

Franklin Grand Isle Mobility Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 22, 2024, Meeting Summary

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Present: Jordan Posner/CIDER, Sue Chase/Care Partners Adult Day Center, Kathy Lavoie/NRPC, Nick Foss/ GMT, Jacqui Kelley/VDOH, Cari Kelley/United Way & Vermont State Rehabilitation Council, Dan Currier/VTrans, Katie Coe/HireAbility, Tim Bradshaw/GMT, Erica Marks/Age Well

Meeting Opened at 2:04 p.m.

- 1) **Adjustments to Agenda: None**
- 2) **Committee & Guests Introductions: Katie Coe, new HireAbility member**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes: December 28, 2023:** Sue motion to accept; Erica seconded ~ Approved
- 4) **Budget & Local Agreements Discussion: Nick Foss, GMT**
 - a) See Attached GMT Document: FY24 Older People & Persons with Disabilities (O&D) Financial Update. Discussion included timing of information from GMT; need in advance for review.
 - b) Discussion centered on CVRT possibly having resources for FGI, billing rates adjustments Q3. Noted that Legislature Level Funded O&D's across the State.
 - c) Discussion regarding the inconsistencies in payments/amounts when individual is in transition between Medicaid & E&D.
 - d) Discussed whether "Trip Capping" should be enforced. O&D does not set these rules. Noted that this topic could be an O&D Summit conversation as a broad group.
 - e) Continued discussion regarding FGI dependence on taxis, GMT's lack of volunteers, GMT's need to ramp up recruitment of volunteers & partnership with Age Well and others.
 - f) Future conversations to include the different ability to recoup Medicaid funds between SSTA and GMT; Jordan to lead discussion. Tentatively scheduled for August 29, 2024, meeting.
- 5) **Brief Update Micro Transit Pilots & Feasibility Studies: Ross MacDonald, VTrans**
 - a) No Discussion
- 6) **Brief Discussion on O&D Program Survey: Dan Currier, VTrans**
 - a) Draft Complete; will be distributed in March 2024; present results at Summit in June.
- 7) **Workplan Review: Kathy Lavoie, NRPC**
 - a) Discussion included changes to plan to include a section regarding "Prioritization of Rides". Sue & Dan to discuss and Kathy to update plan accordingly.
- 8) **Partner Program Updates & Announcements:**
 - a) Sue discussed huge unmet need for rides beyond medical due to lack of volunteers and vehicle accommodations; Jordan discussed reaching capacity in January and inability to do any non-medical rides; Erica supported both statements.
 - b) **Public Comment: None**
 - c) **O&D Summit June 7 in Randolph; Next Meeting August 22, 2-3:30.**
 - d) **Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.**



To: FGI Mobility Advisory Committee

From: Nick Foss, Director of Finance

Date: February 22, 2024

RE: FY24 Older People & Persons with Disabilities (O&D) Financial Update

Summary:

- Grant balance as of December is above benchmark by 120 basis points (1.2%).
- Local partner spending as of December is above benchmark by 410 basis points (4.1%).
- The use of In-Kind match and the lack of local funds to last the full year will cause greater reliance on federal funds in later half of FY24.
- The actual vs. billed transit rate reflects a significant variance through December, roughly 26.7%; rebilling may be necessary.
- If rebilling is needed this will decrease available federal funds and local.
- Both Chittenden (3%) and Washington County (9.5%) are over benchmark in their federal grant spending.
- GMT will likely be requesting additional O&D funds during the mid-year amendment process with VTRANS.

Benchmark 50.0%
FY24 Thru December

FGI Budget Tracking								
Partner	YTD Federal (\$) Budget	YTD Federal (\$) Spending	Remaining Federal (\$) Funds	Fed. (\$) Budget Variance	YTD Local (\$) Budget	YTD Local (\$) Spending	Remaining Local (\$) Funds	Local (\$) Budget Variance
Care Partners	\$ 110,000	\$ 56,700	\$ 53,300	51.5%	\$ 13,750	\$ 6,991	\$ 6,759	50.8%
CIDER	\$ 115,000	\$ 66,914	\$ 48,086	58.2%	\$ 14,375	\$ 6,106	\$ 8,269	42.5%
Age Well	\$ 415,000	\$ 204,299	\$ 210,701	49.2%	\$ 33,000	\$ 19,996	\$ 13,004	60.6%
Total:	\$ 640,000	\$ 327,913	\$ 312,087	51.2%	\$ 61,125	\$ 33,093	\$ 28,032	54.1%

Current Transit Rate	\$ 120.40
Fixed Transit Rate	\$ 95.00
(\$) Delta	\$ 25.40
(%) Delta	26.7%