



LTAC, Thursday, September 17th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order – **2:12PM**
- Introductions/Attendance –
 - Angie Guadagnini (MDHHS) – **Present**
 - Deanne Matthews (WellWise) – Absent
 - Sarita Puri (disAbility Connections) – **Present**
 - Jen Allen – Absent (Excused)
 - Mike Barczak – Absent (Excused)
 - Leslie Krantz – Absent (Excused)
 - Dave Robinson – **Present**
 - Cheryl Crim – **Present**
 - Beth Vansumeren (Center for Family Health) – Absent
 - Abby Bennett (LifeWays) – **Present**
 - Hunter Causie (JATA staff) – **Present**
- Approval of June Minutes
 - Motion: Angie G.
 - Seconded: Sarita P.
 - Vote: Unanimous
- Staff Report
 - Bus Shelter Rehab (replacing 15 Shelters) – *In progress*
 - Transfer Center Rehab Staff Area – *In progress*
 - 5339 No-Low
 - 2 Hybrid Buses Awarded
 - Awaiting Award Number from MDOT for Cooperative Agreement
 - Anticipated Projects 2026
 - Parking Lot lights Rehab, bus storage floor rehab, Minivans for RTW, Paratransit vans
 - ***Comment from Dave regarding not to get Slider doors on vans moving forward for accessibility purposes and to stick with according type doors like the buses.***
 - RAR Denials 2026
 - 2025 Total = 1,970
 - January – 245
 - February – 230
 - March – 136
 - April – 97
 - May – 140
 - June - 112
 - July - 109
 - August - 162
 - MDHHS rides thus far 2026
 - January – 436
 - February – 470
 - March – 488



- April – 542
- May – 489
- June - 556
- July - 599
- August - 388
- 2024 DHHS Rides = 6,103
- 2025 DHHS Rides = 4,756
- 2026 DHHS Rides = 3,968
- Open Role(s)
 - JATA has openings for one (1) Financial Coordinator, one (1) Full-Time Mechanic, two (2) Utility Workers, one (1) dispatcher, Human Resource Manager, and always looking for more Part-Time Drivers
- New Business
 - LTAC Elections (Chair & Co-Chair)
 - **Angie G. motioned to reelect the current chair and co-chair of the LTAC committee.**
 - **Sarita P. supported this motion and it passed unanimously.**
 - **Dave Robinson and Jen Allen retain roles as Chair and Co-Chair.**
 - FY 2027 Vehicle Accessibility Plan
 - Council Comments & Approval
 - No Comments were made by the council. Plan Approved Unanimously.
- Member Comments/Announcements
 - **Angie G: MDHSS doing the provider resource fair again and be on the look out for sign up in Spring 2027.**
 - **Sarita P: disability Connections Inclusion event this year is a Comedy show at the Michigan Theatre at 6:30Pm on October 10, 2026.**
 - **Cheryl C: 2nd Baptist Church to for Christmas Shoebox give away; looking for shoebox donations and can contact Deacon Robert Hill (msbc@gmail.com) for further info.**
 - **Dave R: Reminder of Bylaws review for next meeting.**
- Public Comment – N/A
- A Look Ahead –
 - Try Transit Week 2026 – October 12th – 16th
 - November 19th, 2026 next LTAC Meeting
 - Bylaw Review
 - December meeting location and Luncheon selection
- Adjourned – **3:10PM**

David E. Palmer