

# RCC Meeting Notes

05-28-26

## Attendees:

Ava Wolf (Intern)  
Carey Amthor (Friends for Life)  
Danielle Utrera (Veterans Affairs)  
Jason Pettegrew (HOTBHN)  
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham (Bosque County)  
Misty Hendon (HOTCOG)  
Rep Pledger (HOTCOG)  
Will Roe (City of Marlin)

## Zoom Attendees:

Alisha Alvarez (TxDOT)  
April Cook (Hill County Indigent Healthcare)  
Jana Svacina-Waldrop (Waco Transit).  
John Vorderkunz (HOTCOG)  
Serena Stevenson (Waco Transit)  
Seth Welch (Hill County Rep for Angelia Orr)

Rep: Introduction of our new intern, Ava Wolf.

Introduction of Seth Welch, who is attending on behalf of Representative Angelia Orr. Jefferson Gunn had reached out to discuss transportation needs and they wanted to get additional information.

Requesting ideas for coordination between agencies.

Carey: Asked about the list of agencies that are available for public transportation. This will be covered in our next meeting.

Dani: Asked how our plan to organize trips to the VA so veterans could catch their shuttle to Temple was going. Rep said that we have not had any issues reported.

Carey: Friends for Life has 2 thirteen-passenger buses that volunteers use to take people to appointments or to get groceries, etc. Said the availability is very limited. Will provide Rep with the information needed to potentially use those services.

April: She has received feedback saying that we're no longer taking trips and the transportation program is no longer in service. Would it help if she acted as a liaison between us and those riders. Rep asked that she provide names directly to him and he will look into it.

Jason: He received the same feedback from clients stating they have been unable to book trips. His team has started placing calls with the client present and they have had a higher chance of successfully booking trips.

Dani: Asked if we are able to track what demographic those who aren't able to book a trip fall within. Rep replied that it is tracked in our system.

Rep: Ava is working on updating the website with information on how riders can coordinate trips between HOTRTD, Waco Transit, and McLennan Rural Transit.

Dani: If there are grants that are specific to a particular population, would those qualify as potentially matching funds, and would it count as coordination if folks were able to speak as to which grants would be available from their agency.

Jana: There are a lot of additional questions that you have to ask regarding grant limitations. Is it for a specific agency, is it a one-time donation, will it only cover specific trips or groups, etc.

Jason: The State of Texas has Infinity grants. Will check into them and provide additional information during our next meeting.

Dani: Does Serena or Jana have additional information on where gaps are in transportation. Particularly regarding patterns with certain demographics.

Jana: Will check with operations to find additional information.

Jason: Are there any fundraisers that we're participating in? And is there a way for people to donate on the website?

Rep: Yes, fundraisers can be held by any group to raise money. We do not currently have anything on the website to donate.

John: There are currently discussions in place to address donations.

Jana: For the City of Waco, there is a formal process that donations and gifts have to go through before being accepted.

Rep: Reminder that our next meeting is the Workshop #2 / RCC meeting. It will be Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served.