

Chelan-Douglas Coalition for Health Improvement
Chelan-Douglas Rides to Work: An Employment and Transportation Forum
Meeting Minutes
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, October 10th, 2018

1)Introductions: Each sector representative stood up during introductions.

Attendance: SEE SIGN IN SHEET

Brooklyn Holton: What idea created the Forum? An agency had clients that could not get to and from employment. What are the gaps for the current transportation programs? Trying to bridge gaps between employers and community members. Feel free to share all ideas and something might stem from those.

2)Landscape Assessment- **Tanya Gleason**

- Prior to the Forum, four surveys were sent out to capture more data around transportation specifically for going to and from employment.
- According to the Landscape Assessment, different organizations are wanting to collaborating.
- For more information, see Landscape Assessment attachment.

3)Regional Success Stories- **Kaitlin Quirk**

Highlighting Successful Services in Transportation

People For People- **Rosenda Henley**

- Services are in Adams, Grant, Chelan and Douglas Counties.
- Some of the transportation services are available to the general public
- Services are free
- Contract with DSHS
- It is important for organizations to call 211 and make sure they are registered
- Travel Training- Someone goes with a community member and will map out the way to travel via bus. They will provide this until the person feels comfortable to ride by his or herself. This is free of charge.
- Transportation Stats- 40,000 trips
- Success Story- Without services a disabled mother wouldn't be independent and social.
- There are several more success stories

Entiat Valley Services-TRIPS- **Kathy**

- Volunteer programs drive community members that are 60 years old or above and disabled, in the Entiat area.
- 25 miles up Entiat road and in the middle of Chelan and Wenatchee
- Criteria-
 - WSDOT volunteer guide
 - Must qualify for transit services and works with People for People
 - Current Driver License and car inspection every 3 months

- Drivers must take training and courses in CPR and First Aid. The volunteers might have to help assist the person that he or she is driving.
- The program is free. To develop the program, a needs assessment to place.
- 700 medical transportation in a year.

Link Transit-Richard DeRock

- Link is public transit
- 17 routes and dial-a-ride option
- Prices to ride transit is \$1.50 to \$2.50
- A concern is the times of the routes. There is a bus between every 6 blocks and every 15 Minutes. In Rural areas the routes are different. Saturdays only 30% routes are in use in Wenatchee.
- 5 trips to Leavenworth and Chelan. There is no service on Sundays.
- 30% of the population can read a bus schedule.
- Success Story- Travel Training- Comprehensive training especially those with special needs are taught to know how to use the service. Typically going from paratransit to fixed transit. This creates more freedom for the individual. Link Transit tries to accommodate everyone. Buses does not start until individuals are seated.
- There are gaps in the transportation system. The largest need is for employment. Some solutions would be to expand time and more routes because of the healthy economy. Expand services for sunday, weekend and evenings. Try to make the system better for people.
- ½ of our ridership is disabled, low income, legal issue, too young or too old. 34% of the population in the state doesn't have a license.
- Private partnership with some of the larger employers in the area including Confluence Health, Wenatchee Valley College and the City of Wenatchee.
- Questions: Is there any public transits from Brewster to Chelan?
 - It is on a demand basis.
- Kathy, what advice do you have?
 - Survey and to see the major needs.

4)Breakouts- Sahara Suval

- All of the attendees were divided into four groups to further the discussion.

5)Next Steps- All

Highlights and Ideas:

- A fleet of cars for volunteer
- Employer incentives
- Paid carpooler
- Work on partnerships with employers. The employers need to know that they are part of the transportation to employment.
- MCO's opportunity to explore
- Matching and subsidizing funds
- Providing help especially undocumented and agriculture

- Use an old bus and turn it into services
- Change mindset of public transit
- Rideshare; worker-driver program
- Provide low cost mechanic/low rental
- Ridesharing and Taxi Company
- Having better connection in Grant County and expanding transportation resources
- We are unique for trailways, Appleline and Amtrak. We must use them, so these services do not disappear
- Why rebuild the wheel? There are so many services out there and we need to dedicate ourselves to help with the solution
- Google maps gives you a schedule for transit
- Collaboration between the partners and receive some sort of grant money.
- Be supportive and aware of services
- Link has tried to do a vanpool service- The state will give us the vans if employers want to work together.

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