

# Minutes

## WAUSHARA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

<b>Date</b>	November 4, 2011
<b>Location</b>	Demonstration Room, Waushara County Courthouse
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 2:04 PM by Vice-Chair Bernadette Krentz
<b>Roll Call:</b>	Debbie Paavola, Karen West, Rick King, Bernadette Krentz, Beverly Monson, Bill Rosenau and Sara Lane.
<b>Others Present</b>	Nathanael Brown – Transportation Coordinator, Sue Seefeldt – Transportation Dispatcher and Bev Walker, Heartland House

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion / Action</b>
Public Comments	Bev Walker reported that a family member recently had a concern that the hospital called to say the patient needed to be picked up and transported home and they could not reach the Waushara Industries pager, so an ambulance was used and they now have a \$700.00 bill. Rick King asked the date and Bev wasn't sure. Karen West and Rick King will work together to determine what happened. There was no other public comment at this time.

### Minutes and Actions of this Meeting

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion / Action</b>
Adoption of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda by Rick King; second by Karen West. Motion carried.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion / Action</b>
Approval of Minutes/ Prior Meeting	Motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011 by Rick King; seconded by Karen West. Motion carried. The minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting had not been approved due to lack of a committee quorum at the August 31, 2011 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of August 31, 2011 by Beverly Monson; second by Bill Rosenau. Motion carried.

<b>Reports</b>	<b>Discussion / Action</b>
A. Department of Aging Services	Nathanael reported that Care Wisconsin trips have been consistent. MOU with Wild Rose Manor is complete, no transportation requests yet.
B. Waushara Industries	Rick King reported that they are getting an average of two calls a weekend with the afterhours pager system. Trips are down because WI is not contracting with LogistiCare.
C. Veterans Department	Bill Rosenau reported that he projects that his department will come in under budget for transportation. He has had confirmation from VA that the transportation grant has not been cut. He also reported that he may have a veteran interested in being on the committee, but that person was not able to attend this meeting. Bill also stated that a representative from Winnebago County may be contacting Nathanael for advice on transportation for vets.
D. Human Services	Not present.

<b>Old Business</b>	<b>Discussion / Action</b>
A. Discussion / Possible Action Regarding Contracting with LogistiCare	Debbie reported that after some discussion, the Commission on Aging did approve to try to negotiate a contract with LogistiCare. The contract can not be edited electronically, and must be done by hand. This is taking a long time, but the hope is that it will be completed by the end of the year and service to MA clientele implemented in January 2012. Sara Lane reported that LogistiCare has been picking people up very early for appointments and has been forgetting to pick up some people. She was picked up early and has heard the same thing from other people. Debbie reported that DOAS is not hearing about problems and it is important to know when people are having problems getting rides to appointments so DOAS can continue to advocate. Rick King asked if any of the volunteer drivers are driving for LogistiCare. Nathanael stated that one driver reviewed the packet from LogistiCare and decided not to drive for them.

