**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](mailto: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>
  + Video that Sara Weir talked about regarding Covid vaccines- <https://www.kmbc.com/article/man-avoids-big-crash-massachusetts/36325590>