



Sara Davis, Co-chair. Alternate Co-Chair (Pending)

## AGENDA (Total Time: 90 minutes)

## 1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

**2. Approval of August 24, 2022 minutes (5 minutes)**

**3. 5310 Application Review (15 minutes)** (Martin Rivarola, MARC)

#### 4. Committee discussions (60 minutes)

**5. Member updates (if any) (5 minutes)**

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## Meeting Summary

### Mobility Advisory Committee

Sara Davis, co-chair

August 24, 2022

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## Meeting Summary

### Procedural Business

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

Meeting attendees signed in by typing their names and organizations into the chat box. Martin Rivarola informed the group that Jake Jacobs retired from his co-chair position; Sara Davis was unable to attend the meeting.

### Main Business

#### 2. 5310 Call for Projects Review (5 minutes) (Martin Rivarola, MARC)

Martin Rivarola introduced the program, which provides funding for vehicle purchases, capital projects, and operations that address mobility solutions for older adults and persons with disabilities. The goal of the program is to support public transportation services and alternatives that work to assist the day-to-day lives of older adults and persons with disabilities. The competitive selection process received 16 applicants, and requests exceeded the available funding (\$1.63million). Mr. Rivarola presented the overall timeline for the process. MARC staff have scored and reviewed eligibility for projects and will share with MAC members prior to the next meeting.

#### 3. Applicant Presentations (75 minutes) (5310 applicants)

##### 1. TNC Community

Kendra Musgrave introduced TNC Community as a non-profit provider of round-the-clock residential services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They operate 13 residential facilities across Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties, and they anticipate opening an additional 2-3 facilities before the end of this year. They are requesting two accessible vans to provide transportation for health services, employment/day programs/educational opportunities, and community integration. Since March 2021 TNC has expanded to serve 55% more individuals. Additional information about number of trips was requested by KCATA.

##### 2. The Whole Person, Inc.

Doshon Hunley presented for The Whole Person, Inc., and their project for a new transportation program for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Wyandotte County. They currently offer transportation to clients on the Missouri side and are wanting to provide efficient and accessible transportation services to health appointments for their clients in Kansas. Medical trips take priority but they do offer private pay trips for personal purposes. They would like to coordinate with unified government to provide services.

**3. The Farmer's House, Inc**

Dana Chatlin introduced the Farmer's House, which focuses on community integration and employment services for young adults with developmental disabilities. They are requesting two vans and one sedan. They currently serve Platte County, Clay County, and Johnson County, and are planning to expand their program and open a new location in Jackson County (but expansion is directly impacted by their ability to provide additional transportation).

**4. The Children's Place**

Rachel Herbig presented for The Children's Place, which provides trauma treatment for young children in Jackson County. They offer a Day Treatment program and provide free transportation to attending children, and availability of transportation greatly impacts attendance.

Transportation is contracted with First Student busing; KCATA noted they would need to review said contract if The Children's Place is awarded the grant.

**5. Swope Health**

Heath Rath introduced Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), which is a new program under Swope Health. They are requesting two vans to transport seniors to the PACE KC Adult Wellness Center, as well as any specialty health appointments coordinated through PACE.

**6. Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders**

Did not have a representative available to present.

**7. Platte Senior Services, Inc. (PSSI)**

Deanna Adkins presented All Aboard Seniors!, a program that transports seniors to and from the Platte Senior Services Center. Current transportation is contracted with assisted transportation. They hope to expand both in routes and days offered, and will scale that expansion based on funding available.

**8. Johnson County Mental Health Center**

Shaun Duffy presented for Johnson County Mental Health Center (JCMHC), highlighting that all their drivers are mental health clients themselves. Their program helps promote independent living for the drivers as well as the clients, and helps drivers bridge to other employment and identify with existing clients. Transportation is provided for work, school, medical appointments, or any other needed appointments. They are requesting six sedans, four of which will replace existing vehicles.

**9. Inclusion Connections**

Debbie Horn presented for Inclusion Connections, which provides employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities through their onsite bakery PawsAbilities. Current outside transportation opportunities lack the timeliness and safety their organization can provide. They are requesting a 12-passenger van replacement for one of their vehicles, which will slightly increase current capacity.

**10. EITAS (Developmental Disability Services)**

Roger Montero introduced eitas, which supports individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Jackson County. They are requesting 10 new replacement vehicles (18-passenger buses); while they have a fleet of 44 vehicles, their on-site maintenance department is overburdened by the age and condition of their fleet (average age of 14 years per vehicle). Each day eitas completes several hundred one-way trips, and their project request is to maintain current levels of service.

**11. Easterseals Midwest**

Abbie Whitney presented for Easterseals Midwest, and their project is focused on providing community integration and employment opportunities. Safety and location may prevent public transit from being an alternative option for clients. They are requesting three higher-capacity vehicles to replace four lower-capacity vehicles.

