the possibility of using a Klawock Senior Center vehicle to support mobility on the island for those who need or want it.
9. Marsha will produce and distribute a matrix of existing perspectives, soliciting member input on proposed new members (electronically) in hopes that DOT can pursue the additional members in coordination with the Governor's office as soon as possible.