

Dodge County Coordination Plan Worksheet

Instructions:

SAFETEA-LU requirements indicate each 2008 coordination plan must:

1. Analyze existing transit services
2. Identify transportation service gaps
3. Identify transportation needs
4. Develop a coordination plan with prioritized strategies and actions.

This worksheet is an example of a tool that can assist your county and/or regional area in developing its local human service transportation coordination plan. Information for items #1 and #2 should be prepared in advance of the locally developed planning meeting.

Critical Discussion Areas

Item #1 - Demographic population information/data for elderly, disabled, low income individuals:

In 2003 the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (US DOT, BTS 2003b) reported that almost 4 percent of persons with disabilities (an estimated 1.9 million) are homebound and their average age was 66 years.

Private motor vehicles (PMV) are used most frequently by the elderly disabled to commute to work, the doctor, or for other local travel. As is true for the elderly non-disabled and the younger disabled, more drove a PMV to work than rode as a passenger. Of the elderly disabled that work, 78 percent drove a PMV. Although 54.2 percent of the elderly disabled drove going to the doctor, more rode as a passenger in a PMV (37.4 percent) than the disabled aged 25-64 (28.9 percent) and elderly non-disabled (11.6 percent). For other local travel such as for shopping and recreation, 53.6 percent of the elderly disabled drove a motor vehicle and 39.6 percent rode as passengers in a personal motor vehicle. More of the disabled < 25 rode as a passenger in a PMV commuting to the doctor (65.7 percent), or other local travel (55.9 percent) than the elderly disabled, however, because this age group includes children less than driving age the high percentage is not unexpected.

Discussion: Private motor vehicles are the most frequently used form of transportation for local travel for elderly and disabled persons. Our volunteer driver's traveled over 575,000 miles last year, using their own PMV to transport Dodge County residents to appointments. Transportation providers who participated in the Coordination meetings agreed that although this continued to be true, with increased cost of fuel for the past year or two, many clients were finding it difficult to find transportation. They could not afford the gas to drive their own vehicles.

Item #2 - Existing services currently available¹:

Please see attached inventory at end of document. Inventory forms were mailed to each provider with a return envelope. There were only a few forms returned to DTC. Clerical staff is collecting the information by calling each provider individually. This task will be completed by December 31, 2008. The information at the end of this document is partially complete. Blank areas are ones where we are waiting for return calls from providers.

Item #3 – Needs

The group of attendees discussed the need for more transportation services within the county, affordable transportation and a possible route from Fond du Lac, Waupun, Beaver Dam, Juneau, and Watertown.

Item #4 - Gaps²:

Generally, there is a lack of infrastructure and interest by transportation providers within the county. Ten participants came to the meetings; two were from providers, seven were Human Services and Health Department staff and one was from the Dodge County Planning and Development.

Strategy and Actions

1. The Dodge County Transportation Program (DCT) through the STRAP Grant for 2008, is developing a directory of services which will be published prior to the end of 2008. This directory included all providers of transportation within Dodge County even if they only provide services at this time to their own clients.
2. DCT, as part of implementation of a new software program (RouteMatch), will provide technical training for County Transportation staff. RouteMatch will be implemented in early 2009. Some of the participating agencies have their own software programs and others do their processes by hand.
3. DCT works with other agencies for purchase of 5310 vehicles. A letter is sent to transportation providers at the beginning of each 5310 cycle inviting them to participate in the planning process. For example: At this time Clearview Skilled Nursing Facility is interested in participating through an addendum to our Cycle 33 vehicle allocation (which has been approved by DOT for 2009 delivery).
4. County transportation providers work with other agencies to provide rides on a request basis and on an individual authorization basis. For example, Dodge County Transportation program provides primarily Medical services to those with disabilities or the frail elderly. If there is a Beaver Dam to Beaver Dam ride request, DCT works out an arrangement with S & R Taxi to provide the rides and bill DCT, who then can bill Medical Assistance in many instances. These arrangements are not contracted because the annual dollar amounts involved are less than \$10,000.

¹ See Inventory Worksheet.

² Gaps: Examples include lack of infrastructure, resources, capacity, information on services and service redundancies.

5. Dodge County transportation providers share resources when requested and available. For example: DCT 5310 vehicles are available to other agencies to contract for the vehicle and a van driver based on cost. Some agencies use these services and some agencies book the rides through the DCT program; whatever is convenient for them at that point in time. DCT 85.21 services and funds are provided and billed to multiple programs and coordinated with shared-ride taxi services.
6. In 2008, grant monies earned by the Public Health Unit of the Dodge County Human Services and Health Department were committed to assist in the purchase of RouteMatch software. This software, which will be implemented in early 2009, is very sophisticated and will provide an easier and more cost effective reservation system which in turn should result in more rides and more types of rides being provided.
7. Limited response to invitation for Coordinated Transportation meeting. Engaging the State Department of Transportation to run the initial meeting in 2009 would, based on historical results (prior meeting had much larger turnout), would encourage broader participation.

Dodge County Transportation Services Inventory

Name	Type	Scheduling	Days/Hours	Lift/Ramp	How to Access	Funding
Green Valley 1223 Madison St. Beaver Dam, WI 53916 (920) 887-4282 Bob Anderson	3 Buses 5 vans	Fixed Route	Weekdays 7:00 AM-5:00 PM	All buses and vans are equipped with lifts	Fixed Routes	
Bethesda Lutheran Homes 700 Hoffman Dr. Watertown, WI (920) 262-8261 Donna Winter Developy Disabled	Lift Vehicles	Fixed Route & Demand Response	Weekdays 8:00 AM-4:30 PM	5 Lifts	Fixed Routes & Call for each ride	5310

Golden Living
Rehabilitation Center
410 Roedl Court
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
Shannon Angel
(920) 887-7191

1 van

Other-taking
residents to
activities(very
rare)

lift

Beaver Dam Community
Hospital
707 S. University Ave.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
(920) 887-7181

Christian Home &
Rehabilitation Center
331 Bly St.
Waupun, WI 53963
(920) 324-9051
Becky Wilson

1 bus

Demand
Response

Weekdays 8-5

lift

Other: Doctor
apts or
recreational use
for clients

Clearview Long Term
Care & Rehabilitation
199 Home Rd.
Juneau, WI 53039
(920) 386-3400

Dodge County
Transportation
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039
(920) 386-3832

2 mini-vans
7 lg. vans

3 work days
notice; demand
response

Monday
through Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30
PM

mini - ramp &
lg. vans - lift

call for each
ride

5 5310;
2 Tax Levy

Johnson Bus Service
 507 S. Watertown St.
 Waupun, WI 53963
 (920) 324-2271

3

School Routes

Monday
 through Friday
 7:30AM - 4:30
 PM (empty in
 the afternoon)

lifts

Fixed routes

Johnson Bus Service
 N7160 Raceway Rd.
 Beaver Dam, WI 53916
 (920) 887-8390
 Daryl

Hartford City Taxi
 125 N. Rural St.
 Hartford, WI 53027
 (920) 673-8222
 Lisa Alf

Lifestar Emergency
 Medical Services
 108 West Decorah Rd.
 West Bend, WI 53095
 Mike (262) 375-8911

6
 ambulances
 7 vans
 1 car

on demand

24-7 (before 5
 and after 7 need
 advance notice)

vans have lifts

call for each
 ride

fee for
 service

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