

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Stephanie Levenhagen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present

Melissa Evans, Mike Falkinham, Sara Gaska, Brian Jacobson, Ray Lake, Lori Lange, and Jim Wiersma

Also Present

Bev Behm, Sheila Drays, Pat Jacob, Stephanie Levenhagen, Amanda Mersch, and Sheri Whitty

Consideration to Deviate from the Agenda if Needed

None

Approve the Minutes of the January Meeting

Lori Lange motioned and Sara Gaska seconded to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2017, Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. The motion carried.

Public Forum

None

Action: Review, Discuss and Recommend to the Humans Services and Health Department Board new advisory member, Ray Lake

Stephanie Levenhagen asked the committee to approve Ray Lake as a new advisory member.

Sara Gaska motioned and Jim Wiersma seconded to approve that Ray Lake become a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. The motion carried.

Action: Review, Discuss and Recommend to the Humans Services and Health Department Board closing transportation services on Thursday, July 20 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. so all driver can attend training

Stephanie and Pat Jacob reported on the "Smart Driver" class through AARP program. This program would be offered Thursday, July 20 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brian Johnson motioned and Lori Lange seconded to approve the closing transportation services on Thursday July 20, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The motion carried.

Bylaws Review and Second Reading

Stephanie asked the committee for approval of the Bylaws with the change to quarterly meetings.

Sara Gaska motioned and Melissa Evans seconded to approve the Bylaws. The motion carried.

Lacrosse Training; WAMM and WRAPP Merger; Transportation Public Hearings; Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers 2017 Priorities

Stephanie reported on the *Lacrosse Training; WAMM and WRAPP Merger; Transportation Public Hearings; Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers 2017 Priorities*. Discussion followed.

Easter Seals Grant

Stephanie reported on *Easter Seals Grant* and it is for \$100,000. Next meeting will be in May.

Dodge County Transportation Program Updates

Stephanie mentioned the issue of car seats and volunteer drivers. Discussion followed.

Transportation Program Updates from Committee Members

Pat reported on the three AARP programs that are coming up in May, June and July.

Other Business

Stephanie reported that the new van would be arriving today at 11 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on June 27, 2017 in room G46, at 199 County Road DF, Juneau.

Adjournment

Lori Lange motioned and Sara Gaska seconded to adjourn the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephanie Levenhagen

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

Beyond the White LINES

Leadership Change at Wisconsin Department of Transportation

As of Jan. 6, 2017, Secretary Gottlieb resigned his position with Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation. Governor Walker appointed Dave Ross as the new Secretary as of Jan. 7. Sec. Ross was former Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services. We will begin to form a relationship with the new administration including Deputy Secretary, Bob Seitz. Mr. Seitz previously worked for the Wisconsin Public Services Commission.

Governor's Budget and Transportation

This year, a significant amount of attention is being paid to the transportation portion of the Governor's budget. There are questions about revenues needed to continue maintenance of existing local, state roads, highways and bridges and a recent audit of the Dept. of Transportation calls into question procedures within the Department related to road construction cost estimates. You may be thinking, that's roads, not transit or specialized transportation, but they are connected. Various modes of transportation, from walking to transit to road construction are all funded through the segregated transportation fund as part of a long-standing policy of transportation funding being for a network of services.

In the Governor's proposed [budget](#), the state funding for specialized transportation, 85.21, was increased by 2% in each year of the [biennium](#). The tribal specialized transportation program, 85.215 was increased by \$148,500 in each year of the biennium. This more than doubles funding in the tribal transportation program. Transit funding was neither increased nor decreased despite the desperate need in capital funding to replace aging and unsafe transit vehicles.

We continue to watch developments on the Federal level that have the potential to significantly impact transit and specialized transportation programs.

Volunteer Drivers and Insurance – OCI Report Released

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance has published updated results of a survey of vehicle insurance providers that provide personal insurance coverage for volunteers who drive for charitable organizations. The report can be found at the OCI website under Consumer Publications, Other or [here](#).

Beyond the White Lines

is a publication of the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. dedicated to transportation, mobility and healthy, active communities.

For more information, contact Carrie Porter, carrie.porter@gwaar.org, 608-228-8092

Transportation

Legislative Day - March 8 State Capitol, RSVP Bengelki@ci.waukesha.wi.us

WAMM/WRAPP

Conference – April 5-6 Wausau – click [here](#) to register

WIPTA Conference

Oct. 2-4, Oshkosh

Free Driver Training

(RTAP) Click [here](#) for training schedule.

