



CAM Meeting Summary

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 1:30 PM

1. Introductions and updates:

- Chair Marilyn Greenblatt (JFS) welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Aly Vazquez (SANDAG) said SANDAG will be hosting two webinars for STGP grantees, Cycle 12 - Monday, June 5th for new vehicle grantees, and Wednesday, June 7th for recurring grantees. Aly said SANDAG is helping to facilitate a State Digital Equity Workshop and a link invite will be sent out soon. Adriana Yemhatpe (Travelers Aid) said they have a fundraiser coming up in June.

2. SDG&E – Public Safety Power Shutoff: Christina Rathbun

- Christina Rathbun presented information regarding SDG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), a tool used by SDG&E to shut off power. SDG&E has partnered with FACT and 211 to provide transportation to folks needing evacuation in mostly remote areas during wildfires or other emergency situations.

3. SANDAG Updates:

- Ben Gembler (SANDAG) gave an update regarding the April 4th AFA Cycle 2 workshop and feedback from participants. Based on feedback from the Cycle 1 application and qualifying process, applying for AFA on-demand WAV services program has had some changes. The Cycle 2 grant application of \$2.3 million is proposed to be open to, not only experienced and accessible transportation provider applicants, but to applicants with no previous experience or capabilities in specialized transportation services by splitting the funding.

Meagan asked where the split up of funding for Cycle 2 originates. Ben said it is based on feedback to SANDAG from Cycle 1 applicants, and on trying to get a greater diversity of applicants. Meagan said that if the object is to provide more rides, then the splitting of funds seems counterproductive to fund start-ups with little to no experience over services with actual services and expertise in place.

Arun said there are several accessible transportation services in the San Diego region, but on-demand services are very expensive. The logic to fund agencies without the experience and background is difficult to understand when there are existing services with the knowledge and training that are vetted and ready.

- Marcy Roke (Travelers Aid) said as a participant of the April 4th AFA Cycle 2 workshop, it appears that some agencies are not financially positioned to provide up-front costs and expenses. If they do not have enough funding on hand to run a successful program for two or three months, the entire program will collapse. She said an agency needs to be financially stable in order to spend the money needed before expenses

are submitted, invoiced and reimbursed. Marcy said not all agencies appear to be aware of how this funding model operates.

Marcy said her organization could apply for Cycle 2 funding even though they use vendors to provide client transportation needs. This would create more bookings, but take away funding that should go to other services who provide the WAV services.

4. CAM Administrative Updates:

- Aly Vazquez gave an update regarding the ADA webinars hosted by SANDAG for ADA Compliance after an FTA Triennial Corrective Audit. ADA related questions submitted by webinar participants were forwarded to SANDAG's legal department and are currently being reviewed.
- Marcy gave an update pertaining to client Code of Conduct violations and privacy issues/information sharing among agencies. The Code of Conduct subcommittee, Ali Poorman, Meagan Schmidt, Adrianna Yemhatpe, Marilyn Greenblatt, and Marcy recently met to discuss necessary revisions to the current Code of Conduct policies. The subcommittee will continue to investigate and consult with legal counsel on how best to proceed with violations and privacy issues.

5. CTSA and FACT Services Updates:

- Meagan said 511 is requesting feedback for their next generation system portal and website. A poll regarding transportation was distributed a few weeks ago and she asked CAM meeting participants to please share input.
- Ali Poorman said FACT started the American Cancer Society grant on April 1st. FACT continues to wait for AFA grant funding.

6. Upcoming Meetings, Conferences and Events:

- CalACT Spring Conference – April 17-20, 2023 Truckee, CA