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FROM: Carrie Linder, Aging and Disability Services Manager
DATE: February 10, 2021
RE: **TCC Meeting Notice**

The Bayfield County Department of Human Services Transportation Coordinating Committee will meet on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.** Due to COVID-19 and the pandemic, remote access to this meeting will originate from Conference Room A, lower level of the Courthouse in Washburn. Public participation remote access is available by phone by calling **1-715-318-2087 at the start of the meeting and entering participant code 532405997 followed by the # sign.** TCC members will receive an invitation via Microsoft Teams.

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Department of Human Services at 715-373-6144, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time so appropriate arrangements can be made.

The agenda includes: Review of the January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes; Program Presentation-Bay Mobility, Bay Mobility Founder/Owner Carla Becker; 5-Year Transportation Coordination Plan and TCC Goals-Review and Refine; Discuss Next Action Steps; and other business that may come before the Committee.

cc: Post (bulletin board and website)

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**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Carla Becker-Vice Chairman
Jeff Benton
Mary Dougherty-Chairman

Carrie Linder
Jeremy Oswald
Beth Probst

Sam Ray
Carol Salminen
Perri Shuga

RE: February 17, 2021 Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting

Dear Committee Members:

Please be advised that the next Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.**

Due to COVID19 and the pandemic, remote access to this meeting will originate from Conference Room A, Washburn, Wisconsin.

Public participation remote access is available by phone by calling 1-715-318-2087 at the start of the meeting and entering participant code 532 405 997 followed by the # sign. TCC members to receive an invitation via Microsoft Teams.

Notice is hereby given, in the event the standing committee does not have a quorum, the County Board Chair or Vice Chair may act as an ex officio member (County ordinance, Chapter 3, section 2-3-1 (c)).

Any person planning to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the Department of Human Services at 715-373-6144, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. **Discussion and Possible Action** – Review of the January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. Program Presentation – Private Transportation Provider, Bay Mobility, Bay Mobility Founder/Owner Carla Becker
4. 5-year Transportation Plan and TCC Goals – Review and refine TCC's Goals

5. Discuss next action steps
6. Motion to Adjourn

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jenise Swartley
Director of Community Services at CORE Community Resources

c: Bayfield County DHS Transportation Coordinating Committee Members

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**

**1/20/2021
3:30 - 5:00 PM**

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| DRAFT: Subject to change at the NEXT meeting |
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Committee Members Present: Jeremy Oswald, Mary Dougherty, Samantha Ray, Carla Becker, Carrie Linder,

Committee Members Excused: Beth Probst, Carol Salminen, Perri Shuga

Committee Member Absent: Jeff Benton

Staff Present: Mark Ables-Allison, Elizabeth Skulan, Jenise Swartley

Other Present: Pat Daoust, Shari Nutt

1. Call to Order and Introductions Mary Dougherty called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

2. **Discussion and Possible Action** - Review of the November 4th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jeremy, second by Carla to approve the minutes, motion carried.

3. Program Presentation - Mobility Management Program, BART Mobility Manager Shari Nutt

Shari Nutt discussed her role as Mobility Manager, and the common transportation barriers and needs she encounters. The mobility manager's responsibilities include:

- talking through transportation options with riders and making a transportation plan with them
- riding with passengers during their first ride as requested to increase comfort level
- working with people with disabilities to address their access needs.

Municipalities, the BRICK, schools, and health clinics often refer people to her. She oversees seven counties. She uses the Center for Independent Living's resource list to locate transportation services for people.

Transportation barriers and needs she often witnesses include:

- a lack of awareness the County's volunteer driver program exists--could the program accommodate more people if it was more widely known?
- If they don't qualify for Medicaid but are low-income or if a bus option is not available for their transportation needs, it is difficult for them to afford transportation.
- She receives a lot of calls for transportation from Ashland and Bayfield Counties to Hayward.
- With COVID, there's no place to sit inside to wait for the bus.
- Vaccine rollout - how to vaccinate people who do not have transportation.

Also discussed was the possibility of an Uber type service; could the county create its own? It is a potential economic development opportunity; could Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation be a partner?

4. 5-year Transportation Coordination Plan - Review of plan and the goals/activities worksheet

Carrie Linder reviewed the takeaways of the plan. Education and marketing works when Carrie has the time to do it. Carrie doesn't know if we could handle more requests through the volunteer driver program unless we also recruit new volunteer drivers as a part of the marketing and education campaign. Except for a few clinics, healthcare providers are not attuned to the transportation needs of their clients. We have not been able to talk with larger employers about their employees' transportation needs. Grant funding through the state has been reduced throughout the years; Pat Daoust says more funding opportunities have become available recently, and we'll see what is available in the future.

7. 2018 Bayfield Transportation Survey Results - Revisit findings

Agenda item was skipped due to lack of time.

8. Discuss next action steps

1. Carla Becker of Bay Mobility will present her story and perspective as a private transportation provider during the February meeting.
2. During the February meeting, continue to review committee's goals and the goals of the five-year plan to hone in on what needs to be carried out through the committee.
3. Invite North Country Independent Living and/or Western Wisconsin Center for Independent Living to speak about the voucher program during the March meeting.

Future Meeting Date

February 17th 3:30 - 4:30

March 17th 3:30 - 4:30

Adjournment

Motion by Jeremy, second by Carrie to adjourn at 4:55, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenise Swartley.