

# Consolidated Manchester/ Derry-Salem [R8] Regional Coordination Council

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

**Hybrid: SNHPC/Zoom**

## MEETING NOTES

**ATTENDEES** (*\* indicates attendance via Zoom, BOLD indicates RCC member*):

**Fred Roberge, Chair – Easterseals NH**

**George Sioras – Derry**

**Tracey Whitehead – CART**

**James Wilkie – CareGivers NH**

John Wilson – Londonderry citizen\*

Steve Workman – Transport NH\*

**Scott Bogle – RPC\***

Carl Eppich – SNHPC\*

**Nate Miller – SNHPC**

Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC

Adam Hlasny – SNHPC

### **1. Call to Order**

In the absence of a quorum, Chair Fred Roberge began the meeting at 2:09 PM.

### **2. Action on Minutes of February 15, 2022**

*The minutes were tabled.*

### **3. Approval of new RCC Citizen Member**

*This item was tabled.*

### **4. FY 2022 Section 5310 Status Update**

Nate summarized the billing status of all Section 5310 projects. He noted that ridership levels are beginning to trend upwards, especially on the Goffstown Shuttle and Easterseals' demand-response service.

James then gave a presentation highlighting the history, present, and plans of the CareGivers, focusing on its volunteer driver program. Demand for rides continues to grow, as 1,241 rides have already been provided in 2022, with 500 in the last month alone. Facebook advertising seems to offer the best “bang for the buck”, whereas print advertising has been far less successful.

Future plans include potential expansion into the Alton/Ossipee area. Chair Roberge invited James to coordinate with RCC regions 2 (Carroll County) and 3 (Mid-State). Within Region 8, James said that efforts are underway to increase both the client and volunteer bases in Greater Manchester, and potentially expand into New Boston. Nate mentioned that Auburn and Candia could be relatively low-hanging fruit for expansion.

Steve mentioned the potential for cooperation/partnerships across RCC boundaries to leverage surplus CDC rural regional funding. Chair Roberge suggested connecting CareGivers to Terri Paige and Cindy Yanski of the Region 3 RCC.

Scott mentioned the goal to ensure funds that would have gone to the old Region 9 continue to flow to the Derry-Salem subregion of R8. Nate said that now is the time to make any adjustments to the regional allocation, prior to year two of the current 5310 contract.

#### **5. Regional Mobility Manager: RFP Status Update**

Nate summarized the status of the RFP: it was posted and shared widely for approximately three weeks in March, but as of the April 1 deadline had no respondents. He reminded the RCC that the contract expires on 6/30/23, but an extension is a real possibility. Options going forward are as follows:

- Readvertise RFP (not seen as a good option)
- As lead agency, SNHPC hires someone on a temporary or contract basis
- Find an existing subrecipient agency under the RCC umbrella who could perform MM services

Chair Roberge noted his preference to move things along as quickly as possible, adding that SNHPC would be the best way forward. Nate said that hiring a MM on a contract employee basis would be preferable, and called for any names that come to RCC members' minds. George added that sometimes shorter contracts fit retired consultants well. Scott mentioned the possibility of contacting the Endowment for Health, Charitable Foundation, United Way, or solicit candidates with a healthcare sector background.

In response to a question from Sylvia, Nate said that the duties and responsibilities of the MM position are outlined in the SCC MM Blueprint.

#### **6. 2022 Coordinated Plan Update**

Scott and Carl noted that progress is being made but that several chapters (including goals and recommendations) are still in draft format. Due to the lack of time, it was decided to hold another work session prior to the next full RCC meeting.

#### **7. Other Business**

Steve gave an update on the Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment being proposed by the Statewide Committee on Aging (SCOA). Rebecca Sky submitted a letter to the Governor's office seeking GOFERR funding to pay for this study. There seems to be support for such an endeavor thus far. Steve suggested a small steering group including himself, Fred, Sylvia, Scott, Rebecca, and Nate meet over the next week to get moving and put forward a proposal.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

There will be a Coordinated Plan working group meeting on **Tuesday, May 17, 10:00-noon.**

The next full RCC meeting is TBD.

**Meeting stood adjourned at 4:07 PM.**