

August 24 RTCC Board Meeting – via Zoom

Public Transit providers program updates: All running at lower capacity than pre-Covid but all are continuing to increase.

Volunteer Driver Program update: Region 4 is working with another RTCC on forms to be used for the Volunteer Driver Program.

MNDOT: Update from Michelle. She will be meeting with all of the RTCC's to get to know the people working for them. The entire end vision for each region having a TMCC is not yet clear. This is considered a year of discovery for the RTCC's and it will be a while before any decisions are made.

Tom G. provided updates on legislative action taking place re: Volunteer Driver Programs. Including: defining what a volunteer driver is. A volunteer driver is NOT a person for hire. Another issue being looked at is getting the federal rate of \$.14/mi. changed. MNCOTA will be hosting a Volunteer Driver virtual series between November and May.

Covid 19 Positive transportation has just gone through legislation with the intent to provide transportation to Covid Positive people who have no other transportation option. Right now, the only option prepared for this is ambulance services and we do not want to take ambulances out of service for these transports.

Heather M. is working with a group helping to create performance measures that are tangible and measurable. Heather is also part of a group working on the technology piece.

Feedback on the new meeting format is positive.

Tasks:

Volunteer Driver Committee percent is up as progress has been made and the Volunteer Committee will meet August 25. The committee is putting together a packet of generic information so anyone could start a volunteer driver program.

Travel Training: 1st course done for Alissa. 2nd course done for Marcy.

Marketing Information and Transportation Provider Guides are getting out each month. People are starting to recognize our logo and what we're working for.

Shaun from MATBUS shared a presentation on their Train the Trainer program.

Next meeting, Monday September 28 at 1pm via Zoom