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Ride In Kane Sponsor Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 1, 2016

In Attendance:

Jim Anderson, Batavia Township John Arthur Anderson, St. Charles Twp Jennifer Becker, Kane County DOT Bill Catching, Aurora Township Fred Dornback, Blackberry Township Megan Golden, South Elgin Sue Harnery, Dundee Township Louise McKay, Campton Township Annette Miller, Elgin Township Joe Pinkston, Pace Chris Rose, Pace Tom Rowe, Sugar Grove Township Ron Singer, Geneva Isabel Soderlind, St. Charles Krystal Spracklen, AID Sherri Weitl, Geneva Wendy Zarate, Senior Services Assoc

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Sue Harney, Council Chair. Introductions were made. Upon a motion for approval made by Fred Dornback and seconded by John Arthur Anderson, the March 1, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

RIK PROGRAM STATUS REPORTS:

Registration and Ridership Reports and Customer Complaint Records:

Contained within the agenda and distributed at the meeting. No questions asked.

NF and JARC Budget Report -

Krystal referred to the Grant Fund total and Sponsor Cost spreadsheets in the agenda packet for review and discussion. We are spending an average of \$23,000 month on JARC rides, this will last us through May, 2019. Phase 9 & 10 JARC through 2023. We have 5310 money to last until September 2017. Discussion followed on the reports. There was continued discussion on trying to move as many clients to JARC (work) related trips to try to draw down the JARC balance on the remaining phases. The Call Center is supposed to ask the purpose of each ride, and Krystal suggested that each sponsor contact the Call Center to identify particular riders who may book trips for work purposes. It was the consensus of the group to keep trying to move clients to use JARC type trips and see what happens to the balance of our funds.

Discussion then turned to the RTA/FTA compliance audit and the importance of maintaining eligibility documentation on each client. Krystal reminded the group of findings of the most recent RTA compliance audit and the importance of obtaining and keeping the eligibility records on each client and to be able to produce the files upon request. Fred Dornback asked if there was any precedent for paying back

FTA funds if the program was found to be out of compliance in any area. Krystal stated that it was unlikely as Ride in Kane is working diligently to keep program elements in compliance, any findings are usually due to error, not by design.

<u>RTA -ADA Advisory Committee</u> materials were included in the agenda packet, and no questions were asked.

<u>RTA/FTA Grant Cycle</u> Kyrstal reported that Kathy Hazelwood is in the process of preparing the application for RTA/FTA funding for the next cycle. She estimates that there will be approximately \$2.5 million a year for the next cycle. Details will be announced at the next meeting. She encouraged all the return the letters of commitment to Kathy for use in the grant app.



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MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2016

In Attendance:

Jim Anderson, Batavia Township John Arthur Anderson, St. Charles Twp Jennifer Becker, Kane County DOT Sharon Bober, St. Charles Sue Harney, Dundee Township Sidney Kenyon, McHenry County DOT Louise McKay, Campton Township Annette Miller, Elgin Township Joe Pinkston, Pace Tom Rowe, Sugar Grove Township Ron Singer, Geneva Isabel Soderlind, St. Charles Krystal Spracklen, AID Dione Strimell, South Elgin Sherri Weitl, Geneva Wendy Zarate, Senior Services Assoc

The meeting was called to order at 9:05a.m. by Sue Harney, Council Chair. Introductions were made. Upon a motion for approval made by Ron Singer and seconded by John Arthur Anderson, the March 1, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

RIK PROGRAM STATUS REPORTS:

Registration and Ridership Reports and Customer Complaint Records:

Contained within the agenda and distributed at the meeting. Some discussion about 303 Taxi, Joe Pinkston stated that they are under new management, that should help with complaints. Pace continues to work with Freedom First to get more drivers for the program. Continued discussion among the sponsors on how to handle out of county trips, dialysis trips and trip mileage. Suggestions were made to the group. Krystal reminded all not to allow rides from newly registered clients until after the written registration is received,. This is for liability coverage for the sponsors and the program.

NF and JARC Budget Report -

Krystal referred to the Grant Fund total and Sponsor Cost spreadsheets in the agenda packet for review and discussion. There is enough JARC money remaining to last until 5/23, still in Phase 7/8, not even into 9/10 yet. There are enough 5310 funds to last until 11/17, and enough funds for the majority of the rides to last through 2017. It was the consensus of the group to keep trying to move clients to use JARC type trips and see what happens to the balance of our funds. There was discussion of conducting another customer satisfaction survey. Krystal discussed the results of the compliance audit and the recommended corrections.

<u>RTA -ADA Advisory Committee</u> materials were included in the agenda packet, and no questions were asked.

<u>RTA/FTA Grant Cycle</u>—Kyrstal reported that Kathy Hazelwood is in the process of preparing the application for RTA/FTA 5310 noncompetitive funds. She encouraged all the return the letters of commitment to Kathy for use in the grant app.



