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1. **Welcome/Introductions** – present were Kevin White, Schenectady ARC; Donna Stessel, Sunnyview Rehab Hospital; Mark Sheehan, Schenectady ARC; Tanya Pitts, CDTA/STAR; Bryan Baszczuk, ACCESS-VR; Phyllis Relyea, NE Parent & Child; Ed Neary, Colonie Senior Services Center (CSSC); Frank Hims III, Colonie Senior Services Center; Denise Figueroa, Independent Living Center (ILC) of the Hudson Valley, Inc.; Corey Bixby, ATU 1321; Michael McGlynn, interested citizen; Margo Mahoski, Catholic Charities Senior + Caregiver Support Services; Walter Fosdick, Catholic Charities Senior + Caregiver Support Services; Tina Mead, Healthcare for Homeless Veterans – Stratton VAMC; Carrie Ward, CDTC; Anne Benware, CDTC.
2. **Review/Acceptance of January 28, 2016 meeting notes** – accepted as written.
3. Tools of the Trade Workshop Summary – Anne reviewed the summary, with a focus on next steps. The group agreed to provide any comments or edits to the summary to Anne by October 26th 2016, after which staff will make the summary available on CDTC's website. With respect to the CDTA presentation regarding their services, Ed noted that CSSC is a CDTC Access Transit provider for Albany County seniors for the County Office of Aging, but not a STAR provider.
4. **5310 2016 grantees/anticipated 2017 NYSDOT solicitation** – Anne provided an overview of the history behind the current 5310 program. The MPO's are now required to coordinate the selection process; however in New York State all regions requested that NYSDOT continue to administer the program. The 2015 grants were delayed, and the recently awarded 2016 grants needed to be in the federal grant by 9-30-2016. There is a 2017 solicitation planned. NYSDOT asked the MPO's for input on the application process. The CDTC evaluation committee, which included representatives from NYS Departments of Transportation, Health and Aging, in addition to CDTC staff, thought that the application made it difficult for applicants to write about their programs. Anne asked the group to send any 5310 application input by October 26th 2016. Anne reviewed the handout previously provided, and noted that the evaluation committee tried to structure their recommendation to the CDTC Planning Committee in a way that would fund all eligible applicants for at least part of their project. There was a request to share the evaluation ratings with applicants, which staff agreed to do.
5. **Planning for county based meetings to discuss potential future 5310 collaborative projects** – this request came out of the Saratoga group at the Tools of the Trade Workshop. The initial focus is on county offices for aging and providers of senior transportation, especially at the municipal level. CDTC staff has reached out to Saratoga County to schedule a meeting but hasn't made contact yet. The Schenectady meeting is scheduled for November. The Albany and Rensselaer meetings will take place thereafter. Staff will report back to the RTCC on meeting discussions and results.
6. **Status of NYS OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities) led Mobility Management Design Study** – the gap analysis is finished and under internal review. Denise noted that the consultants for this study held a focus group at the Independent Living Center, which

asked that the Study include people with all kinds of disabilities, not just developmental disabilities. The legislature has planned a presentation on the study before the end of 2016. The final Study should be posted online in early 2017. OPWDD staff has indicated they will forward the posting location to CDTC for distribution. It was also noted that the NYS Most Integrated Setting Coordination Council will be holding a meeting on November 2nd at the Empire State Plaza from 1 – 2 pm. Although the Mobility Management Design Study is not on the agenda as it has been in past meetings, CDTC staff will attend and relay any pertinent information from the meeting back to the RTCC.

7. **Update on CFDS (Center for Disabilities Services) driver training center** – no updates.
8. **Ideas for future events** – Anne noted that Tools of the Trade participants had requested more such events, possibly annually. In addition, as part of the Coordinated Plan, a consumer survey had been discussed. Another item mentioned was an analysis and listing of transportation funding that is available from federal agencies and corresponding state agencies as it was noted that the new VIA transportation service provided by the Center for Disability Services is funded through OPWDD. The group agreed this would be useful; CDTC staff will develop this list for future review by the RTCC. The VIA flyer obtained from the CFDS website was distributed. Mike McGlynn suggested that an intermodal map be developed that shows CDTA fixed routes, STAR service area and other connections.
9. **News from around the table** – Margo noted that the Albany Guardian Society will be publishing a directory for senior transportation based on a survey they conducted of senior transportation providers. Tanya reminded the group that Fred Gilliam is CDTA’s new Director of Transportation. She is working on planning an upcoming STAR meeting. Bryan informed the group that ACCESS-VR recently hosted an event to honor businesses for disability employment. Price Chopper is planning a job fair/mentoring event for people with disabilities who may be interested to work for the company. The event will be from 9am to 2:30pm on November 9th at the store in Loudon Center and will include tours and a resume review. Denise announced a reception for the ILC’s quilt project, “Creators of Beauty: Hand Felted Quilt Squares” on October 25th from 5-7pm at 15-17 Third Street in Troy. Carrie noted that CDTC sponsored an ADA Training event provided by the Federal Highway Administration; 40 municipal representatives attended. Feedback from the participants was very positive, especially related to the field walk using wheelchairs and restricted vision goggles. Anne relayed a message from Michele Abel from Catholic Charities Wheels and Ways to Work program that this previously JARC funded program has ended due to lack of funding. Mike McGlynn
10. **Next Meeting** – As recommended in the Coordinated Plan, the idea of having “themed” RTCC meetings was discussed. Several ideas for future meeting presentations include: a) CDTA services and joint contracting opportunities updates; b) OPWDD speaker on the Mobility Management Design Study; or Volunteer Driver Programs in the region. It was agreed that the next meeting should be scheduled for February 2017 and Anne will work with Tanya to have presentations on CDTA’s services. CDTC staff will send out a doodle poll for a February meeting soon.