

Summary of Event

EVENT: Speak Up Broward “Let’s Talk Transportation” presentation

DATE/TIME: March 13, 2014, 1:00 PM

LOCATION: **Children’s Diagnostic & Treatment Center** 1401 S. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

PRIMARY AUDIENCE: Children’s Diagnostic & Treatment Center Staff

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED: 32

PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Speakers Bureau volunteers Maria Meyer (speaker) and Dave Wallace (facilitator) were accompanied by Pamela Adams

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SUMMARY OF EVENT:

- ✓ The purpose of the event was to present Speak Up Broward, “Let’s Talk Transportation” to staff at the Children’s Diagnostic & Treatment Center; engage them in a discussion about the current and future transportation needs, as it pertains to them and their clients; and, to also recruit them to the Speakers Bureau.
- ✓ During the discussion following the presentation the audience shared the following comments:
 - TOPS is not an effective transportation solution for the disabled. The scheduling operations should extend beyond 5pm, recurring appointments cannot be scheduled, and eligibility is only for one year which is a hardship for an individual with lifetime disability. TOPS should use a debit card system, similar to the sun pass. The wait time to get picked up after appointments is too long for clients with severe disabilities.
- ✓ Bike lanes are inconsistent, unsafe and conflict with bus lanes
- ✓ Need more sidewalks
- ✓ Desire more express bus service during peak hours.
- ✓ Managed lanes are too expensive. Easy for the wealthy to get to their destinations quickly. The width of managed lanes is not sufficient to drive safely. There is no shoulder for emergencies, including the police and tow trucks.
- ✓ The County needs to synchronize the lights (Hallandale Beach it takes 45 minutes to get from I-95 to US 1 in the evening)
- ✓ Better technology linking transportation options. Let the customer cost out the routes and the time to use BCT.

- ✓ Add more bike racks
- ✓ Maria engaged the audience in the interactive exercise Transportation Today and Tomorrow.

TODAY

- The county needs more sidewalks. Walking in the street is not safe and most neighborhoods do not have sidewalks.
- More express bus service is needed with extended hours of service. Service is not close to neighborhoods. There are not connections.
- Add Sunday service to the #19 bus route.
- Disabled residents should have more transportation options
- Current routes are not direct; poor connectivity wastes time.

TOMORROW

- Move the BCT bus stop closer to CDTC.
 - High speed rail to the Keys from Orlando
 - More buses, more frequent service, better connectivity
 - More family friendly, reduce the cost of BCT transit for children
 - Improved bike lanes
 - Better services for the disabled
- ✓ The audience completed surveys.
 - ✓ There was a call to action by Dave; he asked the audience to recommend HOA's, churches or community organizations for presentations.

FOLLOW UP / ACTION RESULTS:

- ✓ Surveys were completed and submitted.

EVALUATION (and OUTCOME) OF EVENT: (Well attended? High participation?)The meeting resulted in giving staff and clients an opportunity to discuss their concerns about transportation service today and solutions for tomorrow.



PHOTO CAPTION/INFO: N/A : Maria Meyer Presenting Speak Up Broward

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