
Minutes



Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022
Time: 9:30-11:00 am
Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Jon Beckett – Envoy America
Eddie Clark – KP Buss Connects
Jacque Mann – Puget Sound Educational District
Ivan Tudela - Pierce County Dept. of Emergency Management
Marianne Seifert – Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
BethAnn –
Lani Fowlkes - Pierce Transit
Dean Sydnor – RARET
Jean Kim – PSRC
Steve Hutchins – ATS Around the Sound
Ausha Potts - Pierce Transit
Additional Attendees Present but did not participate in introductions – Full list on last page

Staff:

Daeveene May - Social Service Program Specialist
Bryan Barmore – Office Assistant

9:30 Introductions in Chat

- Daeveene – Welcomes everyone as asks they introduce in chat with organizations and favorite vacation spot

9:33 Pierce County Announcements

- Daeveene - met with Rep Fey about Move Ahead WA –
 - Rep wants less gas usage/ consolidation if possible / ride sharing
 - In 2019 team talked about consolidation ride in the county, because of covid the plan never got started
 - In the discussion with Rep Fey we discussed of doing a pilot plan in Puyallup area working with the two providers over there
 - Marianne Seifert – did the discussion talk about electric vehicles
 - Daeveene – in the plan we want to use more efficient vehicles
 - Steve Hutchins – we did discuss electric vehicle grants from the feds
 - Daeveene - Pilot Plan is in motion unless group has other areas that could be better?
 - Steve Hutchins – this pilot is really unique as there are two centers in close proximity
- Homeless Orca Card program has been kicked off –

- Started June 1,
- Working with 6 providers
- Will run for a year
- Will use the data to track – in HMIS Database
- Steve Hutchins – will ORCA be tacked though the system?
 - Daeveene – Yes
- Strategic Plan
 - Kudos to everyone for working really well together
 - Next steps in plan are: Close the Gaps, Connect the System, Close Awareness Gaps
 - Additional next steps are we are going to look at underserved areas, like the key peninsula so we can close the area gaps.
 - We want to make sure our special groups and populations get the transportation needs met

9:43 **Community Partner Announcements**

- PSRC
 - Jean Kim – Senior planner – Important announcement – Call for projects will be released July 31st - will be on the website
 - We will provide training in August – exact date and time will be on the website
 - Recordings will be available as well
 - All materials and resources will be on the website as well
 - Daeveene – Couple of Questions
 - Going to be doing the mapping?
 - Jean – I believe WADOT will be providing resources and training for the map side
 - Jean – If you need the mapping, we encourage you to reach out before the deadline as more requests will come in close to the deadline
 - Jean – Reach out to me or the Data website
 - Data Website: <https://www.psrc.org/data-and-resources/data-request-form>
 - Daeveene – PSRC has one open slot – let me know if you are interested in applying, it is a voting member position
 - PSRC Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process & Training information will be posted here: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding>
 - email Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org for any questions
- Pierce Transit – Ausha Potts
 - Working on the ADA eligibility
 - Working on establishing training for better service for blind and deaf riders, more to come
 - ADA department – looking into replacing our scheduling operating system, and our runner’s system
 - More news will be available on the website
 - We have services for people with disabilities to learn how to use the system, please reach out to me or the trainer
 - ADA – we have resumed assessments, so please reach out
 - Marianne Seifert – one helpful thing is when bus drivers call out their #s when arriving, and when they give time for riders to sit down, most drivers are awesome, but some need to be reminded

- Ausha – I will let our trainers know about the areas of concern
- WADOT?
 - No rep
- United Way?
 - No rep
- PSE SD:
 - Jacque Mann – No updates
- Raret:
 - No updates
 - Ivan T – I do know tomorrow is their lunch for their emergency transportation provider network
 - Dean Hopelink Mobility – Yes, it is tomorrow, please reach out to me if you need assistance getting there
 - Contact Information - DSydnor@hopelink.org
- Tacoma Health Department:
 - Daeveene – Marianne last day is today, and I want to thank her for all the assistance you have done for me personally and for the county providing much needed service
 - Marianne – Thank you – I really think this work is important and the impact everyone has is important
 - Health Department – really advocating for transportation – in August we will be hiring a replacement staff member that will be focusing half time on transportation issues.
 - Covid Team is being integrated into the health department -
 - Never a dull moment at the Health Department
- Beyond the Borders Update:
 - Envoy – John – We are here to assist, let us know, I started this role 5/2
 - Steve Hutchins – Work out in Spanaway and Bonney Lake
 - Just started a demonstration with Veterans out in Orting, program runs 3 days a week and ridership has been very healthy
 - 40% of the people out there are using the system
 - Daeveene – Very healthy ridership that helps these people get their life on track
 - We are updating our dispatch system
 - Will now be coordinated though the computer, and when it is up and running, a ride with confirmation will be scheduled almost instantly
 - Should be up and running next week

