Addison County Older Adults and People with Disabilities (O&D) Committee Quarterly Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2026

The Addison County O&D Committee provides oversight and guidance for Tri-Valley Transit's programs to assist older adults and persons with disabilities in Addison County. Programs supported by the committee get users out of their homes to medical appointments, to local adult day-care, to senior meal sites and for essential shopping. These services supplement regular transit services in the area, filling in gaps left by programs like Medicaid.

Attendees: Bill Cunningham (TVT), Sarah Schumacher (TVT), Mike Winslow (ACRPC), Dan Currier (VTrans), Stephanie Stearns (TVT), Sam Carleton (Age Well), Jim Moulton (TVT), Ethan Peppin (RRPC), Michelle Eastman (Age Well)

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Amendments to the Agenda - none
3. Partner Roundtable
    a. VTrans – They have finished the first quarter but haven't seen invoices. They will be working on mid-year amendments. Preliminary number suggest that ridership is down again, which isn't good, but they've also been cutting services. GMT made cuts and Marble Valley started charging fares on some routes. Rural ridership is mostly stable as are rural small-town services; though numbers are down compared to pre-Covid, but not from more recent years.
    b. TVT
        i. Stephanie reported that the volunteer coordinator is back from maternity leave. TVT has also made an offer to a dispatcher. Volunteer numbers are stable. They do have six leads, but they haven't responded to initial outreach
        ii. Sara reported that the community relations team is active with town funding outreach. TVT is asking for a 1% increase from towns. Michelle offered to help collect signatures in Ferrisburgh.
        iii. TVT has streamlined reimbursement for gas cards for volunteers.
        iv. TVT is covering 97% of trip requests with volunteers or staff drivers. 617 rides to Age Well in July 599 in August and over 600 in September.
        v. Community food drive as part of the TVT 50th anniversary celebrations including on November 7th from 9-noon at Hannifords. Donations will benefit Hope. Michelle asked for assistance in sharing that information

with her clients. Stephanie offered to come to one of Age Wells lunch talks.

c. Age Well
    i. Michelle – holiday related lunch closures are coming up but she doesn't think they'll impact required services. She's waiting to confirm. Bill asked if they anticipated a drop off in numbers with winter weather. She does not.
    ii. They have instituted a contract for clients riding the bus modelled on TVT's. They have had a good reception and are getting signatures.
d. CSAC – no representative
e. ACHHH – (submitted via email and received after the meeting) ACHHH is getting closer to licensure of the residential care home but they still do not have a definitive timeline for licensure/opening. If any community partners would like to inquire with or regarding a potential applicant, they may reach out to Amy Curtis at (802) 388-7259.
f. Other - none

4. Other Business – none

Next Meeting:
January 19, 2027