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Interagency Transportation Coordination
Effective use of private and public resources

WAAN's Position: Create a state-level transportation-coordinating committee to ensure successful transportation outcomes and effective use of resources.

Transportation Resources Are Scarce

The most successful transportation outcomes are a result of interagency coordination. To succeed, this effort needs leadership at the highest levels of our state agencies who fund, provide, and need transportation for program success.

The state funds some transportation programs through the WI Dept. of Transportation (DOT) who has long supported coordination efforts throughout the state. They have also been responsible for enforcing the federal requirements to coordinate transportation. Counties and regions must complete the coordination planning process and have approved coordination plans. The next plans are due in 2016-2017. Currently, there are federal and local plans. The state should also have a plan for coordinating transportation resources.

Access Needed for Home- & Community-Based Service Innovations

The WI Dept. of Health Services (DHS) also funds transportation through a range of home- and community-based programs and waivers. As the state continues to be a leader in the provision of home- and community-based services, an essential component of these services is access. Without transportation to services, individuals become isolated in their own homes—leading to poor health outcomes and early institutionalization. DHS also oversees the non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) brokerage

which provides a significant amount of transportation services to individuals on Medicaid (MA). Without access to preventive and early intervention care, health care needs become more acute and costs of other MA services rise. Coordination of NEMT and other transportation services can lead to financial savings to the state in Medicaid—as well as other programs.

Committee Composition

While the DHS and DOT are critical for overall success of a state-level coordination committee, other important partners include:

- WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs to support the needs of our veterans and their families.

- WI Dept. of Workforce Development (DWD) - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to enable individuals to become self-sufficient through access to employment.

- Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. New insurance regulations and interpretations continue to jeopardize vital transportation programs like volunteer driver services.

Coordination of Resources Expands Options and Makes Resources Go Further

Transportation resources and options are limited in most areas of the state. Effectively coordinating existing transportation can be the best way to overcome barriers and lead to cost savings for both the individual and the state.

A state-level transportation-coordinating committee should include representatives from all state agencies who operate, support, or need transportation services for program success.

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