March 2017



Madison Office:

1414 MacArthur Road
Suite A
Madison, WI 53714
ph. 608.243.5670
fax. 866.813.0974

Brookfield Office:

125 N. Executive Drive, Suite 207
Brookfield, WI 53005

Green Bay Office:

2900 Curry Lane, Suite 414
Green Bay, WI 54311

Tribal Technical Assistance Center:

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
P.O. Box 9
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538
ph. 800.472.7207
fax. 715.588.7900

Wisconsin's Transportation Associations Updates

WRAPP, WAMM, WURTA, WCTC, WATO... WHAT?!? There are a number of transportation associations in WI of which many of you may be members. There are exciting developments in several associations as well as upcoming conferences to report.



Working
Together
For
You



Several years ago, the transportation associations in WI convened regular meetings to discuss ways in which to better organize and coordinate to meet the needs of those who rely on each association's expertise, information, and advocacy support. The WI Assn. of Mobility Managers (WAMM) and WI Rural & Paratransit Providers (WRAPP) continued these discussions and received member approval to begin the process of merging the two associations. The two groups already partnered to offer a joint spring conference the last 2 years and will be doing so again on April 5-6 in Wausau. Registration is open for this conference and can be found [here](#). Details on other aspects of the merger like dues and committees are still being determined. The associations are confident this merger will result in more benefits and value to new and existing members.



For many years, the WI Urban and Rural Transit Association (WURTA) has been a leader in transit related advocacy. There are 2 significant announcements concerning WURTA.

First, Gary Goyke who has been the long-time Legislative Liaison for WURTA retired from that position in Oct. 2016. WURTA enlisted the lobbying services of AJ Wilson of the firm Hubbard Wilson and Zelenkova. Gary continues to provide legislative services to other transportation associations like All Aboard WI, the SMV Association and WAMM.

Second, as of January 2017, the WURTA Board considered several issues related to the association and officially voted to dissolve WURTA. A new association was formed, the WI Public Transportation Association which is seeking 501(C)6 non-profit status. The new logo is above and you will see advertising for the March 8 Legislative Day at the Capitol, position papers and the fall conference flyers all under this new association. If you have any questions about this change, please direct them to WIPTA President, Brain Engelking at bengelki@ci.waukesha.wi.us.

If you have a suggestion for topics in future newsletters, please contact Carrie Porter, carrie.porter@gwaar.org.

Volunteers and Insurance

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

PI-236 (C 10/2016)

We are fortunate in Wisconsin to have so many people willing to volunteer to help a charity of their choice. Volunteering can take many different forms. A volunteer may be manning a food tent, selling brats and hot dogs to picnic patrons in order to raise money for an organization; transporting meals to the disabled; providing rides to veterans; or serving on a board of directors.

For both the organization and the volunteer, there are important insurance issues. For example, what happens if a volunteer driver is in an accident? Or what happens if a volunteer trips and lands on top of the grill while the grill is still cooking those delicious Wisconsin brats?

For organizations utilizing volunteers, it is important to understand your insurance benefits and how your policies may impact your volunteer's insurance coverage. In some cases insurance coverage will be impacted if the organization reimburses the volunteer for their expenses. If you have a board of directors, your liability coverage may or may not extend to the board's actions and you may need to secure additional coverage.

For volunteers, the issues are equally important. Before engaging in volunteer activities, it is important to ask your insurance agent or your insurance company about coverage for the activities you are engaging in, and remember the details matter. In some cases the coverage provided by your personal insurance may be limited if you accept any reimbursement for your volunteer activities even if the reimbursement only covers some of your expenses.

Auto Insurance

The most important point to remember is that personal auto insurance policies vary on their treatment of volunteer driving activities. In almost all cases, the insurer will provide coverage for volunteers in which there is no reimbursement for expenses. However, if the organization provides any reimbursement, even if it is just for some of the expenses incurred by the driver, some insurers will treat that as a commercial activity.

Volunteer drivers should look carefully at auto insurance issues. It is important to clarify if the organization for which you are volunteering is already covered under a commercial auto insurance policy. If not, a discussion

with your insurance agent or insurance company may clarify the issues for you. You may be able to purchase a separate rider on your policy. If your insurer limits coverage and volunteering is important to you, you may be able to find an insurance company that will provide coverage under your personal auto policy. (See the attached list of insurance carriers offering volunteer driver coverages.)

For volunteer organizations engaging drivers, it is important to have a discussion with your drivers. Reimbursement policies may vary from insurer to insurer. Commercial policies that cover your drivers may also be another option.

Liability Insurance

Liability insurance provides coverage for damages and legal defense in cases where the actions of the organization have resulted in some harm to a person or property. There are a number of types of liability coverage including:

Directors and Officers

This coverage provides protection to directors and officers from claims which arise from negligent conduct committed in their capacity as directors and officers.

Comprehensive General Liability

This type of policy provides many liability coverages under one contract.

Multi-Peril

Though it is possible to purchase many separate insurance policies to cover a single business operation, this may be impractical. Therefore, rather than shopping for each type of insurance you need individually, you may want to buy a multi-peril policy. This is a comprehensive policy which can be tailored to suit your business needs and will provide both property and liability protection. For many businesses it is the most efficient and economical way to buy insurance.

