

Larimer County Mobility Council
Meeting Notes
November 17, 2011
1:30 – 3:00 p.m., NFRMPO Offices
419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 300 - Fort Collins, CO

LCMC members in attendance:

Gary Thomas, Senior Alternatives In Transportation (SAINT)
Marija Weeden-Osborn, United Way
Linette Schweizer, Larimer County Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Division
Erin Eulenfeld, Foothills Gateway
Craig Dubin, City of Fort Collins Transfort
Kurt Ravenschlag, City of Fort Collins Transfort
Jacque Penfold, Larimer Center for Mental Health
Michelle Miller, Larimer County Workforce Center
Toni Lueck, DARTAC Advisory Board
Katy Mason, Larimer County Office on Aging
John Teumer, Loveland Disabilities Advisory Commission
Zach Wood, Loveland Disabilities Advisory Commission

In Attendance: Richard Guest

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring, Mary Rogers

1. **Review of Agenda** – Agenda was amended to include a discussion of Project Connect with Richard Guest.
2. **Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items) – There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – Penfold made a motion to approve the meeting notes as written, Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **New Council Member Introductions** – Thomas presented a certificate of appreciation to Dubin for his time, energy and dedication to the LCMC. Warring stated that it was fantastic working with him over the years and his high level of participation was sincerely appreciated. Dubin stated that he enjoyed his time on the LCMC and would stay apprised of council activities through Ravenschlag. Thomas also welcomed new member Katy Mason who is replacing Linda Rumney as the representative for the Larimer County Office on Aging.

5. Discussion Items

a. Outreach Presentation

Warring stated that the presentation would be tailored somewhat to each audience and she would use a senior group as the model for the presentation to the LCMC. Comments from the council focused on explaining transit and defining the transit terms that were used throughout the presentation. More emphasis was needed when discussing the LCMC strategies to address issues and problems. Warring stated that she would add a few slides to clarify the transit services, need and definitions.



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b. Project Connect

Richard Guest, consultant for Project Connect in Fort Collins gave the LCMC an overview of origins of the project and its current status.

- Project Connect evolved from the old Settlement Houses from the 1880's.
- The project focuses on operating services that are community driven and community fostered.
- Project has had great success in helping with lowering child abuse.
- CSU has been working collaboratively with the project and conducted a study that identified areas of need in Larimer County.
- Poudre School District has donated school and peak Community Church has donated the site for the project.
- A key aspect of the program is not to create new services but to partner with existing programs and resources.
- Hope to have up and running in 2012/2013.

Guest and Osborne-Weeden will keep the LCMC updated on the progress of the project.

c. Overview – CO/WY Institute for Transportation Coordination

Thomas gave an overview of the institute along with the ideas and projects that came out of the three-days of participation. Thomas relayed that it was a great opportunity for team building and the end result was a 90 day and 12 month plan for projects and meeting the institute Victory statement of more (targeted) transit.

Ravenschlag added that one project to be pursued will be an Access-A-Ride type of service which would provide an expansion to the Dial-A-Ride service. All needs to be researched but it's in the works. Warring stated that larger travel training program will be pursued as well and in all it was a beneficial experience for the four team members.

d. 2011/2012 WorkPlan progress

Warring shared the latest Workplan chart and noted that two presentations had been given (Ft C Senior Advisory Board & Loveland Chilson Center senior Board) that generated some very good feedback.

e. Goals and Strategies Discussion

Thomas updated the council on statements made at the November MPO Planning Council Meeting regarding advocacy and the role of the mobility councils. Thomas felt that it was unclear what effect if any the statements would have on the LCMC but wanted to let everyone know the advocacy discussion was taking place at the regional level.

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6. Business Items

Warring shared some meeting dates with the LCMC regarding Long-term health care provisions and asked if anyone could update the council on the details of the discussions.

Eulenfeld and Mason shared some details including –

- There are currently 16 waivers for long-term care that allow flexibility with clients.
- The current proposal would collapse the waivers which could result in some lost benefits to specific populations.
- More discussions will take place as well as some public forums.
- A final decision regarding the waivers will be made by July 2012

Eulenfeld and Mason will keep the LCMC posted of any developments. Warring also discussed the issue of some dialysis patients losing transportation when Larimer Lift ends. She is checking around to see if anyone might have possible solutions to the problem.

7. Council Member Reports

Schweizer – Ballot Issue 1A did failed in the election and will have the result of shifting people to the alternative sentencing unit. Not sure at this time exactly how it will impact services but it will be a hardship.

Teumer – Based on conversation at October meeting he will be going through the citizen parking patrol program and will be deputized after completing the program.

Rogers – Explained the mobility stories project and the idea of personalizing transit stories by attaching a face to a local situation. She will be collecting information and interviewing individuals in the next few months.

Ravenschlag – CSU and ASU will be helping to support a night time fixed route service from downtown to the midtown area. They've already received feedback from individuals that will be able to use the service for transportation to and from late night working shifts.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

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