

Schuyler County Coordinated Transportation Committee Meeting

March 18th, 2026 at 10AM

Schuyler County Human Services Complex, RM 115 & Via Teams

Facilitator: Jen Lyn Fisher, The Arc Chemung-Schuyler

Present: Samantha Baker, Schuyler County Admin; Dewayne Butler, Schuyler County Veterans Service Agency; Sharon Upham, Schuyler County Department of Social Services; Michelle Wixson, Schuyler County Department of Social Services; Justine Patterson, Schuyler County Office for the Aging; Abbie Loan, Schuyler County Office for the Aging; Courtney Dunn, Chemung County Planning Department; Beth Clark, The Justice Center of the Southern Tier; Jill Kasprzyk, Schuyler County Public Health

Absent: Dorothy Asbury, Schuyler County Transit/The Arc, Chemung Schuyler; Wendy Shutter, FLX Gateway; Rae-Ann Widmer-Mason, CSS Workforce NY; JoAnn Fratarcangelo, Schuyler County Department of Social Services; Belinda Hoad, Institute of Human Services; Leanne Smith, Institute of Human Services; William Mullaney, Corning Community College; Joann Lindstrom, Schuyler County Planning Department; Chris Desrochers, Schuyler County Admin; Jason Gilliland, Schuyler County Veterans Service Agency; Rich Lasko, Schuyler County Planning Department;

Discussion Points:

- **Introduction:** The meeting began with a brief welcome to new members Beth Clark from the Justice Center of the Southern Tier and Courtney Dunn from Chemung County's Planning Department.
 - **RTAP Community Rides Grant:** Jen announced that The Arc has been awarded \$80,000 in grant funding to support route adjustments and proposed pilot projects.
1. **Route Adjustments:** Reviewed adjusting both Tompkins Connections and Corning Connections.
 2. **Weekend Service/Shopper Shuttle:** Discussed beginning a similar version of last year's Shopper Shuttle pilot to meet weekend service needs.
 3. **Fare Sponsorship:** Reviewed sponsorship ideas that will help forward the goal of fare free ridership in the future.
- **Transit Retreat Report Out:** Jen presented some of the programs she attended at the retreat and a good discussion about driver de-escalation tactics followed. Dewayne suggested the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office as a resource for some training. Beth also

offered de-escalation training for the transit staff. Jen will reach out to both to schedule something.

- ***NYS DOT Compliance Review:*** The group was notified that transit will be undergoing a regulatory compliance review mid-year. This is a triennial review and SCT is already preparing for it. Jen mentioned updating the ADA and Title VI policies, and there were some great group suggestions for sourcing assistance with ASL and braille. Courtney also offered assistance, as Chemung County has had their review more recently.
- ***Adjournment:*** Next Meeting (Q2 2026) scheduled for June 17th, at 10am. Human Services Complex, Room 115.