

ELDERLY AND DISABLED
LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA
JUNE 12TH, 2024 @ VOCATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
PROGRAM (VIP) 5069 VAN SLYKE RD
FLINT, MI 48507 @ 10:00 A.M.

FACILITATOR: RENE SHERWOOD

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUESTS:

- **Consultant Speaker attending via phone**

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ADA Certification process**
- **Membership Vacancies**
- **The Safe Streets Grant & The Safety Action Plan**
- **Electronic Assessability Update**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Consultant Speaker @ 10:30am**

STATUS REPORT & SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger from MTA Your Ride

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2024 @ GENESEE COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES 1101

BEACH STREET SUITE 100 FLINT, MI 48502 @ 10:00 A.M.

FACILITATOR: RENE SHERWOOD

CALL TO ORDER: Rene Sherwood called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rene Sherwood, Clara Blakely, Dru Hajec, Allison Gute, Sabrina Bouchard,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shelly Bastilles, Breanna Turner, Gina DeShong, Tameka Duncan, Robyn Johnston, Besh (TDN)

MEMBERS ABSENCE EXCUSED: Georgia Kitchen, Pamela Reid, Steven Low,

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Burger, Sheila Johnson, Traci Davis, Martina Burton, Misty Graves, Michele Loper

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUESTS: Marcia Lewis attended to become a member of LAC. Marcia represents both the elderly and disabled population.

Marcia introduced herself and shared she is legally blind. She relies on services like MTA for her transportation.

MINUTES: Clara Blakley motioned for the April minutes to be approved with the correction of “Steve Lowe” to be changed to “Steve Low” and VAAA’s Senior Power Day date to be corrected to May 22nd, 2024. Allison Gute seconded the motion with those corrections. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ADA Certification Process- No update - TDN is absent. MTA will be sending a letter in June to highlight the GO-PASS. MTA is also getting individuals in to get there GO-PASS.
- Member Vacancies – There are 3elderly and/or disabled member vacancies.
- The Safe Streets Grant & The Safety Action Plan FRP’s are being revised to have a smaller scope. Once the FRP’s are complete and available Dru will notify LAC. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to submit them to Dru Hajec and she will pass them along to Kris Garris.
- Electronic Accessibility – Ed Burger viewed the OWL video system and MTA’s technology department has approved it for purchase. It was noted that some agencies who host LAC need notice to get with their technology departments to get access to wifi in order to use the OWL.
- New TDN representative is Besh - Besh will be now giving ADA application updates

NEW BUSINESS:

- Introduction of prospective member, Marcia Lewis. Marcia shared that she has been legally blind for 4 years. She keeps herself busy with her two dogs, exercising, and gardening.
- Rene motioned to accept Marcia as a member of LAC. Clara seconded- motion was carried.

*There is not a LAC meeting in July.

SENIOR SERVICES INTRODUCTION & SERVICES:

The Office of Senior Services manages all 7.1 million senior millage dollars. Their is currently 37 contacts with service providers. These programs service clients 60 years and older and include transportation, legal services, lawn care, meals on wheels, in home care and many other services,

STATUS REPORT & SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger from MTA Your Ride:

- A friendly reminder we have a mileage renewal coming up later this year.
- Increasing an expanding Grand Blanc station to include hydrogen buses, rides to wellness, a canopy and charging station.
- MTA is also expanding the emergency response trailer. In order to make this successful MTA works with local fire departments to appropriately and safely respond to vehicles with different fuel/energy sources.
- MTA is dealing with many changes in traffic with the increase in summer construction. MTA is continuing to increase their on-time arrival.
- Your Ride provided 29,901 rides in May, 17,610 of those rides were ADA rides and 3,473 of those rides utilized a lift.
- MTA is evaluating current services to ensure they are meeting the community need.
- Go-Pass – is still on track; the transition to Go Passes is underway. Even with this change MTA will always accept cash and accommodate those rides.
- Clara asked about VA out of county rides. Traci shared an update that last month VA upped their VA rides to one out of county ride per month. Each community partner has different criteria. Traci will send a list of community partners to Sabrina to share with LAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Marcia Lewis - thankful to be invited to the group and looks forward to future meetings.

Sabrina Bouchard - FSA's Annual Fundraiser is May 17th. Sabrina will send a fundraiser flier to LAC.

Allison Gute - Senior Millage is up for a straight renewal this year.

Martina Burton - MTA is up for a straight renewal this year.\

Clara Blakley - Welcomed Marcia and thanked her for being here.

Traci Davis - Welcomed Marcia and looks forward to hearing her input in the future.

Ed Burger - Thanked the group for their input. Ed shared that he appreciates that these meetings are constructive to meet a goal and that LAC works together to find resolutions. Clara asked Ed where the Riders Guide is. Ed stated it is on the website but he will send it to Sabrina to share with LAC also.

Rene - The next LAC meeting will be on June 12th at VIP. Rene asked MTA to host in August. Rene also shared that she appreciates the solution-focused approach of this group. VIP is hosting a craft show on June 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place June 12th, 2024, at VIP 5069 Van Slyke Rd Flint, MI 48507