



**Objective:** Improve access to affordable and accessible transportation for job seekers through innovative initiatives.

**Meeting Date:** January 23, 2008

**Meeting Place:** Office of Protection and Advocacy  
60B Weston Street, Hartford, CT

**Attendees:** Lisa Rivers, Jim Quick, Lisa Barney, Joyce Armstrong, Carlos Pascoa, Cathy Ludlum, George Ducharme, Stan Kosloski, Noreen Shugrue, Mary-Ann Langton, Glendine Henry, Varian Salters, Lisa Sheltz, Robin Wood, Kevin Marquis, Tracey Mazrek, Jackie Rheaum

**Action Items from Previous Meeting on**

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	Meet with Noreen to review local level pilot evaluation measures and indicators	Glendine	Feb, 2008	In progress
2.	Convene meeting with DOT and rideshare regarding the data collection and copyrighting for Getting on Board Guides for Eastern and Northern Regions	Glendine	Feb 2008	In progress
3.	Review issue brief on accessible taxis	Workgroup	Feb, 2008	In progress
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**Agenda Item: Approval of Meeting Summary**

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. The workgroup approved the summary from the meeting. There were no changes to the summary.

**Agenda Item: Workplan Objectives and Activities**

The workgroup discussed and assigned tasks for the following objectives for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2008.

1. Enhance existing transportation information and materials
2. Develop state agency work plans to enhance awareness of available options and to create and implement new options

## Agenda Item: Transportation Discussion

The following workgroup members agreed to compile transportation information that various agencies provide to their clients with disabilities, and provide findings to Glendine by **February 13th**. As workgroup members contact the various agencies, Noreen suggested adding the following two questions)

1. how widely available is the information, and
2. who is using the information.

The information collected will help with the development of a transportation resource directory/resource mapping.

- Noreen –AARP
- Jim - Non-Profit Agencies/Centers for Independent Living
- Lisa Barney - Kennedy Center/Transit Agencies
- MaryAnn - Department of Disability Services
- Joyce - Department of Labor
- Glendine - INFOLINE/CAFCA/Easter Seals/UCE/DSS

Noreen offered to assist with baseline measures and will develop a satisfaction survey for possible distribution on the Connect-Ability website.

The workgroup discussed the issue brief on accessible taxis and suggested several changes, and ways to distribute the document. Lisa Rivers shared with the workgroup that ConnDOT has submitted a legislative proposal on accessible taxis. It is hopeful that the proposal will be part of the Governor's proposal.

The Transportation Highlights document was also reviewed and the workgroup suggested several changes to improve the document. It has not been decided who is the intended audience for the document when completed.

DSS and DDS staff met and discussed the DDS waiver and the DSS non-emergency medical transportation program to see if the program could be replicated for individuals with disabilities going to work. As a result of this informative meeting DDS will follow-up with their staff to see if replication is a feasible.

Lisa Barney shared a copy of the Opening Doors video with the workgroup. The video is a travel training video that shows individuals how to use public transportation. The workgroup would like the video to be added to the Connect-Ability website. The video will be shared/reviewed with the website workgroup.

National Transportation Week is May 11-17, 2008. The workgroup is interested in sponsoring/conducting a forum/round-table discussion on transportation/ and possibly other activities. Glendine will contact Jim Stutz at ConnDOT to see if ConnDOT is conducting any activities to celebrate National Transportation Week.

The workgroup is interested in joint meetings with other groups interested in transportation such as the Disability Advocacy Collaborative. Glendine will be meeting with Stan Koslowski to see how the two groups can collaborate.

Workgroup members to send any website changes or additions to Glendine by **Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**Next meeting: 10:00 a.m., February 20, at the office of Protection and Advocacy, 60B Weston Street, Hartford.**

