



DRAFT
Regional Coordinating Council (RCC)
Meeting Minutes
3/25/2021

Attendees:

Camille Pattison, NTS	Lincoln Daly, Town of Milford
Donna Marceau, NSKS	Angela Wesson, NTS
Carol Brooks, SVTC	Pat Murphy, Town of Merrimack
Janet Langdell, SVTC	Henry Harris, Southern NH Services
John Savage, NTS	Matt Waitkins, NRPC
Dennie Townsend, SVTC	Jay Minkarah, NRPC
Elizabeth Gray- Radiation Center	Mason Twombly, NRPC
James Wilkie- Caregivers Inc.	

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Waitkins opened the meeting at 10:05am asking for a round of introductions.

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Waitkins asked if there were any questions about the February 2021 meeting minutes. Janet made some minor corrections:

Townsend motioned to adopt the minutes as amended. Brooks seconded. All were in favor of accepting the February 2021 Meeting Minutes as amended.

AGENCY UPDATES

NRPC

Waitkins updated the group that the funding proposal for the Greater Nashua Volunteer Driver Program Study had been approved. He gave brief explanation of what the study would entail. Waitkins went on to explain that in the future the group would need to convene a committee to guide this study. Langdell suggested that Waitkins send out the full approved application in advance of the next meeting so that members could understand what they would be participating in.

Waitkins mentioned that there is a micro-transit webinar on April 22nd during the time scheduled time of the RCC meeting. It was discussed and decided to move the RCC meeting to April 22nd at 1pm.

NTS

Pattison told the group that NTS ridership continues small but steady gains. Saturdays have been the best return of ridership at around 65% of pre-Covid ridership. She also mentioned the increase in ridership related to dialysis treatment on Saturday. Pattison pointed out that she

does not expect ridership to recover to 100% for quite some time. Advertisement revenue has started to pick back up again which is good. She shared information about requests for transport to the Covid vaccinations sites which has been primarily only for Nashua South High School. An RFP is being reissued for the Transit Center upgrades because of low response to the first request. Sewer line project is continuing to progress.

Murphy asked about the vaccination clinic requests she recommended that maybe reaching out to the Nashua Public Health Department and trying to get people set up for appointments at the Public Health Department's smaller sites.

SVTC

Langdell shared that rides had been slightly on the rise but with many activities still closed far below normal levels. She shared Pattison's thoughts that the ridership will most likely not fully recover for some time.

SCC

Langdell started by reviewing some of the background about the RCC region and 5310 funds. She noted our 5310-funding application has been submitted it, but we have not heard anything yet. Small amount of extra funding from the 5310 funding is available, that the RCC can make a plan to use in the future. NHDOT is requesting transfer from the CMAQ to support a statewide mobility management initiative, this would provide Region 7 with \$100,000 in funding over the course of the two-year period. She discussed the possibilities for the use of this funding.

SCC bylaws update is in process. SCC is working with the state on the Regional Mobility Management Initiative, which will help to foster new services as well as promote current services. She explained the goals, competencies, role, and performance measures of mobility management in the state.

Langdell posed the question of what the priorities of the mobility manager should be in our region. She mentioned By-Laws & MOU updates, updating of the directory and availability, building connections with stakeholders, and expanding the table, volunteer driver study, and branding. She asked for any other ideas from the group.

Minkarah and Murphy expressed their appreciation for all of the work and thought that was going into this project. Savage asked about whether this expansion of mobility management funding can be expected to continue. Langdell answered by saying that it is anticipated that the funding may not be available after the two years.

Pattison asked whether anyone thought that a Lyft or Uber type service would be something the group would want to pursue. NTS had piloted a similar service but the timing with the pandemic was less than ideal. Minkarah mentioned that would be an interesting service to be able to look into.

Langdell talked about the conversation about an on-demand service in downtown Milford related to parking. There was a conversation regarding door through door service and the needs of the seniors.

Langdell highlighted that outreach and education will be a major component to be improved. Donna Marceau pointed out that the Continuum of Care would be a good place to do outreach and reach a variety of providers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Langdell asked the group if they thought the group felt they needed a logo for the RCC. She shared a couple of examples with the group. Wilkie and Pattison agreed if we wanted to be advertising the group a logo would be a good addition. Pattison offered to have Sara O'Neil, who works with NTS, to come to the next meeting and gather some thoughts about what the group wants.

Waitkins mentioned that people may see a cancellation of the next few RCC meetings on their calendars due to updating of the zoom meeting links. Langdell asked for the SCC Annual Report to be sent out with the next round of information.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2021 (1:00PM-2:30PM)