

Forsyth in Motion Minutes
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Vicki Poore, Chairman
 Ken Baker, WSDOT
 Sam Matthews, Shepherd's Center WS
 Glenda Shephard, Here2There
 Vicki Ceneviva, FCASPC

Debi Grant, Town of Kernersville
 Fred Haith, WSDOT
 Diane Wimmer, DSS
 Wanda Morrison, Here2There

<p>Vicki Poore Chairman</p>	<p>Introductions were made around the table. Vicki suggest that we start to think about what we want to do in the fall. She sent out some things about mobility management that should be added to human services trans plan. How do we get transportation to people from outer regions of the county.</p>
<p>Sam Matthews Shepherd's Center WS</p>	<p>Sam says he continues to be concerned about the length of time it takes to get payments from the city. Going back to the FY15 contracts, they will be 2 years into the grant cycle by the time the contracts are signed and sealed. Many contractors are saying that if they have to wait two years for reimbursements they may not be able to apply for the funds. Most vendors are going into reserves every month to cover the costs.</p>
<p>Ken Baker WSDOT</p>	<p>Ken introduced Fred Haith, Planning Development Coordinator for WSDOT to the group. Ken said that the FY15 contracts are in progress. Allocations for FY15 will happen at the same time. The call for projects will happen later because they missed an opportunity to coordinate with with the Finance Allocation Committee, which is comprised of WSDOT staff. There are several hoops they have to go through. The state reviews projects and then the federal government and so things come to a halt during the process..</p>
<p>Fred Haith WSDOT</p>	<p>Fred said they acted prematurely in issuing the call for projects this year. FY15 contracts are with the city attorney and once they are approved they will reissue the call for projects. There are seven vendors who have applied for FY15 funds.</p>
<p>Sam Matthews Shepherd's Center WS</p>	<p>Sam said that the the confrontation with city council in 2014 was awful because the council had not been properly informed and thought that all the money was for the city. We need to be sure that when the reallocations go go to the city council, the council understands why there are so many providers, the difference in trip</p>

	<p>rates and that it is a grant to MPO, not just the city of Winston-Salem.</p>
<p>Fred Haith WSDOT</p>	<p>Fred said they are working through these issues. The WSDOT has to be thorough because if there was an audit, the state or federal government would want to get money back from the city. Federal programs are always cost reimbursements. The process was supposed to encourage grassroots, entrepreneurial activity but instead it turns people away from the table.</p> <p>Vicki P. asked about the TIGER grant for the Community Connector multi use pathway. Fred said he is hopeful that they will hear in 3-4 months. Fred's supervisor has been to DC to lobby for the grant.</p>
<p>Vicki Poore Chairman</p>	<p>Vicki said that it puts a damper on trying to do something new because it is a reimbursement.</p> <p>Vicki said that she got a letter back from Washington DC thanking Forsyth in Motion for their support of the TIGER grant application..</p>
<p>Debi Grant Town of Kernersville</p>	<p>Debi said that everything is going smoothly in Kville. Ridership is picking up again in the 2nd quarter. Fell off in the winter. The route does not currently go to the YMCA, stopped going to the hospital - may have to consider VA and hospital. Very few dropoffs at senior center. VP said she has requests for trips to the Y. They only run two days a week. Could drop off at 9:30 and pick up at 11:30.</p>
<p>Wanda Morrison Glenda Shephard Here2There</p>	<p>Glenda said that she has been making sure that all their vehicles are air conditioned. This is especially important for patients leaving dialysis.</p> <p>Wanda said she is having a lot of trouble with NCTracks. They should have had transportation providers help to design the program. The 800 number is difficult to get through to and not particularly helpful.</p> <p>They have been approved as a medicaid provider. They have been told that they will start anywhere from August - January. Medicaid made a site visit last week. The application process took about a month beginning to end.</p>
<p>Diane Wimmer DSS</p>	<p>Diane said that during the first year of NCFast there were many providers who threatened to stop being medicaid providers</p>

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<p>Vicki Poore Chairman</p>	<p>Vicki said she received a text from Jackie Settles who could not attend the meeting. Jackie said that she has no new business. Their new drivers will start training in July. WSTA will have a site visit from NCTracks next week. They are still working on ADA compliance.</p> <p>The 2016 Accessible Festival on Friday, July 15th in the Education Building at the Fairground in Winston-Salem.</p>
<p>Sam Matthews Shepherd's Center</p>	<p>Sam has 30-40% increase in ridership over five years. People are not applying for ADA even though they should. SC is helping them apply. SC has subcontracted with Here2There for wheelchair transportation. Good collaboration. TransAid cannot back up without a certain radius or go up a certain grade of steepness.</p> <p>Sam thinks a lot of people think because of WSTA and TransAid we have the transportation needs of the county covered. In fact, there are many transportation deserts. Hard to wait for TransAid after dialysis and then spend an hour getting home.</p> <p>Over last 10 years people are living longer with increased cognitive issues. SC calls to remind people. Doing a lot of concierge transportation.</p>
<p>Wanda Morrison Here2There</p>	<p>Wanda said they have a couple of drivers who have voiced concerns about abuse. They had a driver who had been dressing the client, etc. When they put another driver on that route, client was not dressed when the driver arrived. The aide said she would lock him out if he was not back on time. Another client told the driver that there is not enough food at the group home. Diane will give her a number to call. Diane offered to have someone from APS come to their staff meeting and explain what to look for.</p>