

CTSA Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ronn Rygg called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the conference room of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

Present:

Ronn Rygg	United Way Monterey County
Andy Cook	TAMC Transportation Planner
Monique King	Interim, Inc
Denika Boardman	CCCIL
Maureen McEachen	VNA
Genie Jimenez	Alliance on Aging (Alternate)
Brandy Abend	Salinas Valley Dialysis
Genie Jimenez	Alliance on Aging
Kathleen Murray-Phillips	DSES
Pat Jones	Community Action Partnership & AAA
Rena Weaver	Blind & Visually Impaired Center

Absent:

Carol Lieberman	Monterey County Community Action Project
George Redmon	Consumer
Marilyn Lynds	Consumer

Staff:

Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
Cristy Sugabo	Paratransit Eligibility Specialist
Brent Boardman	MV Transportation

Guest:

April Edwards	Interim, Inc.
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2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2011

Member Rena Weaver Wyant moved to approve items on the consent agenda as amended. Member Maureen McEachen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Member Monique King introduced April Edward, representing Interim Inc, and participant of the Our Voices Program. Member Monique King presented information on services that the Our Voices Programs offers. The program provides social and recreational programs for adults with mental health challenges and a safe, non-threatening meeting space, in an environment that promotes empowerment, recovery, and wellness. The program is open to all Monterey County adults with psychiatric disabilities. Among the services that the program offers are Recreational Activities to combat isolation, and Wellness Activities to support recovery.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Andy Cook, TAMC Staff, presented to the committee the Unmet Public Transit Needs report. Mr. Cook stated that annually the Transportation Agency seeks public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County and allocate Local Transportation Funds for public transit or other eligible purposes. However, before allocating funding, the Agency must provide a public hearing and outreach to identify unmet transit needs. The review and evaluation process will be in accordance to Agency's adopted Unmet Transit Needs Definition that the Agency adopted based on state requirements. Further, Mr. Cook stated that lacking of available funds cannot be the sole criteria use to determine that need is not reasonable to meet. The Transportation Agency Board of Directors must adopt a finding of unmet transit needs before July 1st. Therefore, for consideration as part of the Agency's findings, the Agency is requesting that public comments and questionnaires on unmet transit be provided by January 31, 2012.

In addition, Mr. Cook informed the committee that the Agency has received a request from the Rancho Cielo youth campus through the unmet needs process for public transportation to accommodate expansion plans for Rancho Cielo programs. Staff will report on its evaluation at the next committee meeting.

- 5.2 Tom Hicks, MST Staff, introduced Melissa McKenzie as the new member of the Mobility Advisory Committee representing The Carmel Foundation.
- 5.3 Members reviewed and discussed the Mobility Advisory Committee goals which are as follows: Define unmet needs and explore solutions, Research trends to anticipated future needs, and Review success elsewhere for applicability. After review and discussion, the committee decided to assign an Ad hoc subcommittee to discuss the goals of the Mobility Advisory Committee and report back its findings. The following members were nominated and approved to be members of the Ad hoc subcommittee.

Denika Boardman, Maureen McEachen, Genie Jimenez, Ronn Rygg, Pat Jones, Monique King, and Rena Weaver Wyant.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 Tom Hicks, MST Staff, reminded the committee of his previous report about a Trapeze software called Interactive Voice Response (IVR) which was not purchased from a previous grant because the request for its purchase was not on the original grant application. Mr. Hicks informed the committee that he is working on a new grant due February 22nd to purchase the software that will help enhance the RIDES program.

Mr. Hicks informed the committee that there are two Taxi Voucher Programs currently offered. One is the Senior Taxi Voucher Program, offered to those who are sixty-five and older. Second is the MST RIDES Taxi Voucher Program, offered to all registered RIDES clients to target those who are frequent users

of the RIDES services. The Taxi Voucher Program will allow travel up to a seventeen dollar meter reading, any difference to be paid by the passenger. In addition, he informed the committee that accessible taxis will be available soon and an RFP will be published for taxi providers interested in applying for an accessible taxi.

Mr. Hicks also informed the committee that the Senior Shuttle is now operating seven days a week via Routes 91, 92, and 93.

- 7.2 Andy Cook, TAMC Staff informed the committee that Caltrans issued a call for projects for two federal grants. One is the JARC grant that funds projects for job-related public transportation. Second is the New Freedom grant that funds projects for services going beyond ADA public transportation requirements. The grant applications are due to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) by February 22, 2012.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT

Member Ronn Rygg informed the committee that his wife Claire Rygg is conducting a capstone project on ADA accessibility to historic buildings. She is currently conducting a short-term survey using Survey Monkey. Those who are interested in participating are to email Ronn Rygg at rrygg@unitedwaymcca.org.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Ronn Rygg adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Reviewed By: _____
Tom Hicks, MST Staff