

Regional Coordinated Council: Conference Call October 17th, 10 am



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Join the online meeting:

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ssammon4>

Agenda

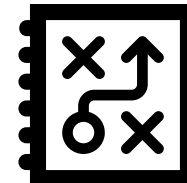
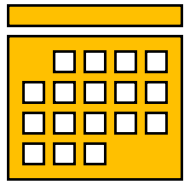
- Roll Call
- Regional Coordinated Plan Draft – Stakeholder Review
- Public Review Period – Sharing Strategies
- CTS Portal – Implementation
 - *Derek Platow, CTS*
- Strategies: Hospital Closures & Crossing Jurisdictional Lines
 - *Judy Shanley, Easterseals*
- County/TSP Updates
- Upcoming Dates
- Questions/Closing

Regional Coordinated Plan – Stakeholder Review

- Draft Plan posted to OMEGA website
- Comments Received already
 - TSP to add in Belmont Co
 - TSP Information to include
 - Extra Project
- Please submit any comments by **October 30th**

Regional Coordinated Plan – Public Review Strategy

- Draft Plan posted to OMEGA website
- Shareable links to download
- Flyers distributed with online links for the public
 - Similar to Public Survey
 - Share with your clients/riders
- 11 Paper Copies
 - One at OMEGA Office
 - 10 Copies at Each County's Main Library Branch
- All comments to be sent to Sean (*phone, email, webpage form*)



YOU CAN HELP CHANGE THE FUTURE OF TRANSIT



**REGIONAL COORDINATED PLAN
DRAFT FOR REVIEW – ONLINE LINK:**

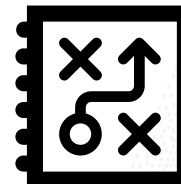
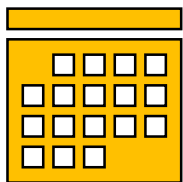
<https://omegadistrict.org/programs/transit/regional/>

**Please comment by November 30, 2019. Contact Sean Sammon at
ssammon@omegadistrict.org or 740-439-4471 ext. 212.**



Regional Coordinated Plan – Review Schedule

- October 15th – Draft Plan for Public Review
- October 31st – RCC Comments Due
- November 10th – Draft Plan to Executive Board
- November 22nd – 6th RCC Meeting
 - AAA9 Cambridge, OH, 10am
 - Open to Public, Bring Client
- November 30th – Public Comments Due
- December 10th – Executive Board Meeting
- December 31st – Final Plan Due to ODOT



CTS Portal – Implementation

- 9 TSPs in Region Submitted BAAs
 - 5 different counties
- Training Sessions to be coordinated
 - TBD: Monday P.M. and Tuesday A.M.
- Questions?
 - Derek Platow
 - dplatow@cts-software.com
 - 800-704-0064

When a Hospital Closes....



Judy L. Shanley, Ph.D., Easterseals
Director, NCMM
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Easterseals, Inc.





This is Me...

- Frustrated rehabilitation counselor - youth transition professional....
 - How do you include a focus on mobility/transportation in human services and health?
 - Easterseals Director, NCMM
 - Help states, regions, and communities establish continuums of transportation service and develop partnerships
 - Build mobility management capacity





And this is NCMM



- National Technical assistance center
- Launched in early 2013, recently renewed
- Jointly operated by three national organizations:
 - Easterseals
 - American Public Transportation Association
 - Community Transportation Association of America
- Through a cooperative agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. DOT



Data

- Nationwide, more than 100 rural hospitals have closed since 2010, and in each instance a community struggles to survive in its own way.
 - Kaiser Health News, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/08/18/751467075/no-mercy-after-the-hospital-closes-how-do-people-get-emergency-care>
- Twenty-one percent of rural hospitals are at high risk of closing, according to Navigant's analysis of CMS data on 2,045 rural hospitals. That equates to 430 hospitals across 43 states that employ about 150,000 people and generate about \$21.2 billion in total patient revenue a year.
- Hospitals are often the economic drivers of rural communities. Per capita income falls 4% and the unemployment rate rises 1.6 percentage points when a hospital closes.
<https://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20190220/NEWS/190229999/nearly-a-quarter-of-rural-hospitals-are-on-the-brink-of-closure>

