



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

OLDER ADULTS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, 11:00 AM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 239 820 319 213, Pass: CpxDkJ Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 598 674 540#

In-Person: Rutland Regional Planning Commission Offices, 2nd Floor, 16 Evelyn St, Rutland, VT 05701

ATTENDANCE

(X = in person) (V = virtual attendance)

ORGANIZATION	NAME	
Advocacy Resources Community Rutland Area (ARC)	Diane Drake	
Bridges & Beyond (B&B)	Betty Spooner	X
Castleton Community Seniors (CCS)	Laurie Knauer	
Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD)	Jennifer Ellis	V
	Sarah LaBrecque	V
	Kristy Bloomer	V
One-2-One/RSVP (O-2-O/RSVP)	Maryesa White	V
	Tammy Brown	X
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA)	Courtney Anderson	V
Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans)	Dan Currier	V

Staff: Ethan Pepin, Transportation Planner - Rutland Regional Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS
Meeting called to order at 11:10 AM.
- APPROVAL OF JUNE 12TH AGENDA
Motion by Butterfield to approve the agenda. Second by Anderson. Approved by voice vote.
- APPROVAL OF MAY 8TH MINUTES
Motion by Spooner to approve the minutes. Second by Brown. Approved by voice vote.
- OPEN TO PUBLIC
No public Comments



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5. MVRTD UPDATE

Ellis explained that she had taken over as interim Executive Director at MVRTD after the departure of the previous Executive Director. MVRTD is currently searching for a new person to fill the role permanently. Ellis noted that she was reviewing the contracts between MVRTD and partners and noticed that MVRTD is responsible for background checks and drug/alcohol testing. Anderson noted that it was not in the agreement signed with SVCOA and said that she was waiting for their agreement to be signed by MVRTD. Ellis said there was an issue with the B&B contract as well. Brown said that she had got theirs straightened out and taken care of last week. White stated that she reviewed the contract and it stated that O-2-O/RSVP was responsible for background checks. Pepin thanked Ellis for the update. White raised a question about whether administrative funds could be increased through the grant. Currier noted that the grant was overleveraged for the state, so would not be increased at midyear. Currier also stated that while administrative costs were an eligible use for the grant, it directly impacts the total amount of trips that can be provided. Pepin thanked partners for the discussion and stated that with change happening at MVRTD, the OA&D program would be reviewed for improvements to its structure. Bloomer stated that she wanted to remind all partners that Medicaid should also be the first program riders are pushed to if eligible. Discussion was had. Currier stated that VTrans was working on providing updated trip guidance to partners. Expected to be ready in December for review.

6. PARTNER UPDATES

Spooner said that August ridership was up compared to previous months. Tammy said that she was continuing to juggle drivers, getting new ones and losing others. Anderson noted that things were similar to other partners, a few more social/personal trips with the nice weather. Anderson asked a question about someone who reached out to her about learning more about the current system. Currier stated that he was known to VTrans and was trying to bid on the contract for non-Medicaid transportation. Anderson asked if this meant he was trying to take the contract away from the Vermont Public Transit Association. Currier said yes and partners should not feel any obligation to provide information. Butterfield had no updates to report.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Butterfield to adjourn. Second by Brown Approved by voice vote.

Adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin