

Mobility Management with Cross Federal Program Funding



2022 Mobility Management Forum

New Hampshire State Coordination Council for
Community Transportation (SCC)

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Chair, NH State Coordinating Council
for Community Transportation
May 12, 2022 Louisville, KY Omni Hotel



Fred Roberge, Vice President of Transportation, Easterseals NH

- Celebrating 42 years of service with Easterseals
- Easterseals Special Transit Service was designed to consolidate and coordinate specialized transportation in the Greater Manchester Area in 1980 and merged with Easterseals NH in 1983 as a result of an UMTA (FTA) coordination effort
- Easterseals NH is an active participant in Coordination and Mobility Management development in our State and has always been a advocate for public/private transportation development
- Member of the NH Governors Commission on Disability
- Chair of the NH State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation



New Hampshire State Coordinating Council: Regional and Local Issues and Solutions –**Technical Brief, Judy Shanley, Author**

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Statewide organization established by RSA 239, July 1, 2007 the SCC is organized to:

Develop, implement, and provide guidance for the coordination of shared ride transportation options within NH. Set statewide coordination policies for community transportation, establish community transportation regions, encourage the development of regional coordination councils, assist other regional efforts as needed, and monitor the results of statewide coordination.



Who are Council Members



Membership of the Council

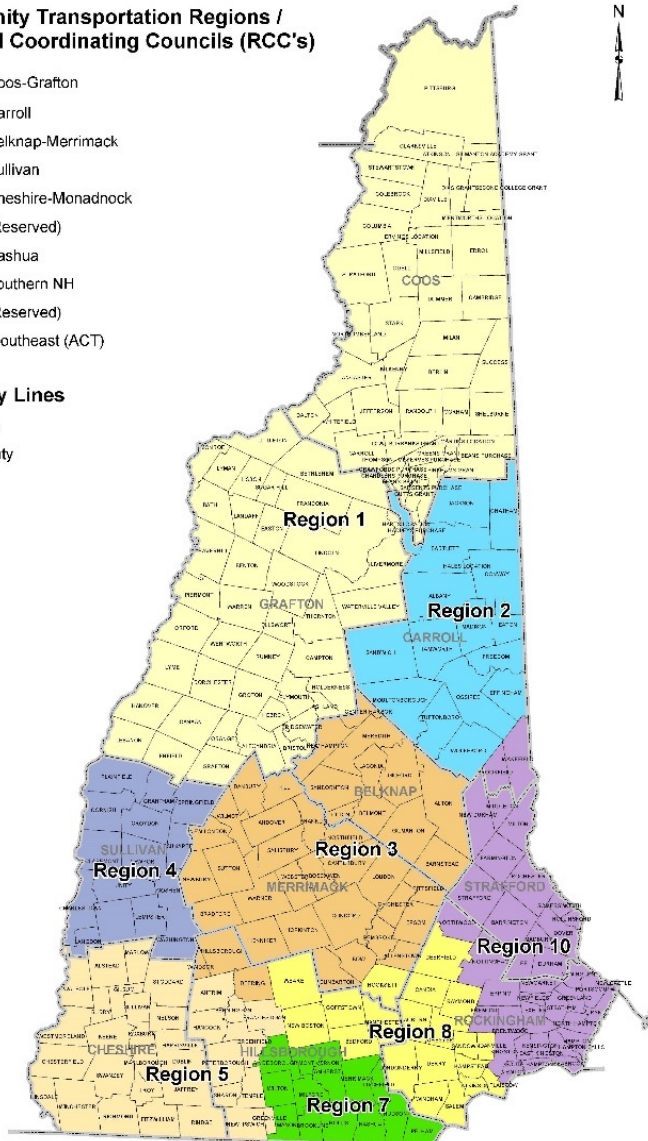
1. The SCC shall consist of the following members:
 - a. The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
 - b. The commissioner of transportation, or designee.
 - c. The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.
 - d. The executive director of the governor's commission on disability, or designee.
 - e. The chair of the New Hampshire Transit Association, or designee.
 - f. A representative of a regional planning commission, appointed by the commissioner of transportation.
 - g. A representative of a philanthropic organization, such as the Endowment For Health or the United Way, appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services.
 - h. Eight representatives from transportation providers, the business community, and statewide organizations

**Community Transportation Regions /
Regional Coordinating Councils (RCC's)**

- Region 1: Coos-Grafton
- Region 2: Carroll
- Region 3: Belknap-Merrimack
- Region 4: Sullivan
- Region 5: Cheshire-Monadnock
- Region 6: (Reserved)
- Region 7: Nashua
- Region 8: Southern NH
- Region 9: (Reserved)
- Region 10: Southeast (ACT)

Boundary Lines

- Town
- County



Operational Background:

