

# **Regional Transportation Coordination Meeting**

**September 25, 2018**

**Attendees:** *Liberty Sieiter (Stevens County), Laurie Bonds (Douglas County), Julie Maudal (Traverse County), Wayne Hurley (WCI), Lori Schwartz (Lakes and Prairies), Kesha Anderson (Region 4), Dara Lee (Clay County HRA), Daryn Toso (Productive Alternatives), Tom Partington (Rainbow Rider), Cynthia Sprung (Wilkin County), Stephanie Aasness (WCMCA), Heather Molesworth (WCMCA), Susan Siemers (MNDOT)*

## **Introductions made**

## **Regional Need Updates**

Discussion held on what is currently going on in the Region pertaining to transportation needs

- Rainbow Rider serves Douglas, Pope, Grant, Traverse, Stevens, and Todd Counties
- Productive alternative serves Ottertail, Rural Clay and Wilken Counties
- Great need for volunteer drivers in are entire region
- Need for Seniors transportation
- Assistance needed for people to get a license again
- In Douglas county people possibly using LIFT Services
- Churches United utilizing an Uber service

## **RTCC**

Discussion held on the background of the current RTCC grant that West Central Minnesota Communities Action (WCMCA) has and purpose of calling meeting with regional partnerships

- The primary goal of the plan is to examine opportunities for coordination among transportation providers in west central Minnesota, focusing primarily on public transit and human service transportation services, as well as private transportation providers.
- The 2017 update includes an inventory of transportation services in the region, determines gaps in service, and identifies some potential strategies to address those gaps. The 2017 Region 4 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan was adopted on November 9, 2017.
- Need minimum of Four Counties involvement
- A counsel needs to be established by December 2018

## **Going Forward**

Partners Needed at the table:

- Hospital administrator's providers within 30 miles outside of region- Sanford/Essentia/Alomere etc.
- Insurance providers- Prime west, etc.
- Car Care Program-Douglas County
- Hirer power automotive program in the FM Area
- Technical Colleges
- Universities within region
- Automotive Clinics
- Commissioners
- Waivered and disability services

## **Big Question**

- How do we get between the Corridors to provide transportation?