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MEETING MINUTES September 6, 2016

In Attendance:

John Arthur Anderson, St. Charles Twp. Jennifer Becker, Kane County DOT Sharon Bober, St. Charles Bill Catching, Aurora Township Fred Dornback, Blackberry Township Jackie Forbes, KDOT Megan Golden, South Elgin Nicole Gorr, Senior Services Sue Harney, Dundee Township Kathy Hazelwood, AID Julie Herr, City of St. Charles

Annette Miller, Elgin Township Laura Neuman, City of Batavia Mike Neuconkirchen, Kendall Area Transit Lyn O'Shea, AID Ron Singer, Geneva Isabel Soderlind, St. Charles Krystal Spracklen, AID Michael VanDreKerke, RTA Sherri Weitl, Geneva Jake Zimmerman, Kane Veterans

The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m. by Sue Harney, Council Chair. Introductions were made. Upon a motion for approval made by Ron Singer and seconded by Bill Catching, the June 7, 2016 meeting minutes were approved. **RIK PROGRAM STATUS REPORTS:**

Krystal began the discussion by letting all know that she sent all sponsors the master list and reminded all to check for accuracy. The FTA/RTA audit depends upon accuracy, and RIK was subject to a plan of correction in past audit for this reason.

Registration and Ridership Reports and Customer Complaint Records:

Contained within the agenda and distributed at the meeting. Without Pace's rep at the meeting, it was difficult to resolve some issues, including discussion on how to handle out of county trips, dialysis trips and trip mileage. Suggestions were made to the group. A general discussion was had regarding "mystery" riders and keeping rider list up to date. Also discussed riders abusing the service and ways to deal with on case by case basis. Fred Dornback was concerned that one person abused their ride limit, and due to the lag in Pace reports and invoices, he wasn't aware until the damage had been done. He said if he has to pay the \$1000 owed for this one person, then Blackberry Twp. will have to pull out of RIK. Krystal stated that it's up to Pace to go after unauthorized riders. A discussion followed on how sponsors can manage their clients who abuse the service. Sharon Bober stated that she had an unresolved issue and had yet to get a response from Joe Pinskton. It was decided that a small group would try to set up a conference call with Sally Williams.

Krystal said that she now has access to Pace daily reports on riders and will generate monthly reports to send to each sponsor, this could help in identifying riders and managing abuse proactively.

NF and JARC Budget Report -

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5310 funds to last until 10/17, and enough funds for the majority of the rides to last through 2017. It was the consensus of the group to keep trying to move clients to use JARC type trips and see what happens to the balance of our funds. There was discussion of conducting another customer satisfaction survey. Krystal discussed the results of the compliance audit and the recommended corrections.

<u>RTA -ADA Advisory Committee</u> materials were included in the agenda packet, and no questions were asked.

<u>RTA/FTA Grant Cycle</u>. The noncompetitive grant cycle is nearing the end and RIK will be receiving \$1.5million which will last for the next 2 years. The competitive grant cycle will being in 2017 and Kathy will be asking all sponsors for their letter of intent.



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MEETING MINUTES December 6, 2016

In Attendance:

John Arthur Anderson, St. Charles Twp. Jennifer Becker, Kane County DOT Sharon Bober, St. Charles Rahman Burton, RTA Donna Copeland Hill, NEIAAA Fred Dornback, Blackberry Township Glenda Love, NEIAAA Marc McLaughlin, South Elgin Nicole Gorr, Senior Services Sue Harney, Dundee Township Kathy Hazelwood, AID

Annette Miller, Elgin Township Laura Neuman, City of Batavia Mike Neuconkirchen,KAT Lyn O'Shea, AID Ron Singer, Geneva Isabel Soderlind, St. Charles Krystal Spracklen, AID Jeff Ward, Citizen Sherri Weitl, Geneva

The meeting was called to order at 9:05a.m. by Sue Harney, Council Chair. Introductions were made. Donna Copeland Hill announced that she will be leaving her position and introduced Glenda Love as the new rep attending RIK. Upon a motion for approval made by Lynn O'Shea and seconded by John Arthur Anderson, the September 6, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

RIK PROGRAM STATUS REPORTS:

Joe Pinkston began by stating that Pace has been experiencing issue with Call Center. The new contract began November 21 and staff turnover has contributed to some complaints and confusion with call reservations. There is a new QA staff and general manager. He hopes that this will reduce the issues in the past few weeks. The Call Center now has responsibility for City of Chicago paratransit ride reservations. New lines have been installed, and Kane County has a separate line.

Registration and Ridership Reports and Customer Complaint Records:

Contained within the agenda and distributed at the meeting. Several sponsors relayed their frustration with service provision, many riders having unreasonably long rides. Joe responded that Pace is short riders and that makes rides longer across the system. Pace has talked to Ride Rite to try to correct problem which leads to longer than normal rides for many riders. Lynn stated that if the problems continue the sponsors will have to set up a meeting with Sally Williams to try to develop back up plans.

Regarding customer feedback, Joe needs new service parameters from each sponsor. He also talked about July-September complaints and resolution or not of all.

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Kyrstal also said she will have master client lists for all sponsors at the March meeting. She congratulated Geneva, St. Charles and Elgin for cleaning up their lists. Finally, Krystal announced that there were no findings on the most recent audit.

A discussion followed on transfers cross counties and how we can facilitate this. Jennifer said she continues to work with colleagues from MCRide and KAT to work on this issue. Without regional assistance, we are on our own on developing a strategy.

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Public Comment

Jeff Ward was in attendance to talk about his son's issues as a new user of RIK. His son needs to get to Waubonsee Community College and has had difficulties in no show or late arrival. Mr. Ward felt it is important for him to attend to try to fix this issue for people who do not have an alternative form of transportation. There was correspondence from City of Geneva and fine enacted, which Mr. Ward felt was unfounded, given the circumstances he described at length. Joe Pinkston apologized for Pace's actions in this situation stating that it was not indicative of regular operations. He committed to work with Mr. Ward to correct the situation regarding the rudeness of Call Center employees.