**12. Down Syndrome Innovations**

Amy Stoll introduced Down Syndrome Innovations, which is expanding their workforce/employment program. They are requesting three new vehicles, including a 12-passenger vehicle, sedan, and utility vehicle (to help them transport shirts made in-house by their clients). Transportation is provided for clients to and from their places of employment on both sides of state line.

**13. City of Liberty**

Angel Rose presented for the city of Liberty, which provides transportation for seniors and adults with disabilities for essential and personal trips; 26.2% of the population are eligible for these services. They are requesting funds to replace their bus originally purchased by the city.

**14. Center for Developmentally Disabled**

Karrie Duke introduced the Center for Developmentally Disabled (CDD), which provides residential services and day programming. CDD is building new independent supported living homes for individuals and requesting three new vehicles (one for each new home). Vehicles are available for individual use and CDD will use eitas when possible for vehicle maintenance.

**15. Don Bosco Center**

Anne Miller and Mo Orpin presented for the Don Bosco Center. They are requesting a 12-passenger bus to replace their current vehicle, which has a broken wheelchair lift that they have not been able to repair. Drivers assist passengers when needed, and transport clients to and from the Center.

**16. Life Unlimited**

Jim Huffman presented for Life Unlimited, which is requesting seven replacement vans for their residential and rehabilitation programs. They plan to expand days/times offered for their “through door” and “demand response” service.

**Additional Business**

**4. Member updates (if any) (5 minutes)**

Mr. Rivarola reminded attendees of upcoming key dates. Lisa Womack of KCATA announced that this was her last call as she is resigning from KCATA.

## ATTENDANCE

August 24, 2022

**Chairs:** None present

### Other Attendees:

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|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Karrie    | Duke          | Center for Developmentally Disabled         |
| Angel     | Rose          | City of Liberty                             |
| Anne      | Miller        | Don Bosco Center                            |
| Mo        | Orpin         | Don Bosco Center                            |
| Amy       | Stoll         | Down Syndrome Innovations                   |
| Shana     | Albright      | Easterseals Midwest                         |
| Abbie     | Whitney       | Easterseals Midwest                         |
| Roger     | Montero       | eitas                                       |
| Kim       | Greene        | Full Employment Council                     |
| Debbie    | Horn          | Inclusion Connections                       |
| Shaun     | Duffy         | Johnson County Mental Health Center         |
| Jim       | Huffman       | Life Unlimited                              |
| Christine | Daw           | Platte County Board of Services (PCBS)      |
| Deanna    | Adkins        | Platte Senior Services, Inc. (PSSI)         |
| Heath     | Rath          | Swope Health                                |
| Leon      | Fisher        | The Children's Place                        |
| Rachel    | Herbig        | The Children's Place                        |
| Dana      | Chatlin       | The Farmer's House, Inc.                    |
| Doshon    | Hunley        | The Whole Person, Inc.                      |
| Michael   | Soodjinda     | The Whole Person, Inc.                      |
| Kendra    | Musgrave      | TNC Community                               |
| Jen       | Jordan-Spence | United Community Services of Johnson County |
| Drew      | Pearson       | Wilson & Company                            |
| Denise    | Adams         | KCATA                                       |
| Margaret  | Brown         | KCATA                                       |
| Pete      | Comer         | KCATA                                       |
| Lewis     | Lowry         | KCATA                                       |
| Larry     | Williams      | KCATA                                       |
| Lisa      | Womack        | KCATA                                       |
| Megan     | Broll         | MARC                                        |
| Rachel    | Cannon        | MARC                                        |
| Martin    | Rivarola      | MARC                                        |