10:06 Pierce Transit- Guess Speaker- Lani Fowlkes- New ORCA Card Update – Lani Fowlkes

- Introduction
- ORCA Card Project is the Agencies first project of this kind
 - Kudos for Daeveene for working so hard setting it up
- New Orca Card – Provided to 500 Clients
 - Unlimited Rides
 - 35 Routes

- Happy
- With Card you can ride the Runner – On-Demand Service – Like UBER – Free to ORCA Card holders – One is in the Tideflats, other down on Ruston, and JBLM – it’s a minivan has room for wheelchairs in back
- Shuttle Service is also available to use with the card
- I put my contact information in the Chat – please reach out if you have any questions
- ORCA – Card is a discounted annual pass to businesses and works with most regional transit, Program is 90% discount from retail costs.
- Contact Information: lfowlkes@piercettransit.org 253.380.1612
- Any Questions?
- Daeveene – You mentioned two types of cards?
 - One for Pierce service area
 - One for regional area services – 100% transit all access including trains, water taxi
 - Daeveene – yes, the cards can also be used to personal trips on the weekend, its unlimited and no penalties
- Lani Fowlkes - invite you to our Bus Rapid Transit virtual open house on June 29 at 5p. Thank you. <https://www.piercettransit.org/brt/>

10:15 Important Upcoming Dates:

- Jun 24, 2022 - Emergency Transportation Provider Network (ETPN) Summit
- Jun 28, 2022 - Virtual Forum - Engagement Strategies for Inclusive Transportation Planning
 - [REGISTRATION LINK FOR JUNE 28TH TP4A VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE](#)
- Jul 14, 2022 - Virtual Forum- Measuring Success for Inclusive Transportation Planning
 - [REGISTRATION LINK FOR JULY 14TH TP4A VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE](#)
- Jul 21, 2022 - WSDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Oct 27, 2022 - Application deadline for 2022 Consolidated Grant

10:21 Any Other Updates

- Ivan Tudela – Piece County Department of Emergency Management – Tracking Hot weather for this weekend, also AC units could be helped though the energy assistance program
 - Additionally, the Water is really cold from snow melt so be cautious
- Daeveene – Thinking about having a in person/hybrid meeting for the next one, does anyone object to that? Will be sending out a doodle poll.
- Daeveene – Move Ahead Washington has a lot of information in the packet, and I encourage everyone to get familiar with it, please take time and look at the initiative.

10:27 Close Out and Adjourn

Next meeting September 22, 2022- 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Links/info from Chat:

Link to the PSRC Data Request Form: <https://www.psrc.org/data-and-resources/data-request-form> (Please remember to submit your request ahead of time, as it could take up to 3-4 weeks to get back to you)

Commerce staff may know of electrification funding: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/electric-vehicles/>

Pierce Transit - Bus Rapid Transit virtual open house on June 29 at 5p. Thank you. <https://www.piercetransit.org/brt/>

RARET Coordinator, Hopelink - DSydnor@hopelink.org <-- email here if you are interested in RARET's ETPN Summit tomorrow!

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Contacts:


































Judy Olsen about transportation issues, jolsen@tpchd.org and Daniel Burdsall about COVID, dburdsall@tpchd.org

PSRC Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process & Training information will be posted here: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding>

East Pierce life jacket program: <https://www.eastpiercefirer.org/page.php?id=165>

Ausha – Pierce Transit – Free Youth Transit Pass Starting This Fall:

- Thanks to funding provided through the State Legislature's Move Ahead Washington transportation package, youth ages 18 and under will ride fare free on public transit this Fall throughout our region
- Regional transit partners, including Pierce Transit, are working on the details of this benefit and more information will be available soon
 - Watch our website www.PierceTransit.org for an announcement in the coming months.

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- BB** Bryan Barmore (Host, me)   
 - DM** Daeveene May (he/him) P... (Co-host)    
 - BP** BethAnn PC2  
 - EC** Edale Clark  
 - SH** Steve Hutchins  
 - AP** A Potts, Pierce Transit  
 - AC** Angelique C  
 - AK** Ann Kennedy  
 - BP** Ben Paganelli  
 - E** envoy  
 - HM** Hopelink Mobility  
 - IT** Ivan Tudela-PCDEM  
 - JM** Jacque Mann (she/her) PSESD  
 - JK** Jean Kim, PSRC  
 - LF** Lani Fowlkes - Pierce Transit  
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