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Champaign County Rural Transit Advisory Group (RTAG)

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Brookens Administrative Center
Members Present: Wendy Hundley, Rick Williams, Aaron Esry, Evan Alvarez
Others Present: Sarah Love (MTD), Alicia Beck
Staff Present: Rita Morocoima-Black, Emma Woods, Allison Gwinup, Debbie Peterik

MEETING MINUTES

Subject to Review and Approval

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
The roll was taken by sign in sheet. A quorum was declared present.
- III. Audience Participation
None.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Esry moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Williams seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.
- V. Approval of draft minutes from the November 19, 2025, RTAG meeting.
Mr. Esry made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the November 19, 2025, RTAG meeting. Mr. Alvarez seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Presentation and Approval of C-CARTS FY26 2nd Quarter (October-December) Service Report
Ms. Woods provided highlights of the service report:
 - There were drops in social and personal trips.
 - There was a large increase in employment and education trips.
 - There were 1,310 senior trips.
 - 23 percent of the demand response trips used the lift.

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- There was an overall drop in the fixed route trip ridership of nine percent compared to the previous quarter. Operations added three morning trips for the On Demand routes from 5-9 a.m. and two afternoon trips for the On Demand routes from 2-6 p.m. which could be a reason for drop in the Fixed route trips.

Ms. Love discussed the decrease of nine percent ridership on the Fixed route trips. The Fixed route runs the 5-8 a.m. and previously only ran from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for On Demand routes. We opened that up to 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. so it cuts into the Fixed route. The On Demand routes increased by about 600 trips for the quarter. There is still some unaccounted-for information such as bus stop signs.

Mr. Alvarez also questioned whether specific staff members who were doing the categories of trips compared to last year could be a reason. Ms. Love commented that there could be the possibility of numbers being entered incorrectly and discussed the process of entering numbers.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the C-CARTS FY26 2nd (October-December) Service Report, seconded by Mr. Alvarez Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

B. Presentation of Findings from Rantoul Fare Study

Ms. Allison Gwinup presented information on the Rantoul Fare Study. She provided information on the previous study completed, what tasks the staff completed for the current study, and the results and recommendations of the study. The PowerPoint presentation of the study is attached for details.

Discussion ensued on the Rantoul Service.

C. Update on Medicaid service

Staff are in the application process phase for the Impact account, uploading required materials, reviewing the pay-out process between County and MTD (Medi system) and planning for implementation.

D. Discussion of Budget Priorities for FY 2027

Ms. Woods discussed the FY 2027 Apportionment:



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- Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) \$1,306,809
- Federal 5311 (Rural Transit) \$177,721
- Total Funding \$1,484,530
- 16 percent increase in DOAP funding from previous years
- Currently DOAP pays up to 65 percent of eligible expenses (Senate bill 2111)
- Agencies are responsible for finding match to expend the remaining funds (35 percent)

Staff members discussed the impact of the delay of the 2024 audit on the C-CARTS budget.

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Alvarez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Esry seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried. Ms. Hundley adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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