

Minutes recorded for the RCC Meeting June 16, 2021.

The RCC Chairperson, Valerie Shaw, called the meeting to order at 8:33am. There were 19 in attendance.

Deborah Hill, OMEGA Transit Planner, reviewed the zoom meeting code of conduct, the meeting agenda and did a verbal roll call. Those present who were not specifically called, were asked to put their names in the chat.

Madam Chairperson reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on March 24, 2021. There were no corrections or additions. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Shannon Hursey; seconded by Tracy Haines. Motion carried.

The Steering Committee reports were given by Ms. Hill. She reported on the four regional projects approved for special funding which include:

1. Employment Transportation Study – The consulting firm of Sixmo was chosen. The project kick-off meeting was June 2, and interviews of stakeholders, definition of study area, and a list of employers to contact have begun.
2. Regional Resource Guide – The development of the website has begun. Information to populate the site is being provided by the regional mobility managers. Completion date is summer 2021.
3. One Call/One Click Strategic Planning Initiative – The consulting firm of KFH Group was chosen. Initial interviews of stakeholders and core persons have begun and the kick-off meeting is today at the RCC meeting.
4. Media Outreach Campaign – Contracts with each county have been signed, with the exception of Harrison County (in progress) and Holmes County (due to lack of interest and participation, the Holmes County apportionment is being applied to the regional outreach project). Several counties have already begun their projects with billboards, and Kennedy Webb-Blakley will be contacting each county to offer assistance with specific county projects.

Next the Regional Performance Measures were presented. These nine performance measures were developed with input from both the RCC and the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee voted at their May 19th meeting to approve the adoption of the Regional Performance Measures. Once agreed upon, these are performance measures that Region 9, holistically, would strive to meet. Data and measurements collected in CY2021 will be used as a base line and performance measures beginning in CY 2022 will be measured against the base line. The measures were presented to the RCC and a motion to adopt the Regional Performance Measures as presented was made by Mike McBride with a second by Joe Krockner. The motion passed unanimously.

OMEGA has developed a regional survey of needs that will be distributed throughout the region from now until late September. Survey data will be collected by OMEGA and used to help inform the review of the regional plan especially in regard to unmet needs. The data will also be filtered by county and each individual county's data will be supplied to them for their county review of unmet needs, goals, and strategies. The surveys are available in paper form, by link and by QR code so they are accessible to all forms of social media, websites, phones, and by paper. The intention is to reach as many persons, especially in the senior, disabled and low-income populations, as possible. Data collected will influence funding as well as the expenditure of time and effort both on a county level and on a regional basis. Assistance was requested of all participants to disseminate the surveys to their staff, constituents, partners, customers and other stakeholder organizations and partners.

The meeting was then turned over to Dan Dalton, the lead for KFH Consultants. KFH is handling the OC/OC Strategic Planning Study for Region 9. Dan, and his associate Sarah Lasky, presented slides and initiated discussions within the group. They reviewed the work plan, discussed stakeholder involvement, and then gathered input from the RCC through a series of questions and open discussion. The slides from the KFH presentation will be available on the OMEGA website along with the RCC meeting slides and the minutes.

Madam Chairperson took control of the roundtable for the good of the region, regional notices, and county updates.

Announcements: The next meeting of the RCC will be September 22, 2021. It was announced that this meeting may take place in person, and if so, the time will be altered to allow for transit time for members. The meeting might also be hybrid so that members may attend in person or virtually at their choice. A poll to ascertain member preferences will be sent out to all members closer to the meeting date.

County Updates: Out of respect for time constraints, individual county updates were foregone as Madam Chairperson instead asked for any general notices or announcements.

Commendations were noted for Tracy Haines and Valerie Shaw of Coshocton County who have gone above and beyond their duties to help provide transportation to needy individuals in Holmes County. Holmes County Health Department declined RCI funds to provide transportation for citizens to vaccine sites. Coshocton agreed to accept the funds and Tracy made efforts to place ads in Holmes County offering her services to coordinate transportation for vaccine and other medical appointments for residents of Holmes County. It was discovered that there are no wheelchair accessible transportation options of any kind available in Holmes County. Coshocton County M/M and CCCTA have graciously accepted the challenge of brokering transportation requests and needs back to Holmes County providers where possible and of providing critical services and wheelchair transportation to Holmes County residents where needed to fill the gaps in service there. Thank you for your coordination efforts Tracy and Valerie!

Congratulations were also offered to Nicki Silver and SEAT upon their receiving of a special award for service from the Muskingum County Board of DD. Nicki worked for nearly a month

trying to arrange affordable weekend transportation for a young man in the DD community who had just gotten his first job but needed weekend transportation. We are all aware that weekend transit is one of the most prevalent unmet needs in the region, and one of the most difficult to arrange. Nicki was able to work out coordinated and affordable transportation for the young man, consistently, and on the weekend, allowing him to accept his first employment position. Great job, Nicki!

Hearing no other county announcements, a motion to adjourn was entertained. Motion was made by Nicki Silver and second by Shannon Hursey. Madam Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:13 am.