



## Clay County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Quarterly Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2004

Northeast Florida  
Regional Council  
Brian D. Teeple, Executive Director

Clay County Commission  
Hon. Patrick D. McGovern, Chair

State of Florida Transportation  
Disadvantaged Commission  
Peter Gianino, Chairman

### MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the Clay County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board was held Monday, May 24, 2004, at 2 p.m., at the Clay County Council on Aging, 604 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs. In lieu of the Chairman's absence and the Vice chair's resignation, Ms. Kessler called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. with the following members present representing a quorum:

Flora Donnell  
Joanne Dotson (for Ms. Keating)  
Cathy Guiry  
Talena Hicks  
Cynthia Kessler  
Fred Van Leeuwen  
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Others Present: Sheryl Hartzog and Renee Knight of CCCOA; Shalawn Vickers of NEFAAA; and Others

Staff Present: Stephen Jones and Jeanie Palmer of NEFRC

#### Announcements

Clay Transit Recognition – Mr. Jones made the Board aware that Clay County was recently chosen by Metro magazine as one of the 10 most improved transit agencies in the country. The article is included in the packet.

LCB Member Resignations – Mr. Jones announced the resignation of Mr. Marc Wichman of the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Being on the Board since 1990, Mr. Wichman is the longest running Board member in the entire region. In recognition of his departure, Mr. Jones prepared a Certificate of Appreciation and he needed to get the Chair's ( who was not present today) signature.

**Ms. Dotson moved to approve the Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Wichman; seconded by Mr. Van Leeuwen; motion passed unanimously.**

#### Additions, Deletions, Changes to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

#### \*Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Van Leeuwen moved approval of the minutes of the quarterly LCB meeting of February 23, 2004, as written; seconded by Ms. Hicks; motion unanimously carried.**

#### Northeast Florida Regional Council Update

##### Update on Medicaid Funding Crisis and Recent CTD Actions

- Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation RFP – Mr. Jones said in the packet is a list of funding allocations that was recently sent out by the Commission recommending an 11.88% reduction across the board statewide in Medicaid non-emergency funding.

Mr. Jones made the Board aware there has been a lot of discussion on how to divide the \$66 million in the Medicaid contract. A sub-committee has also been meeting to discuss the proposals. One item discussed at the recent meeting was a proposal put together by the Suwannee River Economic Council that was an analysis done based on the \$66 million and the number of Medicaid recipients in each county in Florida as

reported by Medicaid. They took the total Medicaid dollars (\$66 million) and divided by the total recipients in the counties and came up with an equal cost per Medicaid recipient of \$32.08. Mr. Jones stressed this proposal is for information only to this Board; no action is required. A lengthy discussion ensued.

- Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program Monitoring – Mr. Jones brought attention to the draft evaluation workbook in the packet, which is the proposed monitoring component of the contract if the Commission signs on it. He reported that the planning agencies around the State have been given first-right-of-refusal to do the Medicaid monitoring, and the Commission is offering \$2,000 per county. The agencies are going to try to incorporate the monitoring of this Medicaid program into the monitoring that already occurs in the TD program, and hopefully the annual CTC evaluations as well. Mr. Jones said the Regional Council is considering accepting the Medicaid monitoring contract for its six counties.
- 2004 TD Conference - Mr. Jones said the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Training and Technology Conference will be July 26-28 in Orlando. He asked members to let him know if they were interested in going because he might be able to help with the registration fees.

#### Federal/State Legislative Issues

- TEA-21 Authorization Update – Mr. Jones stated that TEA-21 is still stalled in Congress. The second extension is going to expire in June, but he heard that they might do another extension, which should last until after the election.

#### Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) System Update

Quarterly Non-Sponsored Trip Report – Ms. Hartzog said with the new money they received in December they were able to expand their services and are now meeting all categories of trips. She said there were very few road calls and no accidents.

Mr. Jones asked if the higher gas prices were becoming a big problem. Ms. Hartzog responded that they buy their gas through the County, and she has not seen it go above \$1.61 per gallon.

JTA Choice Ride Program Update – Ms. Hartzog said they are in the process of working with the DOT on a circular route in Orange Park that will hopefully be funded soon. She said the route will go from Blanding to Wells Road to S.R. 17 to Kingsley and maybe feed down to C.R. 220. They currently have two routes operating now.

Mr. Jones pointed out that Choice Ride has really helped the participating counties by diversifying their revenue streams and lessening their reliance on a single program like Medicaid. He said the only county in our region that is adjacent to Duval and not in the program is Nassau County, and there is a meeting this week to get them involved. Clay County was the first county in the region to partner with JTA on this venture.

#### Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

#### New Business

\*2004 Annual TDSP Update - Mr. Jones made the Board aware the TD Commission has a rule to update the TD Service Plan every year. The plan is included in the packet for the Board's review, and Mr. Jones asked that changes be given to him. **Ms. Dotson moved to approve the TD Service Plan.** Ms. Hartzog expressed a desire to have more time to review the plan.

**Ms. Dotson amended her motion to table the approval of the TD Service Plan until the next meeting; seconded by Ms. Donnell; motion passed unanimously.**

Review of 2004-05 Rural Capital Assistance Grant Application – Ms. Knight reported that when she attended the TD meeting on Friday, she learned that they were awarded one vehicle. The Board congratulated her.

Review of 2004-05 CTD Trip/Equipment Grant Extension - Ms. Knight said this grant is not prepared yet and it is not due for 1½ months.

Regional Driver Salary Comparison – Mr. Jones included in the packet a grid showing drivers' rates for six counties.

#### Member and Department Reports

Update on FDOT 5310/5311 Grant Application Reviews/Awards – FDOT was not present at the meeting. None of the counties know what they will be receiving.

Mr. Jones made the Board aware that as a result of the last FDOT audit here, Clay County was singled out for all of their technical assistance, hard work and help in rewriting the statewide model policy for drug and alcohol testing. The FDOT wanted to commend them; and, they are being held up as a model for the State of Florida for drug and alcohol testing. The Board applauded this announcement.

Ms. Hartzog shared with the Board two warm stories regarding their riders.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 23, 2004**, at **2 p.m.** at the Clay County Council on Aging Office, 604 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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