

Meeting Minutes

Dubuque Transit Action Group (TAG)

Date: Tuesday March 7, 2023
Time: 11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA Zoom Meeting

TAG Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Schmitt (Chair)
<i>HCBS Dir., Hills & Dales
 (Kara Huss**)
 (Ashley Robins**)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Stumpf (Vice Chair)
<i>Parent Advocate, ICIE/Gen Pub
 (Proxy Name)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Morris**
<i>Special Projects Coordinator,
 Crescent CHC
 (Shawna Domeyer**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol Gebhart
<i>Exec. Dir., Opening Doors
 (Heather LuGrain**)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dani Ettema
<i>Administrator, Sunnycrest Manor
 (proxy Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dan McDonald
<i>Dir of Existing Business, GDDC
 (Nic Hockenberry**)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann McDonough
<i>RTA Board Chair, Dbq County
 Board of Supervisors
 (proxy Name)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Heysinger**
<i>Co-Owner & Therapist,
 Unified Therapy
 (Ann Pusateri**)
 (Samantha Jay**)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Zars
<i>Deputy Director, NEIAAA
 (Stacie Speirs**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Stecklein
<i>Int. Dir., City of Dbq Jule Transit
 (Jacob Ironside**)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Schrobilgen**
<i>Housing Specialist, EIRHA
 (Michelle Huseman**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelsey Wade
<i>Social Work Supervisor,
 Human Services
 (Traci Gael**)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lori Anderson
<i>Transition Facilitator,
 Dubuque Community Schools
 (no proxy)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margee Woywood**
<i>Dir. Of Mission Services
 Goodwill Industries
 (Mary Halfhill)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Paula Paider-Licht
<i>Dir. Comm. Building & Impact,
 United Way Dbq Area Tri-States
 (Danielle Peterson**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Rachel Naderman
<i>Day Program Coord.,
 Area Residential Care
 (proxy Name)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Nims
<i>Voc & Day Services Dir., ER ITP
 (Carolyn Schaefer**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Ron Axtell
<i>Dbq County Coord., HACAP
 (Beverly Maas**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Klepper
<i>Social Worker, Grand River MG
 Tri-State Dialysis
 (Kelly Kass**)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<i>Economic Development
 (Peosta)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Rae
<i>Economic Development
 (Dyersville)
 (proxy, Name)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Deanna McKusker
<i>City Manager
 (Cascade)
 (proxy, Name)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colleen Pasnik
<i>Mary's Inn Maternity Home
 (proxy, Name)</i> | |

Others Present: Harley Pothoff, Jason Rubel, Randy Rennison, Marla Loecke, Jason White, Greg Orwoll, Ernie Bolibaugh, Ryan Knuckey, Sveta Kettmann

Staff Present:

- Chandra Ravada
 Stacie Scott
 Gail Kuhl
 Sarah Berning

*Non-Voting Member

**Voting member by Proxy

***Attendance by phone

Call to Order

The Dubuque County TAG meeting was called to order by Michelle Schmitt. Introductions were made at this time.

Meeting Date and Times

Schmitt asked the group how they would prefer these meetings to happen, in person only, via zoom only or a hybrid option. The consensus of the group was to continue having TAG meetings via zoom only and the group would also like a calendar request to be sent.

Appointment of Board Chair and Vice Chair

Schmitt stated she has been chair for many years and asked if any other member would like to take on the responsibilities of chair. No one stepped up, so Schmitt stated she would continue with being chair. Schmitt is chair and Stumpf is vice chair.

Agency Updates

Jule Transit

Knuckey informed the members of an early morning commuter route the Jule started to help get individuals to their jobs by 6 am. Knuckey stated this route starts at 4:45 am and runs on the east and west sides of Dubuque.

Goodwill

Halfhill stated staff are working on spending money United Way Grant money by organizing group activities for individuals to participate within Dubuque County.

Mary's Inn Maternity Home

Pasnik stated staff are working on trying to get volunteer drivers to help the women within the house get to work and get their children to daycare.

Grant Updates

Aims Grant

Kuhle informed the members there was a delay of the software deployment, but now is moving along nicely. Also working on the portal for agencies to schedule trips. Kuhle stated staff expect to have all kinks ironed out in the next couple of months.

Summer Transportation needs

Members discussed transportation needs of the community. Some of the transportation needs members discussed are the following: preschool and daycare activities within the area. Scott informed the group of how to go about getting their summer transportation needs met.

Other Topics for Discussion

Stumpf informed the members of a new house bill that is trying to be passed in regards to how guardians report. Stumpf asked the members to talk to their legislators to support keep reporting as it currently is.

Adjournment

Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am.