

Weld County Mobility Council
Meeting Notes
January 25, 2011
1:30 p.m., Greeley Recreation Center

Council Members:

Kevin Thompson, North Range Behavioral Health
Brad Taylor, Weld Advocacy Network on Disabilities (WAND)
Brad Patterson, Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)
Beth Danielson, Connections for Independent Living
DeeAnn Groves, Senior Resource Service
Kathy Van Soest, Greeley Independence Living Center
Kathryn Johnson, American Council for the Blind
Mary Lu Walton, Envision

Public: Brent Geske, School To Work Alliance Program (SWAP)

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring

Meeting Objective:

Action - Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Discussion – 2011 Mobility Management Direction

1. **Review of Agenda** – The agenda included addition of discussion item for the Greeley-Evans City Council speak up session on Tuesday, January 22.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – Meeting notes were approved with the following corrections -
Attendance - Van Soest was present in December.
Change heading/title for attendees from “In Attendance” to “Public” in order to identify persons in attendance who aren’t WCMC members.
Corrections to Walton’s report (member reports) that corrects sentence two regarding the state finance committee’s conflict of interest report to read – “The end result of the committee’s work may include creating a new system for private and non-profit providers system of care for people with developmental disabilities”.
4. **Action Items - Election of 2011 Chair and Co-Chair** – Thompson and Taylor indicated they were receptive to continuing their roles as chair and co-chair. Walton nominated Thompson for 2011 Chair, Patterson seconded – council approved unanimously. Walton nominated Taylor for Co-chair, Danielson seconded – council approved unanimously. Terms for both are through January 2012.

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5. Discussion Items

Conclude discussion of future direction, goals & strategies for MM in Weld County – Warring revisited the December discussion regarding the future of the mobility management program and advocacy for the WCMC. Warring wanted to confirm that eventually the MM program will be independent from the NFRMPO so that there is more autonomy with advocacy and possibly more personnel dedicated to the program. Council agreed with the direction and the conclusion of the December meeting which is to write the 2012-2013 5310 CDOT grant with that direction in mind.

Mobility Coordination Funding Report – 5310 CDOT contract for 2011 MM operations has not yet been delivered. CDOT will not reimburse work prior to delivery of signed contract so Warring will have to stop MM work February 1st if the contract is not delivered by that date.

Project updates/new business – Warring reviewed the ESPA team discussion with the council (See pgs. 3&4 for details of review).

January 22nd Speak-up session – Greeley-Evans City Councils – WCMC would like to follow-up with letter that was submitted in October to the Greeley-Evans city councils regarding the Citizens Transit Advisory Committee's recommendation regarding GET transit services. The WCMC would like to reinforce the value of the committee's work and the community benefits of the committee's recommendations. There was also discussion of recommending that a portion of the funding available through Greeley's recently announced budget surplus be dedicated to transit services. Final details of the amount of the surplus and how it will be spent are not know but the WCMC believes is any of the surplus will be dedicated to transportation then some portion is needed for transit.

Council Member Reports

Groves – Program keeps expanding – averaging 6-7 new clients per week with a total of around 100 trips per week.

Johnson – Attended the California Council of the Blind in San Diego in October - was a good conference. Also, became a VanGo program rider in January. Pays a monthly fee to join Vango that goes from Greeley to Fort Collins and back five days a week. Pays full monthly fare (\$120) but uses about three days per week.

Taylor – Weld County Commissioner Dave Long met with the WAND this month. The discussion with Commissioner Long centered on transit service in the county. Taylor would like to invite Commissioner Long to a future WCMC meeting.



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Geske (was invited to speak to the council about his program) – Geske handed out information on the program he works with for Greeley School District 6 called School To Work Alliance Program (SWAP). He works with young adults aged 16-25 with disabilities. The objective is to help them make successful transitions from school to the workplace. Warring will send a packet of information about the council and mobility coordination in the NFRMPO to Geske.

Walton – Is working on how to resolve some 40 new requirements for group homes that conflict with other requirements. With respect to the conflict of interest report that the state finance committee is reviewing – the committee wants to eliminate conflict of interest not mitigate. Walton is concerned with the ramifications as already there is a waitlist in Colorado for services of over 10,000 people.

Danielson – The demand for Connections services is very high and keeps growing. They are working to broaden the transition program and working with the regulation that requires nursing homes to report those who wish to live in least restrictive environment.

New building is coming along – should be about 90 days before move in.

Van Soest – Finishing Hope Apartment remodel – all the improvements are designed to enhance accessibility for residents.

Patterson – Finished all route changes which have been received very positively – changes are generating ridership in new areas. Bus wraps – rest of fleet will get wraps but it is on currently on hold due to involvement of the Greeley Arts Council. GET is coming up on its 50th anniversary.

Thompson – North Range has fully integrated its services with Sunrise and the Weld County judicial system. Recently the North Range Clubhouse held its annual Meet and Greet which was well attended – over 50 people were there including state senators and staff. Have had five client deaths in the last month – diabetes (diet related) is the major problem and one that is hard to address.

6. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday – February 22, 2011



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Easter Seals Project Action Team Meeting Notes

Tuesday January 25th – 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Greeley Recreation Center

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Brad Taylor, Weld Advocacy Network on Disabilities (WAND)
Brad Patterson, Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)
Beth Danielson, Connections for Independent Living
Mary Warring, NFRMPO Mobility Coordinator

In attendance – Mike Yost, GET

Meeting Objective:

Discussion –Travel training program/expansion – Future Training Event

Team discussed a travel training event with the purpose to expand the number of agencies offering in-house travel training. Attendees would be human service and transportation agency representatives that are interested in receiving travel training experience for their organization.

Team is targeting 35-50 people for the event in the March or April time frame (MM contract permitting). Overall goal is to have participating agencies offer travel training to clients at least twice per month.

Supporting actions/materials needed for program success include:

- Establish at least two more in-house travel training programs to join Connections in providing the service. Mike Yost with GET will be overseeing program implementation at GET.
- Marketing/public awareness promoting benefits of travel training including autonomy, safety and fiscal benefits
- Printed and online materials to be distributed throughout county specifically a short brochure for education and recruitment of both organizations and clients.

Possible organizations to contact for event/travel training program include UNC (multiple departments/student orgs.), Weld Interfaith Council, Weld Human Services, United Way of Weld County. Hall Mansfield who has been involved with Loveland's travel training program will also be contacted.