**Missouri Transportation Taskforce**

**May 2021 Meeting**

**May 4, 2021 3pm**

* **Attendees**
	+ Mary Gordon, Ed Thomas, Emily Hartley, Laura Mueth, Michael Anderson, Thomas Epling, James McGee, Holly Rieff, Jill Stedem, Kenny Hutchison, Justin Logan, Mike Foley, Brandon Roccio, Dante Gliniecki, Sara Weir
* COVID-19 Transportation and other Information (Sara Weir, Missouri Advisory Committee on Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution)
* Some of the work being done includes
	+ Doing a media interview with Melissa VanDyke to address vaccine hesitancy
	+ Bringing in experts to talk to the equity committee
		- Workgroup for transportation
		- Workgroup for homebound
		- Workgroup on the Unhoused (homeless community)
		- Vaccine Confidence Workgroup
	+ Many strategies to address vaccine hesitancy
	+ Get A Ride page developed to help address transportation barriers for individuals.
	+ Seeking more stakeholders on committee, open to all.
* Interagency Committee on Special Transportation Team (Ed Thomas)
	+ Submitted a request to speak to Governor’s office about the statutes regarding the ICST. Referred to MoDot, but no response yet. Looking to gather more information spent on transportation.
	+ Need info on transportation funding from applicable State agencies and Medicaid MCO’s.
	+ Seek out ways to leverage existing dollars, for more public transportation options.
	+ Sara’s contact information- Sara.Weir@health.mo.gov
* Open Discussion
	+ Ed sent out survey to MACDDS
		- Data came back. Need to go through it and look for transportation related issues including COVID-19 Vaccination.
	+ Website is up and running, have over 13,000 hits as of early April.
	+ Working on a poster, and tear offs to address vaccine hesitancy
	+ Mike Foley- MPTA- RFP being issued for a statewide transit needs assessment study.
	+ HealthTran was shut down for 30 days due to the pandemic no issues with volunteer drivers
	+ Dante Gliniecki - Vaccine demand has gone way down. Need to reach out to people.
	+ Here is the website for the Danmark video. [https://videos.aarp.org/detail/video/6148405151001/flexdanmark:-transportation-for-all](https://videos.aarp.org/detail/video/6148405151001/flexdanmark%3A-transportation-for-all)
	+ Video that Sara Weir talked about regarding Covid vaccines- <https://www.kmbc.com/article/man-avoids-big-crash-massachusetts/36325590>