

## Transportation Minutes

September 22, 2022

- In Attendance: Chris Miller, Misty Shulters, Misty Pope, Kate Daisher, Gay Jones, Clint Brugger, Christal Albig, Dave Maxwell, Don Taylor, Nancy Bishop, Tracey Oblierter, Jessica Sattler
- Minutes from 08/25/2022 were reviewed. Dave motioned to approve minutes & Kate supported. Motion carried.
- Agenda- Jessica motioned to approve with noted change to the date (9/22/2022), Clint supported. Motion carried.
- Misty Pope- Wrapping things up, NO changes. Meridian is still not providing rides to County. Dialysis patients who are displaced for rides after 10/01 is still an issue. (New freedom funding needs a partner to fund 50% of the rides Starting 10/01- if there is no match available at this time, then We cannot utilize New Freedom funding)
- Nancy shared that having New freedom funds has given her the flexibility to still provide rides while establishing approval through different sources of assistance. The only other option for help is the CRP funds, which are limited. This is a struggle as her only option will be to refer them to their insurance provider.
- Kate- In process of forming authority- Likely October 1<sup>st</sup> official start. She has moved her office to the transportation garage and hired 5 new drivers. She will be posting the mobility manager role soon. Misty Shulters will send Kate MiTalent.org information for job posting. As of 10/1, Kate will be able to expand hours as the drivers will be direct hires vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Group conversation around the importance of the task force continuing was held. Majority opinion was that by bringing the agencies together to identify the needs, connect resources and information share with each other. Kate felt this was extremely important for her as she works to develop new solutions and meet the needs of the community. Jessica stated that she would like for the group to focus on Workforce transportation and solutions for such. The group ultimately stated that the three goals initially set by the task force were relevant: Access to basic needs, Employment related transportation and non-emergency medical transportation. The group decided to continue with Clint Brugger taking the interim lead as Misty Shulters is stepping down as chair.
- Misty Shulters Adjourned the meeting at 11:00am