



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RUTLAND REGION ELDERS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 11:00AM

Courtney Anderson	SVCOA	Tammy Brown	One-2-One
Yvonne Wedin	MVRTD	Laurie Knauer	Castleton Community
Betty Spooner	Bridges & Beyond	JoAnn Riley	Castleton Community
Jessie Butterfield	VCIL	Maryesa White	One-2-One/RSVP

Others Present: Devon Neary (RRPC), Dan Currier (VTrans), Bethany Renner (RLS), Amy Rast (RLS)

1) INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 11AM. Introductions were made. The RLS team provided some background information on the Rutland City Fixed-Route Analysis and announced the public meeting on August 9th at the Paramount Theater. The announcement flyer will be shared with the committee.

2) FY23 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Yvonne provided some information regarding the E&D budget from FY22 and FY23. The FY22 budget was 100% funded last year with an 80/20 match for this year. Local match will be covered by Medicaid drivers from MVRTD. Agreements will go out to partners soon. The committee also discussed the FY22 budget as 83% of budget was spent down and \$75,000 left on the table. There were also more than 150 denied rides by various partners due to budget and/or volunteer driver availability. Devon discussed the need to report denied trips to VTrans and to track trip data as required by the program guidance. In FY23 the group will work to develop a system to prohibit unspent grant money and will start with quarterly readjustments to make sure each partner meets the target goal. One-2-One reported that 21% under budget was a result of losing critical care patients that took up a big amount of the budget. The group also discussed how to better share client data so we can aggregate rides, divide up trip type, and look for efficiencies. The group discussed transitioning to the new scheduling software that will be replacing route match so all riders could be on one database. The new software will not be ready for 3-6 months, at which time we can hold trainings for partners. In FY23 need to involve more riders into committee discussion.

3) RIDE GUIDE

Devon led a discussion of the ride guide. The committee reviewed the final draft and offered feedback. Devon will order 1,000 copies to start.

4) PARTNER UPDATES

Rutland ARC: Not present. Still no ED.

Bridges & Beyond: Volunteer drivers are down and going to recruit more. Busy last few weeks. Feel like B&B could help with other partners such as SVCOA so no more denied rides.

Castleton Community: Lost bus driver. In search of new driver. Busy few weeks. Helping MVRTD with recovery and job access riders.

One-2-One: Low volunteer drivers. Slowest time in a while for ride requests. Excited to discuss more about new software. Also, happy to report a new driver from the VPR segment on E&D.

SVCOA: Volunteer drivers are at decent level and no denied rides. Increase in calls for transportation. FY23 excited to see what happens with collaboration on budget.

VCIL: Jessie said not much to report.

Devon: E&D summit was a big success. Thankful to see a few of our committee members there. Some good information on volunteer driver recruitment. Could be a future agenda item. Copy of all presentations available on the E&D website.

5) OPEN TO PUBLIC

None present.

6) ADJOURN

Adjourn at 12:21 PM.