Minutes
Vernon County Transportation Coordinating Committee
September 24, 2019

The Vernon County Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting was called to order on September 24, 2019 at 12:05 pm by Tricia Clements. Proper public notice was given. A motion was made by Jon Howe to approve the minutes from June 5, 2019 with the correction that ILR is celebrating the 25th and not their 50th; second by Hanson. Motion carried.

Updates on Program Information

Myhre Foster, from ILR, shared that ILR will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. Everyone is welcome to attend and the ADRC will provide transportation if needed. Right now, they are focusing and prioritizing transportation and would like to be a member of the group. All present were in support of this.

Jon Howe from Vernon Manor stated they have a new activities director and they are providing more trips and activities. The bus is still being used for medical appointments.

Hanson shared that VARC has three new buses coming. They are also looking at options to add more handicap spaces on their current buses. They currently have 27 buses but continue to receive new referrals increasing the demand for buses.

Heinz from Couleecap reports they have loans available for vehicles. The max amount one can receive is $5400. They then are required to pay $150 per month for 36 months. The loans are interest free. They also have funds available for the vehicle repair program. Individuals can receive up to $1000 and are required to make $50 per month payments. To qualify for either of these programs there needs to be some work-related income.

Raasch from the ADRC reported that the minibus was sold. We have added a few volunteer drivers so scheduling is not as difficult. The Senior Shopping Day with the minibus continues to be a success and there are plans to add a second day in the month. The ADRC was encouraged to put monthly flyers up at the Co-op with the bus schedule.
85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program

The ADRC is currently working on the 85.21 grant. The committee supports the programs that the ADRC provides through the funding received. The public hearing will be held on November 13, 2019 at 3 pm at the Banta Building.

Discussion on next meeting date, time and host location

Next meeting will be December 17th, 2019 at noon at VARC, Inc. in Viroqua.

A motion was made by Hanson to adjourn, second by Raasch. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Clements, Unit Director
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In Attendance
Tricia Clements
Jon Howe
Chelsey Myhre Foster
Krista Heinz
Lindsey Raasch
Tracy Hanson