



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TRANSIT COORDINATION PLAN ADVISORY TEAM

25 January 2012

2:00 p.m.

Ozarks Transportation Organization Conference Room
205 Park Central East, Suite 212

ATTENDEES

Jenny Dimsho, SMCOG Intern
Kathleen Featherstone, DMH-SpRO
Howard Fisk, Fisk Limo
Diane Gallion, City Utilities Transit
Scott Kosky, OATS
Louise Lathrop, WSAB

Dennis McMan, Springfield-Greene Co. Parks
Andrew Seiler, MoDOT Southwest District
Linda Starr, Springfield Workshop
Dan Watts, SMCOG
Cari Wright, SW Center Independent Living

STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine Curtis Owens

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of everyone in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Linda Starr made the motion to approve the January 25, 2012 Agenda and January 11, 2012 Minutes. Diane Gallion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION SUMMARY

The Advisory Team reviewed information of the special needs population that included a population pyramid, breakout table by communities of the MPO area elderly defined as age 65 and older, and 2009 American Community Survey estimates sex by age by disability table. It was discussed that Springfield and Greene County both have steady growth of the elderly population. The 2010 US Census shows that both jurisdictions had growth of more than 14 percent since 2000. Most other communities had around a 10 percent growth.

4. TURN GAPS TO STRATEGIES

The Advisory Team reviewed the service gaps, opportunities and strengths list. The team discussed limited coverage, vouchers for late night coverage, media participation in LCB meetings and educating the public about current services. The team felt these were key points to helping close gaps in service. The discussion focus continued on educating the public about available services.



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Chairman Fisk led the discussion about developing a single source of information such as a website that would provide all agencies' service information. Each agency was asked to provide a web link to their agencies and provide a brochure of services at the next meeting. Discussion continued about the role that media outlets could provide in educating the public, and that media publicity of LCB meetings should be a part of the education process. It was discussed that a local radio station, newspaper or other media outlets should be approached by the LCB for Transit to participate as a way to educate the public.

The team discussed how to address transit service for hospital patients after medical treatment is complete. Chairman Fisk mentioned that he would do some research on transit opportunities for released patients and report to the team at the next meeting.

For the next meeting the team asked that the gaps and strategies be grouped by similarity in the high, medium, low categories from the previous plan and redistributed through email. This was to help expedite the process of developing the strategies.

5. SCHEDULE JANUARY MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012. This meeting will be held at the Ozarks Transportation Organization conference room, Suite 212.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kathleen Featherstone to adjourn the meeting. Dan Watts seconded the motion. The motion passed and meeting was adjourned.