

Recovery Oriented System of Care



Hardin/Pope County ROSC Council Minutes 05/8/2025

Attendance

Cammy Duggins, Arrowleaf Hardin/Pope ROSC Council Coordinator
Amber Mulkins, Arrowleaf
Emily Middleton, Arrowleaf
Daniel Bell, Community Resident/PLE
Ana DeUnamuno, RIDES Mass Transit
Rochelle Morgan, CHESI
Jennifer Worthen, S7HD
Kimberly Thorwegen, PECaD
Bev Holland, Region 5 ROSC TA
Kellie Henrichs, Prevention First
Dan Martinez, Arrowleaf/STOP Program Manager
Rachel Chruszczyk, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Jessica Bradshaw, The Network
Haley Hopkins, Prevention First
Megan Edmonson, Prevention First
Quinn McBride, Arrowleaf/MHAT
Deb Beckmann, Chesnut Health Systems
Melissa Brown, Arrowleaf/Community Resident/PLE
Audra Nigro, Arrowleaf
Angela Oxford, Hardin County General Hospital

Notes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions**
- II. **Mission and Values**
- III. **Old Business**
 - I. “The Power of Addiction” – Ted Talk presented by Gabor Mate’
 - I. The group watched the Ted Talk and discussed ideas, comments, and questions. The group discussed how it isn’t unusual for individuals to experience co-occurring needs – coupling mental health and substance use needs. Discussed how often people may use self-medication as a means to feel “normal.” The group discussed the impact that therapy can have on addressing the underlying root causes that lead to mental health and substance use needs. It was

emphasized that there is an importance in considering other factors like genetics and present trauma when supporting someone through their addiction. The group discussed the importance of community support and collaboration in addressing addiction and mental health

- II. April 25th Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation Reading Event at Hardin County Courthouse at 1:00PM and new CASA in Elizabethtown Grand Opening
- III. Updating our ROSC Facebook page and our Teams meeting link starting with the May meeting: www.bit.ly/HardinPopeROSC

IV. **New Business**

- a. Transportation Issues in Hardin & Pope Counties
 - a. Ana DeUnamuno, RIDES Mass Transit provided an overview of transportation services in Hardin and Pope Counties, noting that RIDES Mass Transit can pick up residents for various needs within the service area. Ana mentioned improvements in availability, allowing for earlier pick-ups and more options for scheduling, while also explaining the process for Medicaid and Managed Care transportation. Fixed routes and pricing details were also reviewed.
 - a. A support person can accompany individuals at no cost.
 - b. Emily Middleton, Arrowleaf reviewed transportation services often available through insurance companies, noting many individuals are unaware of these options. Managed Care Organizations in Illinois help with transportation to medical appointments, including mental health and substance use services. Another resource discussed is the Home Free program through the National Runaway Safeline for youth and young adults who are displaced and needing assistance in returning home.
 - a. [Link to view more information on the Home Free program](#)
 - c. Jessica Bradshaw discussed resources available with The Network to assist domestic violence survivors with getting to a safe location. Jessica stated that no identification is required of the individual seeking assistance and that alias names can be used for safety.

V. **Announcements**

- I. June Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, June 12th from 11:30AM to 12:30PM

BUS FARE OPTIONS

CASH FARE-DEMAND RESPONSE

Adults (Ages 11+): \$2.40 (one-way in-county)
Adults (Ages 11+): \$5.00 (one-way out-of-county)
Seniors (over 60) / **Persons with Disabilities** / **Children** (Ages 6-10) \$1.20 (one-way in-county)
Seniors (over 60) / **Persons with Disabilities** / **Children** (Ages 6-10) \$2.50 (one-way out-of-county)
Children (Ages 0-5): Free. *Must be accompanied by an adult.*

CASH FARE-FIXED ROUTE

Benefit Access Program Passes Accepted
Adults (Ages 11+): \$1.00 per county
Seniors (over 60) / **Persons with Disabilities** / **Children** (Ages 6-10) 50¢ per county
Children (Ages 0-5): Free. *Must be accompanied by an adult.*

TRANSIT PASS OPTIONS

Transit Passes are the best value for passengers making two or more round-trips with multiple stops.

