

**NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COORDINATING COUNCIL (NWRCC)
REGION 1 MINUTES**

Date: January 29, 2021

Time: 11pm – 1pm

Place: Zoom Call:

1) Welcome/Introductions – NOTE TAKER PLEASE

Roll call: Jacobson, Flaage, Grubich, Kouba, Phillippe, Haglund, and Bring.

No quorum

Staff present, Popowski, Schroeder, Pflaum, Mccoy, Tolliver, Castaneda, Johnson, Gottfried

2) Approval of November minutes * I have not been able to transcribe the minutes. No minutes to approve. No action taken.

3) Volunteer Driver Forum * Please spread the word and encourage attendance

Popowski discussed the need for volunteer drivers in each country. Johnson

asked how to start a volunteer driver forum? Tolliver discussed a session startup process that they use in the Arrowhead Region.

4) Legislative update – Tom Gottfried

Johnson asked if health care providers will be incorporated into the TMCC?

This question was again discussed when Gottfried joined the meeting.

Schroeder and Haglund discussed how that will need to get incorporated

because its an essential part of transit use. Blue Ride tried coordinating rides

and it didn't work well. Need to get BCBS and UCARE involved for insurance

purposes. A lot of logistical work will be required. Johnson also mentioned the

need to call ahead 24 hrs or more to schedule a ride. Many times hospital trips

are spur of the moment. Popowski discussed coordination with hospital

discharge and will contact Brian Carlson to discuss operating procedures that can be incorporated into the RTCC work.

Gottfried joined the meeting and discussed the organization of the Transportation Management Coordination Center and mentioned that the RTCC's will be contracted to complete the 2022 Transit Human Service Coordination Plans. Mapping and coordination with partners was also discussed and will be an important component of the Phase 4 contract.

Gottfried also discussed how the TMCC will be the entity that handles health care rides and the dealing with insurance issues. **MnDOT**

Comments/Recommendations – Michelle Lichtig, No report from Lichtig

- 5) **Planning / Small Groups** – Bryan McCoy, HRTCC; Beverly Sidlo-Tolliver, ARTCC Tolliver and McCoy discussed what each of their respective RTCC is working on.

- 6) **Review Goals for next 2 year Grant Cycle**

The RTCC will create a continuity between all the entities in delivering/coordinating the ride.

All the stakeholders will need to have a voice in the operation. Haglund commented to collaborate to those that don't currently have a ride service.

People that need to get to court.

- 7) **Set Meeting Dates for 2021**

Popowski scheduled the meeting dates for 2021. Gottfried invited everyone to the June 23rd MCOTA meeting.

8) Adjourn