Move Together NY

**Partner Meeting-Cortland Area**

131 Port Watson St., Cortland

Meeting Minutes May 15, 2017

Attended: Presenters: Megan Pulver, Move Together NY and Amber Simmons, Schuyler Co. Mobility Manager

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| **NAME** | **ORGANIZATION** |
| Frances Pizzola | Access to Independence |
| Paul Dudek | Cortland County Citizen |
| Bill Wagner | MMSCNY |
| Amber Warren | JM Murray Center |
| Brandon Dutcher | JM Murray Center |
| John Mazzello | Human Srvcs Coalition of Tompkins Co. |
| Nicke Roulstine | HSC 2-1-1 Tompkins/Cortland |
| Catherine Feuerun | Cortland Co. Health Dept |
| Diane Wheaton | Cortland Works Career Center |
| Brian Moore | Cortland Department of Social Services |
| Steven Koegel | Centro |
| Greg Kilmer | Broome Cty Pub. Transit |
| Jim Gorman | First Transit – Regional Manager |
| David Horrocks | SUNY Cortland |
| Jackie Leaf | Seven Valleys Health Coalition |
| Lindy Glennon | Cortland Co. Community Action |
| Jan Dempsey | Cortland Co. Citizen |
| Liz Gesin | Cortland Co. Health Dept |
| Zachariah Newswanger | SUNY Cortland |
| Brendan O’Bryan | Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce |
| Dwight Mengel | Tompkins Co. Department of Social Services |
| Lenore Schwager | Cortland CO. Citizen |
| Natalie Abbadessa | Broome Co. IDA |
| Stacey Duncan | The Agency-Broome CO. |
| Frank Thomson | Sibyl Technologies |
| Pierre Beavary | Sibyl Technologies |
| Andrew Reker | Sibyl Technologies |
| Nick C. | MMSCNY |
| Ann Hotchkin | Seven Valleys Health Coalition |
| Alex H-Ofner | Cortland CO. Mental Health |
| Erin Ladocfour | Seven Valleys Health Coalition |
| Susan Williams | Seven Valleys Health Coalition |
| Kristen Case | Village of Home |
| Brian Tobin | City of Cortland |
| Matt Yarrow | TCAT |
| Scot Vanderpool | TCAT |

Introductions: Ann Hotchkin, Cortland Mobility Manager introduced Megan and Amber and reviewed housekeeping for the meeting. Introductions around the room were made.

**Move Together NY Overview:**

Megan explained that the Move Together NY project is a regional transportation project that was inspired by a regional transportation study that happened in 2013. The projects primary goals are to improve cross county transportation options for people going to work and medical appointments.

The original project counties include: Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Seneca, Schuyler, Tioga and Tompkins Counties. The project area expanded to include: Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Steuben. Due to the location of many regional medical centers Monroe, Onondaga and Bradford, PA have also been included.

The main objectives are to:

* Improve transportation access to health care and employment – particularly where cross county travel is required.
* Bring people together who are interested in collaborating to improve inter county connections
* Explore new and innovative strategies and potential technologies appropriate for our area and that will help make these improvements, all within the limited regional budgets.

Tools and project accomplishments: Once the project was organized, an Advisory Committee was formed to help prioritize projects and determine what tools would be useful.

* Fact Sheet booklets and Template: These county by county fact sheets include census data with key demographics, major employers, medical facilities, selected transportation services (Wheelchair, accessible and volunteer) as well as the commuter flows into/out of other counties.

Online [Interactive Map:](https://www.movetogetherny.org/map) This interactive map which can be found on the [www.movetogetherny.org](http://www.movetogetherny.org) website has clickable layers to view as much or as little data as you like. Data points include: Transit routes, employers, hospitals and affiliated clinics, intercity bus routes, park and rides, and transit hubs. It features zoom/select, multiple layers of information, the ability to draw on the map, search the map and edit the map.

[Directory of Service:](https://www.movetogetherny.org/service-directory) The purpose of this tab is to allow people to add new services that are editable to a data base of services. A question was posed about the vetting process. Currently, it’s an on your honor system and it’s left to the editor to provide accurate information. To date, we have not had issues with inaccurate information being provided.

Quarterly Newsletter: [News on the Move](http://us15.campaign-archive2.com/?u=380e58d211906959adf0fcc7c&id=e7cfb891c1) Provides a platform to discuss the Move Together Project updates and all the mobility management projects happening in the Upstate NY area. A study by Office for People with Developmental Disabilities about mobility management services stated that although there are quite a few mobility management programs in the Upstate area, there doesn’t seem to be a place to share and exchange information. This newsletter gives a voice to the many projects happening across the state.

**Discussion:** Megan explains if we could create a more regionally connected transportation system, what would it looks like to you? AS a group with the post it notes provided, list individual ideas/thoughts into these general categories:

* Benefits: what are the benefits of a more connected regional network?
* Barriers/challenges: What challenges or barriers do you see to creating a more connected system?
* Solutions: What solutions do you propose to meet some of the challenges or barriers?
* Specific Issues/Other: Issues specific to your area and anything else that doesn’t fit in the other three categories.

The group spent some time recording and posting their ideas and thoughts. This information will be provided as a separate document – **Appendix A** to Cortland area Partner Meeting.

**Logical or suggested connection points:** Think of transit connections that may or may not currently exist and to list these locations or areas. Also to remember that extending current transit or making new transit routes isn’t always the solution. These points might also be services by other modes such as volunteer driver programs, new other services. Megan explained that logical connection points have already been suggested by some of our partners in other areas. Such as a Seneca-Tompkins connection from a member who operates a volunteer driver program in southern Seneca County. The data provided by Move Together NY was key in establishing the potential new connection between Schuyler and Tompkins County. This service is tentative set to begin in summer of 2017.

**Rideshare:**  Megan mentioned that there are a couple of other options in the region to explore. Rideshare programs include: [Zimride/Finger Lakes Rideshare](http://www.zimride.com/flxrideshare/) and [511NY Southern Tier Rideshare](http://www.southerntierrideshare.org).

**Next Steps:** An evaluation form was provided to the group. We’re looking for additional ideas and thoughts along with email contacts. An important piece to the next step is to help us help drive your ideas further along the path to completion. Please indicate if you are interested in continuing to identify more opportunities for collaboration, how we can help you with connections, and how to improve the regional network.

The data gathered from today’s meeting will be grouped into common categories to help identify the topic of a follow up meeting, and identify some common goals. We will also discuss how the MTNY project can assist the group with forwarding the chosen common goal(s).

We are considering July 18th for our next meeting date.