

Jefferson County LCC Meeting Thursday, November 3, 2011, 1:30-3:30pm

Attendees: Steve Allen, Colorado Department of Human Services; Hank Braaksma, Seniors' Resource Center; Larry Carr, Jeffco schools; Amy Ciezadlo, Yellow cab/Veolia; Susan Franklin, Jefferson County Human Services; Molly Hanson, LiveWell Wheat Ridge/Jefferson County Public Health; Kelly Schlichler, DRMAC; Robert Reyes, AARP; Dave Ruchman, former RTD Board Member; Brittani Trujillo, Jefferson County Human Services.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:50pm by Hank Braaksma.

Approval of Today's Agenda

Hank provided an overview of the agenda and requested a note taker for the meeting. Amy C. offered to assist.

Review of Previous Meeting Summary

Comments on the October meeting summary were requested; Brittani asked to have her name corrected. The summary was accepted with that change.

Update from the CO/WY Institute for those present

Susan Franklin and Brittani Trujillo were asked to share their experience attending the Institute sponsored by CDOT, FTA with instruction and facilitation from CTAA (Community Transportation Association of America), as well as local experts. 50-70 people from Co. and Wy. spent 2 ½ days discussing transportation issues involving service coordination and looking for solutions. Jeffco LCC members joined other regional LCCs (whether forming or in place) and DRMAC in a 13 member team to work on issues in the Denver area (Boulder to Douglas Counties). Two focus areas were created with a 12 month timeline for completion as well as tasks for various group members. Britanni shared that one area was for long distance rides, often between counties, that are difficult to provide. The group will gather data, assess the need and common destination locations not being served, RTD will plot things out using GIS data, and the group will work toward "ride banking" to allow one system to assist another and not worry about costs (more of a barter for rides – Hank). Susan shared the second area which is mainly helping new LCC avoid duplicating efforts by sharing by laws, structure, etc. and then working with DRMAC to make sure representation by key stakeholders is not requested at each LCC, and that they not all pick the same day to meet, then work for a regional approach to solutions.

New Facilitator – Noelle Melchizedek, Transit Plus

Our new facilitator, Noelle Melchizedek with Transit Plus, helped with the CO/WY training. She will bring lots of tools to help our LCC move forward. She may be able to start early next year, but a definitive date has not been set as CDOT is still processing the contract paperwork.

The white paper – done

Cindy Pieropan, the new Mobility Manger for Boulder County, provided a rewrite of the white paper that used a grouping of participating member's logos instead of the list which we started with. After some fairly minor revisions the final was sent out to members and quickly used as a handout at the DRCOG presentation of "Ready, Set, Boom!" given in Jeffco last month and attended by several elected officials. All took the handout with many expressing gratitude for the information. Commissioner Griffin was seen reading it. Good work everyone! And thanks to all who helped develop it. Molly pointed out

that a white paper has a limited “shelf life” so the group spent time discussing other ways to get the info out. Suggestions included; Your Hub and Mile Hi newspaper articles, giving to all city councils, posting it on websites. Other suggestions are welcome. Send them to Susan or Hank. The final that you received by email can be printed and distributed as you see fit!

Advocacy

The idea for a senior service mill levy was discussed. The county PIO suggested that the Aging Well Project focus on three things or “asks” for the next year. Dave suggested waiting until 2014 for a mill levy vote. We could find out if anyone else nationally has a model to follow. Other suggestions included; working with commissioners, discussing with other elected folks, hiring a consultant and doing a viability study, working with other groups. We cannot just focus on transportation issues, but all senior issues will need to be thought and included in the “sell” for a mill levy. There will be lots more to come regarding this area.

A short discussion about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) occurred. Basically a granny flat, a mother in law apartment idea to allow low cost housing options for seniors.

It was suggested that Susan ask Faye to one of our meetings or that we meet with her. More planning is needed before we do that.

Next steps

It is time to review our goals/objectives and move on to the next challenge now that the white paper is done. Discussion about a meeting in December was left undecided.