| Applicant                                  | Project Title                                                                                                           | Project Purpose/Description                                                                             | Uses Data to Demonstrate Need | Engages with service populations | Demonstrates cost effectiveness | Communicates services effectively | Establish partnerships   | Total Score | Total Project Cost | Total 5310 Request |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| The Whole Person, Inc.                     | New Accessible Transportation Options for People with Disabilities and Seniors in Wyandotte County, Kansas              | 4-passenger sedan, 2 Ford Transit Van Wagons with wheelchair lifts                                      | 3                             | 5                                | 5                               | 5                                 | 3                        | 21          | \$ 152,949         | 128,960            |
| Platte Senior Services, Inc. (PSSI)        | ALL ABOARD SENIORS!                                                                                                     | Expand bus transit program for healthcare related trips for seniors                                     | 3                             | 3                                | 5                               | 3                                 | 5                        | 19          | \$ 79,901          | 55,563             |
| Life Unlimited                             | Life Unlimited Accessible Mini-Vans 2022                                                                                | 7 ADA accessible minivans to replace existing fleet in poor condition                                   | 3                             | 3                                | 5                               | 5                                 | 3                        | 19          | \$ 405,535         | 321,854            |
| EITAS (Developmental Disability Services)  | 2022 eitas ADA vehicle replacement project                                                                              | Replace 10 vehicles for primarily fixed route services                                                  | 5                             | 3                                | 1                               | 5                                 | 3                        | 17          | \$ 866,700         | 693,360            |
| Don Bosco Center                           | ADA compliant vehicle for Don Bosco Center                                                                              | 12-passenger van with wheelchair lift                                                                   | 5                             | 3                                | 3                               | 5                                 | 1                        | 17          | \$ 79,968          | 63,466             |
| The Farmer's House, Inc.                   | Community Inclusion and Employment Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.                                 | 4-passenger sedan, 12-passenger accessible van, 10-passenger accessible van to expand existing services | 3                             | 3                                | 5                               | 5                                 | 1                        | 17          | \$ 186,555         | 154,500            |
| Down Syndrome Innovations                  | Down Syndrome Innovations Workforce/ Employment & Adult Continuing Education Program                                    | 4-passenger sedan, 12-passenger accessible van and utility truck to expand current service              | 3                             | 5                                | 1                               | 5                                 | 3                        | 17          | \$ 322,500         | 250,000            |
| Johnson County Mental Health Center        | JCMHC 5310 Mobility Project                                                                                             | 6 sedans to support growing demand for transportation                                                   | 5                             | 5                                | 1                               | 3                                 | 3                        | 17          | \$ 241,920         | 192,000            |
| City of Liberty                            | Liberty Access Replacement Bus                                                                                          | Replacement bus for city mobility services                                                              | 3                             | 3                                | 5                               | 3                                 | 3                        | 17          | \$ 78,646          | 66,285             |
| Inclusion Connections                      | PawsAbilities and Activities Transportation Program                                                                     | 12-passenger van (not accessible) to replace vehicle in poor condition                                  | 5                             | 3                                | 3                               | 3                                 | 1                        | 15          | \$ 50,000          | 40,000             |
| The Children's Place                       | Day Treatment Transportation                                                                                            | Lease buses to support ongoing transportation service                                                   | 5                             | 3                                | 1                               | 1                                 | 5                        | 15          | \$ 262,600         | 158,779            |
| Center for Developmentally Disabled        | Efficient, accessible transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities that also have high medical needs. | 3 accessible vehicles (Dodge ProMaster Advantage 2500 High Roof)                                        | 3                             | 3                                | 5                               | 1                                 | 1                        | 13          | \$ 251,491         | 211,650            |
| TNC Community                              | TNC Community Expanded Transportation to Serve Increased Number of Developmentally Disabled Individuals                 | 2 10-passenger accessible vans to expand existing service                                               | 5                             | 3                                | 3                               | 1                                 | 1                        | 13          | \$ 127,071         | 107,100            |
| Swope Health                               | Vehicle Acquisition for Swope Health's PACE KC Program Launch in 2023                                                   | 2 10-passenger accessible vans for new PACE program                                                     | 3                             | 1                                | 1                               | 5                                 | 1                        | 11          | \$ 142,128         | 112,800            |
| Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders | Community experiences for children with developmental disabilities.                                                     | 10-passenger high roof conversion van                                                                   | 3                             | 3                                | 1                               | 3                                 | 1                        | 11          | \$ 78,163          | 62,531             |
| Easterseals Midwest                        | Vehicle Replacement for Disability Transportation Services                                                              | Replace 4 lower-capacity vehicles with 3 higher capacity vehicles                                       | 1                             | 3                                | 5                               | 1                                 | 1                        | 11          | \$ 167,619         | 133,031            |
|                                            |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                         |                               |                                  |                                 |                                   | Target Funding Available |             | \$ 1,683,816       |                    |

## 5310 Evaluation Criteria

| Evaluation Criteria               | Points                            | Scoring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Uses data to demonstrate need     | High (5)<br>Medium (3)<br>Low (1) | Clearly utilizes data to demonstrate need, establish performance measures, or estimate the proposed project's impact.<br>Provides data, but does not clearly/effectively link it to the proposed project.<br>Does not provide data/data provided insufficient.                                            |
| Engages with service populations  | 5<br>3<br>1                       | Directly engaged service populations in creating the project application.<br>Has a formal engagement strategy with service populations unrelated to the project application.<br>Does not have a formal engagement strategy/did not engage service populations about project.                              |
| Demonstrates cost effectiveness   | 5<br>3<br>1                       | Clearly describes expected outcomes using data or otherwise demonstrating what will be provided as a result of the project.<br>Provides some data or information about outcomes.<br>Provides insufficient information about outcomes to demonstrate cost effectiveness.                                   |
| Communicates services effectively | 5<br>3<br>1                       | Application clearly describes how services are advertised and marketed to the public/clients.<br>Application describes how services are communicated to their existing clients only.<br>Application does not identify a communication strategy/how outcomes of the project will be communicated.          |
| Establish partnerships            | 5<br>3<br>1                       | Project involves direct partnerships with monetary and/or operational support provided by the partner(s).<br>Project has received endorsement from other outside agencies without direct project roles<br>Application does not identify partnerships or include letters of support from outside agencies. |