

Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body
Workgroup Charge
Approved: October 2005

Workgroup Name: Livingston County Transportation Coalition

Lead Agency: The Arc of Livingston

Chairperson: Patti Nowak, ARC

- Responsibilities:
1. Chair regular meetings
 2. Meet with designated staff
 3. Report activities to the HSCB
 4. Represent workgroup at appropriate meetings

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

- Responsibilities: Fill in for chair in their absence. Serve as chair in next term.

Staff Person: The Arc of Livingston

- Responsibilities:
1. Meet regularly with Chair
 2. Develop agenda and materials for meetings with the Chair
 3. Research specific information as requested by the group
 4. Assist in the development of the Workplan

Clerical Support (if different from staff): N/A

Issue to be Studied and/or Acted Upon: Prior to 2000, public transportation in Livingston County was very limited. Service was only available 8am – 5pm and was focused on meeting agency needs to transport consumers to appointments and to transport employees from other counties to jobs in Livingston County. In 2000, the Transportation Coalition was developed to expand accessibility of public transportation in the county. Since 2000, hours have been expanded to evenings and Saturday hours, but service is still available in the Dial-A-Ride format with no fixed routes. Livingston County is the fastest growing county in Michigan and transportation has been identified as one of the top needs by consumers. There still exists a perception in the county that public transportation is for seniors or persons with disabilities. It has been difficult to expand hours and create fixed routes without public demand for the service. In 2005, the HSCB prioritized transportation as one of the top needs in county and approached the Coalition to become a workgroup of the HSCB.

Workgroup Goal(s): To increase the awareness of transportation issues and improve public transportation in Livingston County.

Workgroup Objective(s):

- Increase the availability of public transportation through:
 - Increased hours of operation
 - Increased service on evenings and weekends
 - Increased coordination with service providers in neighboring counties

- Increase the understanding of transportation needs, issues, and assets by community members, service providers, and decision makers
- Conduct a feasibility study to determine the specific transportation needs in the community
- Maintain a viable community coalition that includes substantial involvement by consumers and transportation users

Key Data to be Collected/Tracked:

- Number of requests for transportation service broken out by days, time periods, and special needs requested
- Number of rides turned down, with the reason
- Number of hours spent on bus during transport

Meeting Schedule and Time line for Completion (if applicable): The coalition will meet quarterly until the feasibility study is completed. It is anticipated that the meetings will increase in frequency once the data from the study is analyzed and a plan is developed.

Reporting Mechanism and Frequency: The Transportation Coalition will report to the HSCB at least quarterly in writing and present to the HSCB when there are action items, specific needs, or major accomplishments achieved. The group will also report at the HSCB annual meeting.

Membership:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Arc of Livingston ▪ Area Agency on Aging 1-B ▪ Special Olympics ▪ Brighton Senior Center ▪ Catholic Social Services ▪ Center for Independent Living ▪ Community Mental Health ▪ Excel Employment Options ▪ Genesis House ▪ Hartland Chamber of Commerce ▪ Hartland Senior Center ▪ Howell Senior Center ▪ Livingston County Planning Department ▪ Livingston County United Way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Livingston Essential Transportation Services ▪ Livingston County Board of Commissioners ▪ Michigan Works! ▪ Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency ▪ Residents of Livingston County ▪ St. George’s Special Ministries ▪ Transportation Advocates and Users of Services ▪ VIABIL ▪ WILD ▪ Workskills Corporation |
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Responsibilities of HSCB: Communicate the transportation needs of consumers to the Coalition and support/approve grant applications as necessary.