

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Meeting

SSTAC

January 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and introductions

The Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairperson Cathie Peacock.

Also in attendance were:

Doreen Schmidt with Area 12 Agency on Aging; Michael Pierce with DRAIL; John Weisenburger with Southside Community Connections; Bob Asquith from Groveland; Michele Demetrias with Caltrans; Darin Grossi, Executive Director; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Denise Bergamaschi, Administration Technician.

2. Approval of the October 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Doreen Schmidt with Area 12 moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2018 as presented.

Michele Demetrias seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

3. Discuss vacancies/term expirations of the following positions:

- Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means – Vacancy
- Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency – Vacancy
- Potential Transit User with a Disability – term expired on 1/22/18
- Social Service Provider for Seniors – term expired on 1/22/18
- Social Service Provider for the Disabled – term expired on 1/22/18 (Daniel Valdes)
- Social Service Provider for the Disabled – term expired on 7/22/18 (Michael Pierce)
***Application attached for consideration
- At- Large Member – term expired on 10/10/2017 (Vacant)

Chairperson, Cathie Peacock pointed out the number of vacancies and asked that all members please speak to people you know and let's recruit.

Doreen Schmidt added that she spoke with Margie Miller and was informed that she will not be applying for Vickie Garrett's position as previously thought.

Bob Asquith stated that he would put the word out at the Southside Seniors in Groveland to see if there is any interest from anyone.

Alex Padilla added that he knows of someone at ATCAA would be a good fit for the vacancy of Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means.

Discussion ensued.

At this time, Doreen Schmidt moved to approve re-appointing Michael Pierce for the position of

A representative for a Social Service Provider for the Disabled as well as Vice Chair with a term to expire July 17, 2021.

Michele Demetrias with Caltrans seconded the vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

As far as the remaining positions listed, the members have not responded to outreach or, are no longer in a capacity to fill said position. Staff and Council Members will reach out to the public or persons they are connected to for possible recruitments.

4. Discussion of items currently being worked on. (Ongoing agenda item).

Tyler Summersett provided updates on several grant applications that he is currently working on. He also provided an update on the Short Range Transit Plan and informed Council Members how this plan will help change Tuolumne County Transit become more successful.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that staff is in the process of modifying the Trip Program Policies to include out of town medical appointments on an approved basis. He also added that the amount allotted per mile would be brought up to the current Federal amount of .58 per mile.

Discussion ensued.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett also informed Council Members that TCTC will be relocating their office to Morning Star Drive – next to the DMV.

Alex Padilla informed Council Members that the NextBus contract is up and that an RFP will be put out for bids.

5. Agency Reports

Doreen Schmidt reported that she recently met with the hospital and they were surprised to learn about the Trip Program as well as other services that are currently available. She added that she invited them to attend the next SSTAC meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Michael Pierce reported that he would like to praise the Transit Drivers adding that he always hears good things about them and that one of his clients is in a scooter and the drivers always go out of their way to assist him.

Executive Director Grossi suggested that Mr. Pierce have his client fill out ADA paperwork so that he gets preferential treatment.

Cathie Peacock mentioned that a tree fell in her neighborhood and that Caltrans did a wonderful job at clearing the roads and cleaning up the debris – She thanked Michelle with Caltrans.

Cathie Peacock and Executive Director Grossi discussed the annual Christmas dinner at the fairgrounds and decided that Tuolumne County Transit would provide free rides to the dinner.

6. Adjourn

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician*