

# Northwest Ohio Mobility

Serving Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, & Williams Counties

## Five-County Transportation Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting – Hybrid

631 Perry St., Defiance, OH 43512

Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 9:30am

**Attendance:** If you are online, please type your name, organization, and email address in the chat.

### In-Person:

Sierra Nathans, Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Amanda Pobega, Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Shari Clemens, New Home Development

Becci McAfee, New Home Development

BJ Horner, Four-County ADAMhs Board

Taylor Jessing, Defiance County Health Department

Brian Heil, Defiance County Health Department

Mike McCann, Mayor of Defiance

### Online:

Sarah Stubblefield, Williams County Department of Aging

Melinda Camp, Henry County Board of DD

Lora Lyons, United Way of Paulding County

Abby Wolfrum, United Way of Defiance County

Amy Rohdy, NOWAC

Diane Gable, Foundations Behavioral Health Services

Heidi Hull, Defiance County Board of DD

Kamaria Wilson, Mercy Health

Kelly Aldrich, Henry County Board of DD

John Lauf, CareSource

Lindsey Manz, Paulding County Health Department

Adam Wagner, K&P Medical Transport

Ashley Westfall, Williams County JFS

Rachel Kinsman, Fulton County Health Department

### **Today:**

1. Mobility Management local match needed
2. Goals & strategies
3. Work groups & timelines
4. Concerns about the new Coordinated Transportation Plan
5. Decide on our next steps

### **Work Groups:**

Group 1: *Identify resource opportunities for sustainable transportation solutions*

Group 2: *Develop strategies on how to expand transportation services in the region and fill gaps of unmet needs – work with 5310/5311 providers on this*

- Mike McCann asked about how unmet needs were determined. Sierra responded that we found unmet needs through a survey several months back done by BGSU students. Results can be found in the Coordinated Transportation Plan and in previous emails/meetings.

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- Suggested people for this group: Kathy, Adam, BJ

Group 3: *Work with Mobility Manager on creating new educational pieces for the community*

- Suggested people for this group: Health Departments

Group 4: *Improve active transportation in the area*

- Suggested people for this group: Amanda Pobega, Health Departments

Other Groups?

*NOTE: Sierra will send out doodle polls for work groups. These groups will not be a big commitment, maybe once a month. Sierra will be part of each of the groups as well. Would like to have one meeting with each work group before the next TCC meeting if possible, or soon after.*

## **New Coordinated Transportation Plan Concerns/Ideas:**

1. Goals seem to be heavy on the goals of Mobility Management and not so much regional transportation goals
  - a. How can we edit the goals to be more focused on regional transportation? Should we wait to edit them at our annual update?
  - b. *Brian Heil: see what discussion occurs after work groups meet, keep goals and strategies for the next year until our annual update in April*
2. Need a goal specifically related to increasing access to transportation
  - a. *NOTE: Group decided this is not needed as it falls under goal 1; could potentially reword during annual review*
3. "I had an out of the box idea: data in the report show that many rely on other options for transportation due to their car needing to be fixed. Has anyone ever discussed a strategy for helping those in need of car repairs who cannot afford it? I feel as though this would be an opportunity for retired folks, people with disabilities who have mechanical aptitude, etc – ironically, the same populations in which you serve." (Joy Ermie)
  - a. *NOTE: NOCAC should be getting funding for this; add this as a strategy? Sierra can create a draft of this strategy and send out before next TCC meeting for review*
  - b. *NOTE: New Home Development also receives funding from the ADAMhs Board for this*

## **Next Steps:**

- Sierra sending out doodle poll for work groups along with meeting minutes and second doodle poll for meeting times
- Have groups developed and possibly have first meeting before next TCC meeting
- Sierra create draft strategy for those who need car repairs – send out prior to next TCC meeting
- Ideas for LOCAL MATCH – please send to Sierra!

## **Next Meeting:**

October 23, 2024 9:30am