

In attendance: See Sign in sheet

Power Point Overview - See attachments

Hired a new integrator – Alissa Smith will be officed at Mahube-Otwa in Fergus Falls and WCMCA in Elbow Lake

Need a new Vice Chair

Heather Motioned to elect Chris Chisolm – Cody seconded – motion carries

Ask to draw a tree – Most people didn't draw roots. We need to have a root system to have growth.

Work Plan Task 3 – see attachment

Q1. (Discussion) Need Accessibility & More Resources

Q3. Barriers (Discussion) Cost, hours of operation, funding source, connecting resources, collaboration of agencies, wheelchair accessibility, wait for reimbursement, advance notice, different options besides buses. Volunteer – insurance liability and mileage rate, taxes.

Q5. Advantages (Discussion) – luck -volunteer drives very key. MAT bus runs in evening. Health plans usually cover medical transportation needs. RSVP program for volunteer drives – for senior drivers gives insurance and doesn't tax.

Establishing Rural bus stops – see attachment

(General Discussion)

Professional & Individual (shopping) - how do you manage time, number of riders, figuring out which cities need to be on a volunteer driver basis. Create a program to vet volunteers and oversee services.

Focus on volunteers and not public transportation.

Advertising – look at all populations how do we get transit info to all of them?

Collect Data – who's going to ride and from where- figure out funding resources – Businesses providing transportation to get employees back and forth to work. People from some of the same towns going into work could provide ride share to others.

Public providers will present on what they are doing and then look at what is needed for volunteer drivers.

Minnesota RTCC's will be meeting and they will bring feedback – what's working?

Clinic's & Hospitals – trying to get more of them to the table

Meeting Adjourned 2:40PM

Next meeting August 26th, 1:00PM West Central Initiative, Fergus Falls