

Southeast New Hampshire Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation: Memorandum of Understanding

WHEREAS there are several different transportation programs currently providing service within the southeast New Hampshire region to seniors, persons with disabilities, and human service agency clients;

WHEREAS there are significant unmet needs for individuals requiring such transportation services;

WHEREAS this service gap is anticipated to grow significantly in the next twenty years due to demographic trends in this region;

WHEREAS coordination efforts have been shown to result in increased service through improved cost efficiency, elimination of duplication, and access to additional funding; and

WHEREAS there is a need – and an opportunity -- to create a balanced network of diverse transportation services and options by coordinating transportation in this region,

WHEREAS the Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT) is a partnership of health and human service agencies, municipalities, and regional planning agencies from Strafford, Rockingham and Carroll Counties, formed with the purpose of removing geographical barriers to transportation, improving access to transportation services and coordinating community transportation services in the region, and will serve as the Southeast New Hampshire Regional Coordinating Council:

BE IT KNOWN THAT

_____ intends to participate in the establishment and functioning of the Southeast New Hampshire Coordinating Council for Community Transportation. This Memorandum of Understanding documents this intent and the organization's commitment to the primary mission of the Council.

The Southeast New Hampshire region includes Strafford, Eastern Rockingham and Southern Carroll counties.

The primary mission of the Council is to:

- Help develop, implement, and provide guidance to the coordination of shared ride transportation options within the region so that (1) seniors, low-income and persons with disabilities can access local and regional transportation services to get to locations within the regions and between regions; and (2) municipalities, human service agencies and other organizations can purchase such shared ride coordinated transportation services for their citizens, clients, and customers.
- To recruit, select (with approval from the Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC)), guide/direct, assist, monitor, and if necessary replace the Regional Transportation Coordinator, an organization which will be responsible for the day-to-day coordination of community transportation in the region.
- Provide feedback and reports to the SCC relative to the policies that this Council has established.

In addition to actual service delivery options, the focus of the Council's mission will encompass transportation options such as mileage reimbursement, subsidy programs, volunteer driver programs, and vehicle sharing, as well as related functions such as travel training, information referral, call center functions, vehicle procurement, insurance and maintenance, training, and technological support.

In signifying this intention and commitment,

_____ pledges to:

- Designate one representative (and/or up to two alternate representatives) to the Council, and ensure that the representative attends regularly scheduled meetings of the Council and is active in the functioning of the Council and Committees.
- Provide meeting space for the Council and/or Committees, as needed

Signing this Memorandum of Understanding does not signify a commitment of funding at this time.

Either party may cancel this Memorandum of Understanding with 30 days written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, indicates its support and intent:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ACCEPTANCE BY:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____