Solutions to Address Closures before they Happen

- Build Relationships. Ensure community transportation planning and coordination include health care professionals
 - Medical providers, Federally qualified health care professionals, State and Regional Health Associations and medical professions
- Implement Innovation. Incorporate partnerships to improve access to health care NOW!
 - Ambulance service coordination;
 - Participate in community meetings and raise topics related to health care access – what happens if....
- Engage Emergency Personnel & First Responders.
 - EMS, police, etc. need to have plans in place to address where to take patients who need immediate care.

Health Care Response to Hospital Closures

- Telemedicine
- Medical – mobile clinics
- Expanded coverage by existing providers (hospitals expand their reach)
- New – and different medical sites
 - Doctors going into pharmacies, community centers;



What Can Transit Do?

- Provide a range of mobility options to improve access to health care;
- Participate in your community health plan and strategic assessment;
- Look for opportunities to engage with hospital administrators and insurers;
- Invite health care professionals to establish mobile clinics at transit hubs;
- Develop MOUs with cross-county neighbors to establish regional transportation service; and
- Explore/participate in volunteer driver networks & capacity of human service organizations to provide service.
- Look for funding from non-traditional sources
 - Especially Health and HHS



Social Determinants of Health: Supporting a Focus on Transportation Solutions



From education to safe environments, housing to **transportation**, economic development to access to healthy foods—the **social determinants of health** are the conditions in which people are born, live, work, and age

Geisinger Health System in Scranton, PA

- Health provider **partnered, cost-shared** with local transit companies, 70+ community organizations in Scranton (urban) and Danville (rural)
- Participating patients were members of Geisinger Health Plan, actively enrolled in case management and live within a 25-mile radius of Scranton or a 50-mile radius of Danville
- So far, 3,900 rides to 1,459 people
 - The average trip was 27 miles
 - 85% are used for medical visits
 - 13% for food needs
 - 2% for social service and pharmacy visits



Sources: Geisinger.org, [The Daily Item](#)

Paris Metro Transportation, Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) – Paris, TX

- ATCOG already operated a 10 county rural transit system
- Lacking transport for jobs and medical needs for Parisians
- Leveraging DOT P3 Framework to partner with medical, education, and business community
- After implementation, decreased emergency room visits were noted
- **Partners:** Paris Regional Medical Center, Paris United Way, City of Paris, Paris Junior College, the RAM Foundation, St. Joseph's Foundation, Texas Oncology Group, and the Results Company.

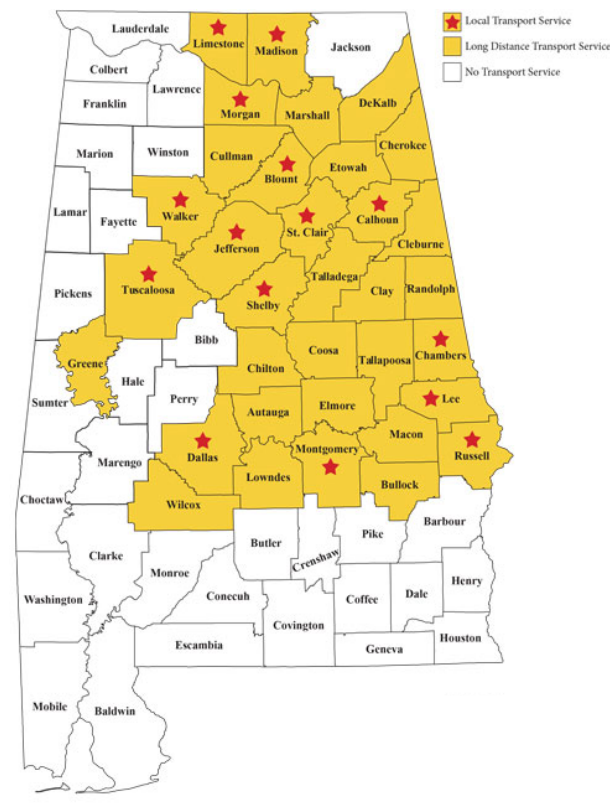


Source: [ATCOG](#)



