



**BENTON COUNTY  
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2018**

**Present**

Mary Marsh-King, Chair  
Steve Harder  
Tom Wogaman  
Drew Foster  
Steven Black  
Axel Deininger (remote)  
Tera Stegner  
Dave Zaback

**STF and City/County Staff**

Lee Lazaro, STF Coordinator  
Cathy Williams, STF Assistant (Recorder)

**Visitors/Presenters**

Mac Gillespie – Benton Co. Health Dept.

**Absent**

Tim Bates  
Rocio Munoz  
Debie Wyne  
Lisa Scherf

**1. Introductions**

Mr. Lazaro was detained in Albany and advised enroute he would be arriving a little late. Chair Mary Marsh-King called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. Committee members present introduced themselves. Ms. Marsh-King also acknowledged that Axel Deininger was attempting to be present via speakerphone; however due to technical difficulties with a new telephone in the room the connection was inadequate, through no fault of Mr. Deininger.

**2. Review and approval of meeting minutes**

The Committee reviewed the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 minutes. Steven Black moved to accept the minutes and Tera Stegner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously as written.

**3. Old Business**

**a) Status of 2017-18 Grant Applications** –Mr. Lazaro reported that we were successful in three out of four competitive vehicle grant applications, and were awarded funding for a total of 3 new vehicles. This includes two medium-large 22-passenger buses, and one 12+2 cutaway small bus.

We were also advised that our application for bridge funding for the Amtrak Connector service was ineligible for the 5310 Discretionary grant because rail connector service is ineligible for 5310 funding. Mr. Lazaro noted he was unaware of this technical restriction when he had applied, and that it was not stated anywhere in the ODOT grant instructions. Despite this setback, our ODOT Representative sent an email indicating ODOT remains interested in funding our Connector service, and is attempting to locate some other funding for this program.

**4. New Business**

**a) Guest Presentation** – Mac Gillespie from the Benton County Health Department's Community Outreach team gave an excellent presentation on the Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan. The plan is on a 5-year cycle with annual reviews. The presentation covered highlights

of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) data, some of which was quite surprising to STAC members, and engendered much discussion. The presentation went on to use CHA data to illustrate the seven Health priority areas which the CHA had revealed.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Gillespie requested that Committee members complete a survey that he distributed. The survey asked them to select the top three priority areas out of the seven in the CHA presentation, which the STAC felt should be the County's focus over the next five years. Mac also recommended Peter Banwarth as a resource for any questions about the CHA data. He may be reached via email at [Peter.Banwarth@co.Benton.or.us](mailto:Peter.Banwarth@co.Benton.or.us)

Lee Lazaro indicated he would send the link for database to Committee members. That link is:

[https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/health\\_department/page/2179/benton\\_cha\\_2017\\_final\\_11\\_7\\_2017.pdf](https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/health_department/page/2179/benton_cha_2017_final_11_7_2017.pdf)

7. **Roundtable:** (None)
8. **Conclusion:** The meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 27th, 2018, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.