

Transportation Committee Meeting

April 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Transportation Meeting was called to order by Chair Buss at 10:00am on Thursday, April 24, 2025, in the County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, Green Lake WI. The meeting was held in person and via Teams. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Chuck Buss, Dawn Brantley, Jon Vandeyacht, Rebecca Bays (via Teams).

Absent: Ryan Bamberg

Others Present: Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial/Business Manager (via Teams), Jason Jerome, Interim County Administrator & HHS Director at 10:07, Sarah Petit, HHS Admin, Debbie Stobbe, FRI (via Teams) Kristine Biesenthal, Elder Benefits Specialist.

A quorum of the members for the Transportation Committee was not present so no formal action was taken.

Correspondence:

None.

85.21 Specialized Transportation Association Grant Update:

Kristine Biesenthal reported- Starting 1/1/25 Green Lake County brought the 85.21 transportation in house. Southern Green Lake, City of Princeton and the City of Green Lake are no longer providers for the 85.21 program. The City of Berlin and Fox River Industries still provide 85.21 services. Rates have changed and are a suggested contribution with riders contributing what they can afford. Monthly contribution letters are mailed to individuals who received transportation.

5-year Transportation Plan Goal Reviews:

Kristine Biesenthal reported- Reviewed goals provided in packet. Goal A- Central location for all available transportation services. The County website was updated and the ADRC can also be contacted for information. Goal F- Expand services through marketing and recruit new drivers. There are currently 4 volunteer drivers. The driver's contact information has been marketed. Goal B- Increase Advocacy efforts. An informational session was scheduled for 4/15/25 and marketed to learn about advocacy, no one registered for the event and therefore it was cancelled. 2 Green Lake County employees will attend Advocacy Day in Madison in May. Goal L- Expand wheelchair accessible services. Green Lake County has partnered with FRI to provide rides for individuals needing an accessible vehicle.

5310 Grant Update:

Brantley reported- Received minibus from cycle 47. Currently waiting on a minibus from cycle 48 also waiting for van from cycle 49. Cycle 50 will open this Spring, and a new grant will be applied for. In quarter 3 and 4 maintenance and repair was \$17,000.00. Gas prices are consistent. Current fleet of 11. DSI took back 2 vans from Southern Green Lake. Those vans are wheelchair accessible. Discussion followed.

Veterans Transportation Updates:

Vandeyacht reported- Currently have 2 drivers with another driver in the process of being approved. The service commission meeting was in April and rates will remain the same. The use of transportation services is slightly down due to the VA still offering remote appointments. Transportation through the VSO is only available for transportation to the VA (not other medical facilities). Will start advertising transportation services this Summer and expect usage to increase. Discussion followed.

Committee Discussion

Future meeting date: October 2025.

Future Agenda items for action & discussion- N/A.

Adjourn:

Chair Buss adjourned the meeting at 10:14am.