Kid One Transport – Alabama

- Kid One provides rides to medical appointments for children and expectant mothers living in rural Alabama
- The program has transported 385,000 children and expectant mothers to and from medical appointments since 1997.
- 90% of the program's yearly budget comes from corporate and community partners.
- **Partners:** Mix of over 700 healthcare organizations, including community service agencies, physicians, government agencies, and nonprofits.



Source: [Kid One Transport](#)



Helping Our Women – Provincetown, MA

- HOW is a nonprofit organization in rural Provincetown, Massachusetts.
- Limited access to care: nearest hospital is 50+ miles away
- Transportation Program has 20+ volunteer drivers to transport clients to and from medical appointments
- Collaborates with Cape Air (an airline) and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority for longer trips to Boston; other partnerships include Cape Cod Healthcare, medical specialists, local businesses, and community agencies



Finger Lakes Community Health – Penn Yan, New York

- FLCH is a community health center serving rural upstate New York
- FLCH provides basic transport, in-camp mobile services, and school-based dental services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their children. In addition, FLCH offers telehealth services to all community members.
- In 2012, FLCH paid out ~\$72,000 for mileage to case managers, \$11,700 for mileage to providers for in-camp services, \$24,700 for company vehicles, and \$8,500 for liability insurance. This financial support is funded largely through state and federal grants and patient co-pays.



Source: <http://flchealth.org/>



Seniors First – Auburn, California

- A nonprofit located in suburban/rural Placer County, California
- Program runs **MyRides** program, a volunteer driver transportation program for NEMT trips
- Seniors First collaborates with the Placer Collaborative Network (a hospital network) and Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (WPCTSA) to operate **Health Express**, a free, door-to-door transportation service to and from non-emergency medical appointments for seniors, the disabled, and other low-income individuals
 - The service an average of 48 one-way trips per day, for a total of 12,672 trips per year.



<https://seniorsfirst.org/sf-programs/transportation/>



Accessing Rides to Community Healthcare

“Links 2 Health” – St. Louis, MO

- Informed by feasibility study supported by MO Foundation for Health
- Public health mobile clinics at transit stations
- NEMT to and from follow up appointments using transit subsidies, and providing underserved residents with a bridge in care
- **Partners:** St. Louis Department of Public Health, Bi-State Development Agency/METRO, and St. Louis Promise Zone team.



Source: [Metro St. Louis](https://www.metrostlouis.org/)



Think outside of the (funding) box!

Foundations

- State-specific
- Faith-based
- Health
- Community

Public Private Partnerships

- Shared-mobility providers
- Hospitals
- Public Transportation Agencies
- Chambers of Commerce/Econ. Development
- Private businesses

Tap into Resources



[National Center for Mobility Management](#)



[National Aging and Disability
Transportation Center](#)

Washington, DC
www.nadtc.org
866.983.3222



[Rural Transit Assistance Program](#)



[ACL Inclusive Transportation Partnerships](#)



[Shared-use Mobility Center](#)



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Transportation Service Provider Updates/Announcements

By county:

- Belmont
- Carroll
- Columbiana
- Coshocton
- Guernsey
- Harrison
- Holmes
- Jefferson
- Muskingum
- Tuscarawas

Schedule Update

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By Next Meeting Deliverable

- BAA Signed – If you want to participate in the CTS Portal
- Regional Coordinated Plan Draft – Review & Comment
- NEXT RCC MEETING – November 22nd
 - In-person
 - AAA9, Cambridge, OH
 - Open to the public
- **SUBMIT 2018 ORIGIN-DESTINATION DATA**

Questions & Contact Information

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