



**Sumter County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board  
Minutes  
Tuesday, December 6, 2016  
The Villages Sumter County Service Center  
7375 Powell Road, Room 102  
Wildwood, FL**

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**Members Present**

Don Burgess, Chairman  
Richard Cole, Vice-Chairman  
Carlos Colon  
Christine Norris  
Bonnie Cowie  
Millie Chervoni  
Cheryl Ridley  
Kim Rummell  
Sheri Peterson  
Angela Taylor  
Danielle Delgado  
Carlina Lindo  
Sandra Woodard

**Representing**

Lake~Sumter MPO  
Citizen Advocate  
FDOT, D5  
Public Education/Sumter County Schools  
Citizen Advocate/User of the System  
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration  
Regional Workforce Development Board  
Veterans Service Office Representing Veterans  
Florida Department of Children & Families  
Florida Department of Elder Affairs  
Vocational Rehabilitation/FL Dept. of Education  
Children at Risk  
FL Association CAA/Economically Disadvantaged

**Members Absent**

Mildred Haygood  
Karen Nolte  
Thomas Chase

**Representing**

Person Over 60 Representing the Elderly  
Person with a Disability/Representing Disabled  
Medical Community

**Staff Present**

TJ Fish  
Nancy Valenzano  
Mark Nelson  
Kyle Mills

**Representing**

Lake~Sumter MPO, Executive Director  
Lake~Sumter MPO, TD Coordinator/Recording Secretary  
Ride Right, LLC, General Manager  
Sumter County Transit Contract Support Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting of the Sumter County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board was called to order by Chairman Burgess at 2:00 p.m. Staff announced that the meeting was properly noticed. The roll was called, at which time it was noted a quorum was present.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** (on agenda items or general comments) - None

**PRESENTATION**

Richard Cole, Citizens Advocate and Vice Chairman  
Mr. Cole provided a presentation about the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation also known as The Able Trust, and its mission to be a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of September 13, 2016 Annual Public Hearing Minutes
- B. Approval of September 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

*On a motion by Richard Cole, seconded by Christine Norris and carried unanimously by a 13-0 vote, the Board approved the September 13, 2016 Annual Public Hearing minutes and the September 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented.*

## **ACTION ITEM**

- A. Approval of 2017 Meeting Schedule

Staff recommended four (4) meeting dates in 2017 during the months of March, June, September and December. The dates were recommended in order to accommodate the due dates for required items to be sent to the TD Commission.

*On a motion by Richard Cole, seconded by Christine Norris and carried unanimously by a 13-0 vote the 2017 meeting schedule was approved.*

- B. Appoint Vice-Chair 2017

Chairman Burgess commented the TDCB is requested to elect a Vice-Chairman for 2017. The Vice-Chairman's term of office shall be for one year and the Vice-Chairman may be re-elected to an additional term or terms of office. Richard Cole is currently serving his first one-year term as Vice-Chairman.

*On a motion by Cheryl Ridley, seconded by Christine Norris and carried unanimously by a 13-0 vote, Richard Cole was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for 2017.*

- C. Appointment of Technical Advisor

Nancy Valenzano referred to the Bylaws Section 4, appointment of Technical Advisors, non-voting members. Ms. Valenzano stated Bebe Chudeusz, COMS, CVRT, TVI is employed with New Vision for Independence and provides support services for people with low vision or blindness, and their families, in Lake and Sumter Counties and The Villages. Mr. Fish added Ms. Chudeusz serves on the Lake TDCB as a Citizen representative.

*On a motion by Richard Cole, seconded by Christine Norris and carried unanimously by a 13-0 vote, the board appointed Bebe Chudeusz to serve as a Technical Advisor, non-voting member on the Sumter County TDCB.*

- D. Annual Review and Approval of Grievance Procedures

Ms. Valenzano reported the TDCB is required to annually review the Grievance Procedures in accordance with the Commission's most recent Coordinating Board and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines. The Grievance Procedures were reviewed by the MPO Attorney, the Grievance Subcommittee and staff. The Subcommittee recommended the updates as presented.

*On a motion by, Richard Cole seconded by Carlos Colon and carried unanimously by a 13-0 vote, the board approved the revisions to the Grievance Procedures as recommended.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Annual Review of Coordination Contract**

Kyle Mills provided a review of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) coordination contract with SCARC.

### **B. Update on Mobility Enhancement Grant Projects and Other Innovative Programs to Reduce Costs of Public Transit**

TJ Fish commented Legislature authorized the Commission to competitively award \$1,750,000 of non-recurring funds to Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs) to support projects that 1) enhance the access of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low income individuals to healthcare, shopping, education, employment etc.; 2) assist in the development, improvement, and use of transportation systems in non-urbanized areas; 3) promote the efficient coordination of services; 4) support inter-city bus transportation; or 5) encourage private transportation provider participation. Five projects were awarded during the first round and service began July 1, 2016 for a total of \$693,265. Two projects were awarded for the second round and service will begin on January 1, 2017 for a total of \$137,128.14. Mr. Fish led a discussion on the use of for-hire car services including traditional taxi companies and car sharing services like Uber and Lyft.

### **C. Historic Policy and Funding Allocation Process Assessment**

Nancy Valenzano reported the item is for information only. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged engaged the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to undertake a study to explore Florida's historic funding of transportation for the disadvantaged. The research is focused on the TD Trip and Equipment allocation methodology and formulas used for the distribution of the state Transportation Disadvantaged Program (TD) funds. CUTR surveyed Community Transportation Coordinators to discover opinions and perspectives on TD program funding, service characteristics, existing funding allocation methodology, and local conditions and issues. The study will provide the commission with three scenarios for an equitable distribution of funds. She added a full report is expected to be issued by March.

### **D. Sumter County Transit – Operations and Administration (Part 1)**

Kyle Mills and Mark Nelson provided insight into how reservations are made, how trips are scheduled and allocated, no-shows, fees, and how eligibility is determined.

### **E. 5310 & 5311 Grant Updates**

Kyle Mills reviewed the FY 2017/18: 1) Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program; and 2) Section 5311 Formula Grant for Rural Areas. He reported the public hearing is scheduled January 10, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Historic Courthouse.

**REPORTS**

- A. FDOT  
Carlos Colon reported on the application process for upcoming FDOT grants.
- B. Ride Right, LLC - None
- C. Sumter County CTC  
Kyle Mills shared SCT was awarded the Most Blind Friendly Business Award from New Visions at their first annual awards luncheon today. He added Mark Nelson is doing a great job and commented on the driver training provided by Bebe Chudeusz this year.
- D. Lake~Sumter MPO  
Ms. Valenzano reported on her quarterly bus ride with SCT stating all went well. She shared she is in the process of phone call surveys to all of the Dialysis patients, everyone is happy with the service. TJ Fish shared Florida Statute requires MPOs to monitor, plan for and evaluate the community transportation coordinators; we are extremely confident in the Sumter County program.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Danielle Delgado commented the online application provided by Sumter County is very easy to complete, takes less than a minute to do so. Richard Cole wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

  
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Chairman Don Burgess

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