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New Business	Discussion / Action
A. Public Comment, Review & Approval of 2012 STRAP Grant Application	There was one member of the public in attendance. Nathanael reviewed the 2012 STRAP grant application, pointing out that the total operating expenses were budgeted at \$20,500. \$16,000 would come from the grant, the county will provide a match of \$4,000 and \$500 will be passenger revenue. Nathanael reported that the STRAP grant has been submitted with the expanded hours of 7:30 am to 6:00 pm remaining in effect and the public riders will continue to use the same \$4.00 co-pay rate as elderly and disabled riders. The public was given the opportunity to make comments on the application. There being no comments, Rick King made a motion to approve the application for the STRAP grant as submitted, second by Bill Rosenau. Motion carried.
B. Public Comment, Review & Approval of s.85.21 Grant Application	There was one member of the public in attendance. Nathanael reviewed the 2012 s.85.21 grant application in detail. The 2008 SAFTEA-LU plan was discussed in relation to the 2012 projects while reviewing the coordination section of the application. The service days and times of both the mini bus and volunteer driver programs were reviewed, along with the applicable copayment rates. The overall budget and individual program budgets were highlighted and discussed. The public was given the opportunity to make comments. There were none. Several committee members commented that the application was well done. Motion by Bill Rosenau to approve the 85.21 grant application as written, second by Beverly Monson. Motion carried.
C. Discussion Regarding the Concealed Carry Law's Affect on Transportation Service	Nathanael reported that as of November 1, 2011, the new concealed weapon law went into effect. Debbie reported that the county has made the decision to prohibit concealed weapons in county buildings, and county employees or anyone contracting with the county was prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon while working. This would prohibit a mini-bus driver from carrying a concealed weapon while working, and a volunteer driver from carrying one while they were driving for the program. A volunteer could keep a weapon locked in their trunk though. Discussion followed on whether or not a passenger should be allowed to carry a concealed weapon when riding the mini bus or with volunteer drivers. Further action was taken regarding this topic under New Business, Item D.
D. Review & Approval of Additions to Transportation User Guidelines	<p>The committee reviewed several proposed changes to the Waushara County Coordinated Transportation Program Guidelines for Use of Service.</p> <p>Two deletions were proposed. The first was to delete a bullet point that stated, "A trip being reimbursed by Medical Assistance will be scheduled but may not occur until prior authorization is received from Waushara County Human Services." This deletion was proposed because Medical Assistance trips are now scheduled by LogistiCare. The second was to delete the words, "through Medical Assistance" from the bullet point on co-pay rates.</p> <p>Two additions to the guidelines were proposed. The first was to add a bullet point that stated, "Participants must wear proper clothing, to include shoes and shirt." The second was to add a bullet point that stated, "Participants who use the minibuses for shopping must ensure that their bags/packages are stored in such a way that aisles remain clear and that there are seats available for other passengers at all times. Participants may not be allowed to complete their scheduled stops if they have accumulated enough items that there is not adequate room for other passengers to safely move through the aisles or be seated." Discussion followed on how this bullet point would affect people who used the minibuses for shopping. Motion to approve the two deletions and two additions to the guidelines by Rick King, second by Bill Rosenau. Motion Carried.</p> <p>A fifth change to the guidelines was also proposed. It involved adding a bullet point that said, "Participants and anyone accompanying them are prohibited from bringing any firearm, explosive, knife, dagger, pepper spray, electronic weapon, simulated firearm or any other dangerous weapon (as defined in Chapter 26, Article I, Sec. 26-4 of the Waushara County Code of Ordinances) into a minibus vehicle or the vehicle of a volunteer driver. This prohibition also includes gasoline cans and propane tanks whether they are full or empty." There was a lot of discussion on this proposed change. While most committee members agreed there should be no reason a passenger would need a weapon while riding the minibus or with a volunteer driver, several expressed the view that the passenger might feel they needed a weapon at their</p>

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	<p>destination. Sara Lane expressed a concern that pepper spray was listed as a weapon, and a passenger may want to carry that for protection. Discussion of lethal versus non-lethal weapons followed. Committee members also expressed a concern that if passengers were allowed to carry weapons while being transported, but their destination did not allow the carrying of weapons, the driver would be asked to keep the weapon on the bus. Some concerns were expressed that passengers might feel un-safe with guns on the mini bus. There was also discussion concerning liability, and if you post in your vehicle that concealed weapons are not allowed and a rider is injured because they can not protect themselves, who is liable? Discussion continued.</p> <p><b>Motion by Rick King to <u>not</u> include the proposed bullet point prohibiting participants from carrying weapons in vehicles at this time. Second by Bill Rosenau. Motion carried. Debbie stated that the Commission on Aging is also discussing how concealed carry affects all department related programs, including transportation.</b></p>
<b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>	No future agenda items were discussed.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion to adjourn at 3:03 PM by Karen West; second by Rick King. Motion Carried
<b>Recorded By:</b>	Sue Seefeldt

Respectfully submitted,