2007- State Coordinating Council (SCC) established by state statute
NH divided into eight Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs)
NHDOT contracts with lead agency from each region
Lead agency contracts with other service providers within each region as needed to fill gaps



Historically, the NH DOT has been the backbone of SCC development and given communities a reason to come to the table regarding Transportation Development and need





Mobility Management- The means for implementing coordination activities



The SCC has created:

- Successful Structure for the Development of Mobility Management activities and Service Development
- Central Place for Transportation Development
- Central Contracting for State Resources Targeted for Transportation
- Enhanced Relationships with Planning Entities
- Facilitate Coordination of Public/Private Recourses
- Make Recommendations to Governor and Legislature





2017-18 Annual Report

Executive summary:

Directive to Coordinate: The lack of an emphasis for state agencies to coordinate resources has been a major obstacle to creating efficiencies through coordination. Without the requirement to use their funds efficiently across agencies for transportation services, some agencies do not coordinate trips. NH currently has no directive that will encourage efficiency through coordination.

The SCC believes the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human services should designate a staff member to attend New Hampshire Statewide Coordinating Council meetings





2019-20 Annual Report

Executive Summary:

Since our last report, the Commissioner of New Hampshire Health and Human Services (DHHS) has appointed staff to the SCC... Additionally, the Commissioner nominated a member of the philanthropic community to participate with the SCC. This is a significant change and achieves a full Council for the first time in many years..... *the Governor and Legislature can assist the SCC in reaching its goals by **supporting, developing, and approving legislation that mandates state departments and agencies to utilize and further develop the coordinated community transportation structure** that has been in development for the last decade.*

Author Fred Roberge is Chair of the State Coordinating Council on Community Transportation and is Vice President of Transportation Easter Seals NH, ME, VT.



