

**Medicaid Infrastructure Grant  
Transportation Workgroup  
Meeting Summary  
March 21, 2007**

**Present:** Jim Quick, George Ducharme, Joyce Armstrong, Lisa Rivers, Jayne Kleinman, Quincy Abbot, Cathy Ludlum, Glendine Henry

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

There was consensus among the workgroup members to continue the workgroup meetings beyond June, on a quarterly basis. The workgroup would like to continue in a creative and connecting role to:

1. Provide ongoing guidance to local pilot initiatives
2. Provide continuity and input/changes related to transportation for the website
3. Continue to address gaps/areas not covered by the local initiatives
4. Provide transportation research assistance to the Technical Assistance Center
5. Continue to engage employers regarding transportation options

The workgroup had several questions about the MIG funding, specifically the funding allocations for the local level and statewide initiatives and the use of the funds. The nuts and bolts of the RFA are still being worked out.

The Employment Summit Employer Award criterion was distributed to the workgroup members. Some ideas for the award include:

1. Recognition of employers who provide flextime or telecommuting options to employees to allow for their transportation needs.
2. Employers such as VNA Healthcare who used Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) matched savings accounts program to help employees purchase a car.

Workgroup members were encouraged to send additional ideas to workgroup facilitator by next workgroup meeting.

The workgroup spent much of the time reviewing the content for the website for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline. The following changes were made to the transportation module. Workgroup members agreed to write content for the module.

- Public Transportation (Glendine)
  - bus, train, ferry
  - paratransit
  - travel training (Kennedy Center)
  - ridesharing(van pooling, carpooling)
  - taxis
  - request a route

- Personal Transportation (Jim Quick)
  - owning, driving, purchasing car/van
  - driver evaluations
  - vehicle modifications
  - find a driver (p2)
  - be a driver (p2)
  - post your mod (p2)
- Financial Resources available (Joyce Armstrong)
- Innovative and creative Transportation Solutions (George Ducharme & Jayne Kleinman)
- Additional Links (Jayne Kleinman)
  - what can we do to help you to get to work

Glendine will develop and e-mail to the workgroup a draft of the website Myths and Facts about transportation.

The workgroup reviewed the vision statement and decided on the following statement *“Providing information on innovative, affordable, reliable, and accessible transportation options to employers and people with disabilities that supports employment and independence”*.

The workgroup is interested in any technical assistance the National Consortium for Health Systems Development (NCHSD) can provide. Glendine will contact Joe Entwistle regarding transportation issues and solutions at the national level.

### **Recommendation**

Since the workgroup objectives will not be completed by the end of June, the workgroup is recommending the following to the Steering Committee:

1. Continue to work on the transportation objectives and address gaps/areas not covered by the local initiatives
2. Provide guidance to local pilot initiatives
3. Provide continuity and input/changes related to transportation for the website
4. Provide transportation research assistance to the Technical Assistance Center
5. Continue to engage employers regarding transportation options

Distributed a copy of Transit for Connecticut Bus Study news release and website resource for Google Transit Trip Planner which provides directions using public transportation rather than driving directions. ([www.google.com/transit](http://www.google.com/transit)). Currently, CT's data is not available on this website. However, CONNDOT has expressed interest in this resource.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

