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## Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Human Service Transportation Plan (HSTP) and Champaign-Urbana Age-Friendly Transportation Working Group

**Date:** October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Brookens Administrative Center  
John Dimit Conference Room

**Stakeholders:** Linda Tauber-Olson, Kristen Gisondi, Rita Morocoima-Black, Jeffrey Woods, Drew Bargmann, Amy Brown, Kathy Rhoads, Rosanna McLain, Nicole Dowling, Jonathan Woods

### AGENDA

- A. Discussion of Transportation Initiatives
- B. Discussion of Local Transportation Coordination Issues
- C. Discussion of 2020 Schedule

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Notes from April 10, 2019 Meeting

Attendees: Jeffrey Woods, Rosanna McLain, Samantha Kenzer (Family Services intern), Ashley Lingafelter (Carle graduate student), Kristen Farney, Jonathan Woods, Kristen Gisondi, Rita Morocoima-Black, Debbie Peterik

A. Presentation of Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area HSTP Report Card

Ms. Gisondi provided the following highlights:

- The data for the report is from 2018 and the study area includes Champaign, Urbana, Savoy, Bondville and Tolono.
- The data was collected from RPC, OSF Faith in Action and Family Services. A rating is given if the data had previously been collected before 2018. If not, data serves as a baseline and no rating is given, which was the case in most of the performance measures. Ms. Morocoima-Black commented that the reason for covering these areas is because that is the area set by the U.S. Census as the urbanized area for this region.
- Objectives included:
  - Creating a transportation directory for the urbanized area, which was completed in March of 2018.
  - Volunteer Agencies – OSF Faith in Action, and Family Services provided the data for 2017 and 2018.
  - Regional Driver Training Sessions – The Rural Transit Assistance Center of Illinois has a driver training program, but there were no regionalized trainings held in 2018.
  - Connecting rural/underserved areas – The Rantoul Connector changed the fixed route in November 2018 to include stops in the urbanized area.
  - Employer Surveys – surveys not distributed in 2018.
  - Develop a One-Call One-Click Center – two grants were submitted in 2018 but funding is not yet secured.
  - Personal Assistant Program – a need for the door thru door transportation, which requires someone riding with the passenger. Funding has not been secured.

B. Discussion of Unmet Needs

- Ms. McLain from Family Services commented that they do volunteer transportation where either they have a volunteer driver for a rider or they provide cab rides at half price. The rider pays the other half with the MTD Dash Pass. Due to funding, they can only provide one ride per week. Each ride is two stops.
- For medical therapy appointments, Family Service can only provide two rides per week and these people sometime need up to 5 times a week.
- Wheelchair accessible rides are needed. Ms. Morocoima-Black commented that in checking with cab companies a few years ago, they faced concerns such as insurance and having the type of vehicle that will allow people to enter the vehicle when they have those limitations.

- Carle discussed trying to help people in the Garden Hills area with passes, but the barrier was that MTD only runs until 6:00 p.m. on weeknights to Garden Hills, which is not helpful for those wishing to attend parenting education classes or other school events. Ms. Morocoima-Black suggested contacting MTD.
- C. Discussion of Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area HSTP Goals
- Develop and send out surveys
  - Re-apply for One-Call One-Click center funding
  - Solidify passenger assistance program scope
  - Update the transportation directory
  - Travel trainings
  - Consolidated regional driver trainings

The next meeting is June 5.

Adjourned 3:35 p.m.