NH HHS returns to table 2019/2020

Gene Patnode- Council Member representing Commissioner

Business & Industry Manager

Department of Health & Human Services

Division of Economic & Housing Stability

Bureau of Employment Supports

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Alisa Druzba - CDC Grant

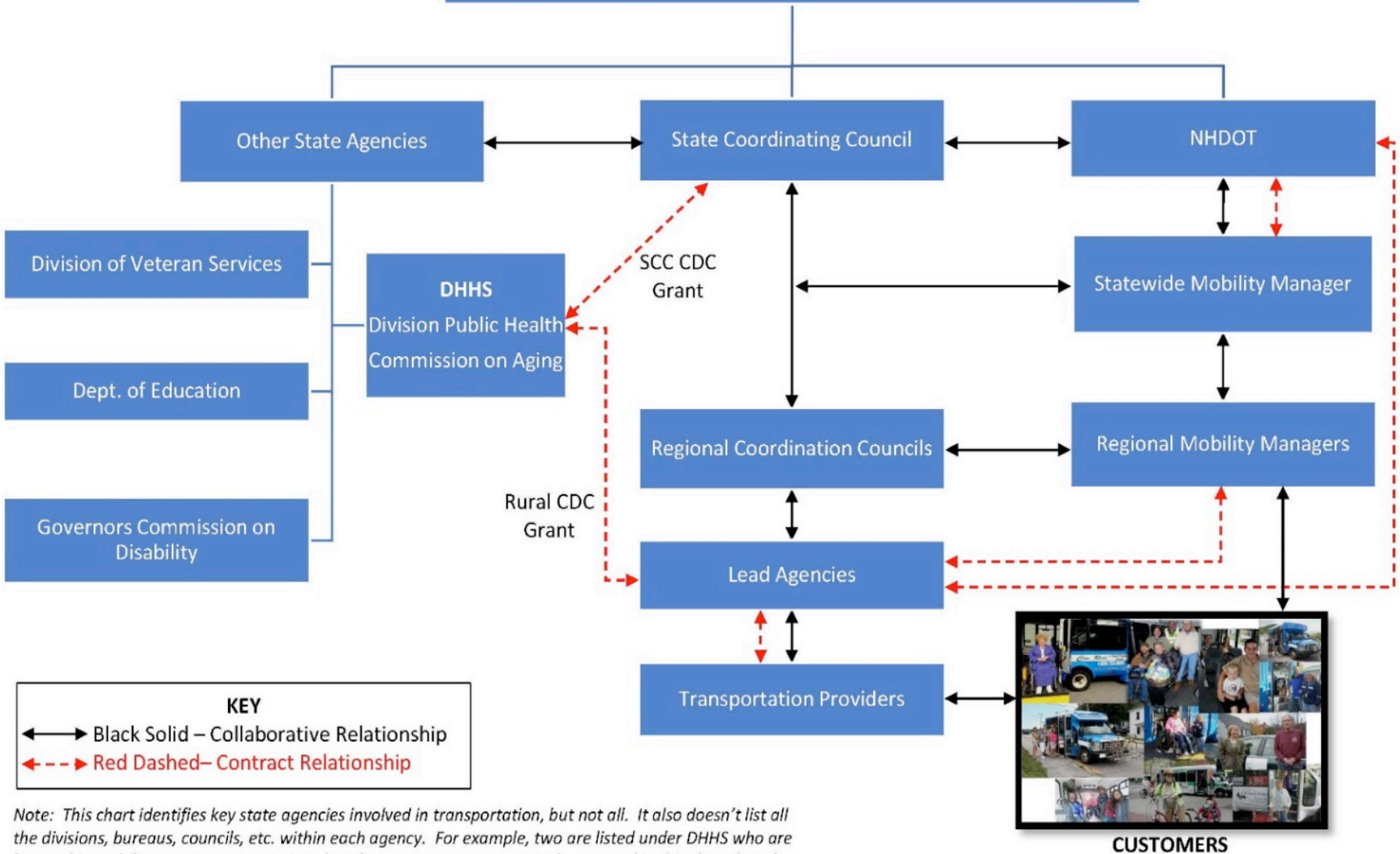
MA, Administrator

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NH Mobility Management Network



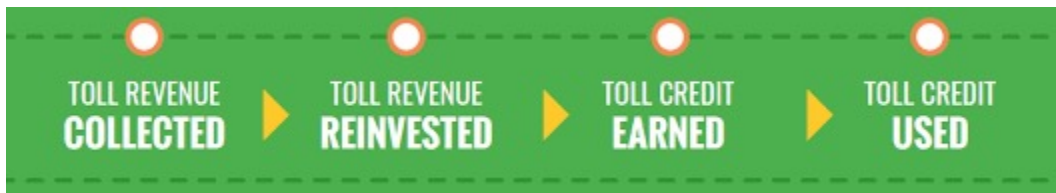
Note: This chart identifies key state agencies involved in transportation, but not all. It also doesn't list all the divisions, bureaus, councils, etc. within each agency. For example, two are listed under DHHS who are key to this Mobility Management Project, but there are many more actively engaged in this shared work.

Funding Sources

- FHWA Flex
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant
- RTAP
 - Consultant/contractor as opposed to embedded state position for statewide MM
- Toll credits
 - Allow for effective 100% Fed participation
 - Approved by legislative committee based on project's being a statewide initiative



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A Discretionary Success

- NH DHHS was awarded a CDC's COVID Health Disparity Grant!
- NH DHHS -
 - That itself was largely due to SCC outreach to Public Health
- Recognized synergy with CDC grant
- Worked with SCC and others to secure grant funds
- \$3M over two-year period
 - Enables full-time Regional MM positions and demonstration money in Rural Areas
- Additional regional & statewide projects envisioned

RCC Region	STBG (FHWA Transfer) Allocation	CDC Allocation	FTA 5310 Allocation	Total Funding Available
1	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000
2	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000
3	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000
4	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000
5	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000
7	\$ 100,000	Not Qualified	\$ 20,000	\$ 120,000
8	\$ 100,000	Not Qualified	\$ 20,000	\$ 120,000
10	\$ 100,000	Not Qualified	\$ 20,000	\$ 120,000
TOTALS	\$ 550,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 960,000

Alisa Druzba, Administrator, NH DHHS Public Health Access

“The funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities grant has given us a unique opportunity to bring together public health and transportation partners with a focus on removing the barriers to equity in the current systems. **Our projects will encourage the formation of new partnerships and support an increase in capacity of existing community transportation resources** beginning with the creation of a new Mobility Manager network.”



Partnering for Rural Transportation with Alisa Druzba and Steve Workman

Date: April 5, 2022

Duration: 41 minutes

An interview with Alisa Druzba, director of the New Hampshire Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, and Steve Workman, director of Transport New Hampshire, discussing the development of the New Hampshire Mobility Management Network and how it provides options for rural patients. They explain the importance of collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure long-term sustainability moving forward.

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/podcast/transportation-partnering-apr-2022>



Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)

CCAM Mission

The Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility issues policy recommendations and implements activities that improve the availability, accessibility, and efficiency of transportation for targeted populations.

CCAM Vision

Equal access to coordinated transportation for all Americans

Better partnerships at the Federal level is needed:

- **Meaningful coordination between CCAM partners**-move beyond coordination at the provider level
- **Reduction of repetitive oversight** and siloed program development by Federal Agencies
- Coordinated investment, **consider and develop service delivery systems** that respond to community need



Reaching out....participating in other transportation efforts.....working together, results in consistent framework that augments all efforts.....



- NH DHHS Rural Public Health (lead to CDC funding)
- NH Alliance for Healthy Aging
- NH Commission on Aging
- NH HHS Whole Families effort



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