LOCAL TRANSIT PASSES

30 Day Pass
 Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$17.50
 Under 60: \$35.00
180 Day Pass
 Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$107.50
 Under 60: \$215.00
365 Day Pass
 Persons with Disabilities and/or Over 60: \$137.50
 Under 60: \$275.00
 Seniors and persons with disability passes through local senior centers accepted, with the exception of Medicaid eligible appointments
Passes are billing of last resort

AGENCY CONTRACTS

Agencies are not eligible for discounted fares and passes.

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1304 Frank Leberman Drive
Harrisburg, IL 62946
(618) 253-8761

Call the above number for Spanish, Large Print, and Braille versions.

**A MOBILITY SPECIALIST
 WILL ASSIST YOU WITH ANY
 TRANSPORTATION NEED BY
 CONTACTING THE APPROPRIATE
 NUMBER BELOW.**



TTY Users: Dial 1-800-526-0844
 Current routing and fare information can
 be obtained by calling your local Operation
 Center or on our website:

WWW.RIDESMTD.COM



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How To Use RMTD

RMTD will have dispatchers and mobility specialists available to take reservation requests Monday - Saturday from 8 am - 4 pm. Same-day, door-to-door service requests will not be available.





**RMTD is sensitive to the
civil rights of individuals**

RMTD Title VI Protection Notice to the Public

Rides Mass Transit District hereby gives public notice of its policy to uphold and assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and all related statutes. Title VI and related statutes prohibiting discrimination in Federally-assisted programs require that no person in the United States of America shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discretionary practice regarding RMTD's programs has the right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and submitted to the RMTD Title VI Coordinator within one hundred eighty, (180) days following the date of the alleged occurrence.

For more information regarding civil rights complaints, please contact:

**Rides Mass Transit District
1304 Frank Leberman Drive
Harrisburg, IL 62946
(618) 253-8761**

FARES & PASSES

INTERCITY ACCESS

RMTD provides access to Champaign, Danville, Evansville, and Paducah, Ky.

FIXED ROUTE SERVICE

RMTD offers fixed route service in some of its communities. Visit ridesmtd.com for more information regarding fixed route service and how to track buses real-time.

PASSENGER ITEMS

Passengers are responsible for getting their packages from the vehicle to their home or building. Passengers are allowed to carry on only as many bags and items they can safely carry onto the vehicle in a single trip. Items must not be stored in the aisle of the vehicle and cannot block any windows. Passengers using mobility devices may not have more than four (4) bags attached to or hanging off the device to where it impairs the driver from properly securing the device or blocks access of the aisle to other passengers.

COMPANIONS/PERSONAL CARE

ATTENDANTS

One personal care attendant or companion is eligible to travel with an eligible rider at no charge.

SEAT BELT

It is the policy of RMTD that all passengers sitting in the front seat must wear seat belts when riding a bus equipped with them. RMTD defines the front seat as any seat without a secured vehicle seat directly in front of it. Passengers, including passengers using a mobility device, seated in a front seat of a vehicle equipped with seat belts who do not wish to use the seat belt will be asked to sign a form documenting they do not want to wear a seat belt and understand and assume the risk involved with that decision.

**Contact your local Operation Center or visit
www.ridesmtd.com
for an expanded Rider Handbook.**

ADA POLICY

ADA ACCESSIBLE

Our fleet is designed to provide you with comfortable seating and meet the needs of those with mobility devices. We provide complementary paratransit service. Visit www.ridesmtd.com for more information about our ADA policy.

ADA REASONABLE MODIFICATION

Whenever possible, a request for a reasonable modification or accommodation shall be filled/requested in advance by contacting us.

Phone: 618-253-8761, ext: 500310

**Mail: RMTD, COO, ADA Compliance,
1304 Frank Leberman Drive,**

**Harrisburg, IL 62946
Email: coo@ridesmtd.com**

Details about eligibility and requesting a reasonable modification may be found in the ADA policy on the RMTD website at ridesmtd.com or you may contact your operation center for details and assistance.

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

RMTD accepts Medicaid and managed care organizations when scheduling transportation to medical appointments. Contact your local operation center at 844-220-1243 or 844-718-1882 for more information. See map on back page.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Any seniors over the age of 60 may qualify for a RMTD pass at their local senior center. These passes do not expire once received and allow you access to existing route times and service areas. Seniors who have Medicaid may also qualify for transportation at no cost to have access to medical appointments. For more information, contact your local senior center.