Umbrella and Excess Liability

Umbrella liability insurance provides two kinds of coverage: payments of liabilities in excess of

loss offered in your basic commercial policy, auto liability, or employers' liability coverages and liability for areas not covered in other liability policies. Excess liability coverage provides protection for catastrophic accidents or occurrences, such as when a number of people are injured at once. The main difference between excess and umbrella policies is that umbrella policies cover all underlying liability policies whereas excess liability policies increase the limits of liability in one particular policy.

Worker's Compensation

For the most part, volunteer workers are exempt from the worker's compensation requirements in the statutes. Specifically, as detailed in our *Consumer's Guide to Worker's Compensation Insurance for Employers*:

A volunteer for a nonprofit organization that is exempt or eligible for exemption from federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code who receives nominal payments of money or other things of value totaling not more than \$10.00 per week is not considered to be an employee under the Act, unless the nonprofit organization elects to cover the volunteer under its policy.

Volunteers who are injured while working as a volunteer will not have coverage for lost wages (at a job that provides income) unless covered under another insurance policy such as a weekly income policy.

Organizations providing volunteers with compensation in excess of the statutory \$10.00 per week limit may want to explore their liability for any injuries their volunteers may incur while providing services.

Tips for Understanding Volunteer Insurance

For volunteers:

1. Read your insurance policies to understand your coverage.
2. Talk to your insurance agent or your insurer about any concerns you may have.
3. Shop around for coverage. While one insurance company may not cover your volunteer activities, other insurers may.
4. Talk to the organization you will be volunteering for about insurance coverage.

For organizations:

1. Read your insurance policies to understand what is and is not covered.
2. Review your insurance coverage at least annually with your insurance agent.
3. Make sure your policies and procedures line up with your insurance coverage.
4. Before conducting any large public event make sure you discuss coverage with your insurance agent and/or your insurer.
5. Discuss any insurance issues with your employees and volunteers to make sure there is coverage in case of an unfortunate event.

List of Insurers Offering Volunteer Coverage

Below is a list of carriers operating in Wisconsin who insure volunteer drivers under their personal auto policies and cover claims which occur while using the insured vehicle for volunteer purposes. It is important to remember that insurance companies reserve the right to make underwriting and claim judgements based on the individual risk or claim presented. Typically, it would be expected that volunteer driving would not be on a regular basis and would be incidental to the overall usage of the vehicle. It is not unreasonable for a company to require proof—particularly in the event of a claim—that the reimbursement was based on actual expenses incurred and/or the mileage reimbursement was based on IRS guidelines.

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance recommends consumers read their policy in detail for information addressing volunteer coverage as well as contacting their carrier with additional questions or clarifications.

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
P.O. Box 7873
Madison, WI 53707-7873

OCI's Web Site:
oci.wi.gov

Insurance Carriers Offering Volunteer Driver Coverages
(listed in alphabetical order)

21st Century Centennial Company	Horace Mann Insurance Company
Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company	Horace Mann Property & Casualty Insurance Company
AIG Property Casualty Company	IDS Property Casualty Company
Allstate Indemnity Company	IMT Insurance Company
Allstate Insurance Company	Integrity Mutual Insurance Company
Allstate Property and Casualty Company	Integrity Property and Casualty Insurance Company
American Family Mutual Insurance Company	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group (all Liberty companies)
American Standard Insurance Company of WI	Mid-Century Insurance Company
Artisan and Truckers Casualty Company	National General Insurance Company
Auto Club Group Insurance Company	Owners Insurance Company
Auto Club Insurance Association	Progressive Casualty Insurance Company
Auto Owners Insurance Company	Progressive Classic Insurance Company
Badger Mutual Insurance Company	Progressive Northern Insurance Company
Bristol West Insurance Company	Progressive Universal Insurance Company
Country Mutual Insurance Company	Rural Mutual Insurance Company
Country Preferred Insurance Company	Safeco Insurance
Dairyland Insurance Company	Sagamore Insurance Company
Electric Insurance Company	Secura Insurance
Erie Insurance Company	Sentry Insurance a Mutual Company
Erie Insurance Exchange	Standard Fire Insurance Company, The
Esurance Insurance Company	Teachers Insurance Company
Farmers Insurance Exchange	Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Company, The
GEICO	Travelers Property Casualty Insurance Company
GEICO Advantage Insurance Company	Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin
GEICO Casualty Company	Wadena Insurance Company
GEICO General Insurance Company	West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
GEICO Indemnity Company	Wilson Mutual Insurance Company
General Casualty Company of Wisconsin	Wisconsin Mutual Insurance Company
Germantown Mutual Insurance Company	
Hartford Insurance Company, The	