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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 2, 2021

Present

Voting Attendees:

Dr. Kathleen Lang	California Health and Wellness (CH&W)
Ted Ceasar	Consumer
Mitzi Perez	ARC Imperial Valley
Sarah Enz	Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
David Aguirre	CTSA-ICTC
Maricela Galarza	CTSA-ICTC
Gustavo Gomez	CTSA-ICTC
Audrie Tapia	CTSA-ICTC

Non-Voting Attendees:

Cesar Sanchez	IVT/IVTAccess/IVTRide/IVTMedtrans
Helio Sanchez	IVT
Jose Guillen	IVT MedTrans
Karla Pacheco	IVT Access
Karla Aguilar	IVT Ride

1. Dr. Lang called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. **A quorum was present.** Introductions were made.
2. Minutes were reviewed for April 7, 2021. (Ceasar, Enz) **Motion Carried.**
3. Minutes were reviewed for May 5, 2021. (Ceasar, Perez) **Motion Carried.**
4. CTSA Reports:

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- Unmet Transit Needs on Monday, June 7th at 4 pm through zoom. Comments have been received in advance. The hearing will proceed as normal, except for the in-person component. Ms. Galarza will forward information and a zoom link to the meeting.
- The mask requirements on transit will continue, whereas the social distancing will be lifted. It will be recommended to passengers, but will not be enforced.
- Several locations are opening up, one being Day out services for seniors which will benefit IVT services.

Mr. Gomes had the following updates:

- There have been more sign-ups for both IVT Ride and IVT Access.
- Staff is doing presentations and are available to any presentation requests via zoom.
- Staff is available to drop off brochures and rider guide to agencies.

Ms. Galarza had the following updates:

- Staff completed outreach to high schools (e.g. drop off brochures, presentations, etc.)
- Staff is available to re-stock agencies on any items they might need.
- The updated IVT Medtrans were received and will be distributed to agencies, doctor offices, etc.
- The staff is looking forward to more outreach efforts.

5. Transit Operator updates:

IV Transit; Mr. H. Sanchez had the following updates.

- The service is running well. Passenger count is picking up every day
- Service from Monday through Friday 850-1000.Saturday 600-700, Sunday 200-250 passengers.
- Some delays on Adams due to road improvements.
- Looking forward to locations opening and ridership rising.

IVT Access; Ms. Pacheco had the following updates.

- El Centro Day out opened and services started to transport passengers, about 4. In the next week, it will be about 15 passengers.
- Brawley will also open and the service will transport 9 potential passengers.
- Still running on a Saturday schedule.
- COVID procedures are still followed on service.

IVT Ride; Ms. Aguilar presented the 3rd quarter report for service.

- El Centro Day out opened and services started to transport passengers, about 4. In the next week, it will be about 10passengers. The following week 6 passengers will be added.
- Brawley Day out 2 passengers are being transported.
- Calexico and El Centro services have been busy.

IVT MedTrans; Mr. Guillen presented the 3rd quarter report for service,

- Looking forward to San Diego medical facilities
- Service brochures were taken to the Veterans office.
- Continuing COVID procedures and processes implementation.

6. General Discussion

- Dr. Lang asked SSTAC members if there was a preference to go dark during July and August.
- Ms. Galarza mentioned that as part of the UTN process a 2nd letter requires the chairperson's signature, so maybe consider a July meeting.
- Mr. Aguirre stated that he would look into it since the circumstances are different. SSTAC will be informed for further planning for the July meeting.
- Dr. Lang proceeded to hold off on the voting to go dark in July.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. ([Lang](#)), **Motion Carried.**
- The next meeting will be held Tentatively on July 7, 2021, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.