DESIGN 4 DISABILITY
ACCESS TO HEALTH & TRANSPORTATION

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To synthesize is to combine a number of things, into a coherent whole. The overall challenge was to develop an Innovative Mobility Solutions to Health Care Services. The input we received from the four groups on August 25th and the subsequent facilitator review of the input, provides an excellent foundation for moving forward with our charge of developing solutions to address patient challenges in accessing primary and preventive care.

The failure to ensure that optimal, individual-level health is achievable for all can cause a community to experience an absence of health equity. Among people with disability (PWD), access to transportation is a major barrier to maintaining medical appointments and participating in health promoting behaviors. PWD are at a greater risk of experiencing health disparities than any other demographic group in the country. This design approach will begin to formulate a solution.

You and the constituencies you represent have lived the “What is” step of the process. On August 25th we developed the “What if” portion of the process. At our next meeting we be examining the “What wows” that we have synthesized from our August 25th meeting. At our next session we will review and move forward with ‘What works’.
INFORMATION | SCHEDULING

- Transportation Leader (Tsar)
- Call Center, 211
- Central Source/Convener For All Transportation Information
- APP For Real-Time Vehicle Information And Scheduling Rides
  - 2-1-1 is established (http://http://www.211connectsalabama.org/)
  - Carzac (http://www.carzac.com/http://www.carzac.com/)
    - The agreement is to pay .20 per mile with the driver keeping .18 per mile. It has some bugs but is very promising.

SHARED RIDES | VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION

- Volunteer Drivers
- Incentives To Bring In And Keep Volunteers (Coupons, Student Loan Discounts)
- Time Banking - To Barter Different Types Of Volunteer Hours
- Village Model | Neighborhood Model
- Rideshare Programs | Carzac
- Business/Medical/Other Shuttles Or Transportation They Help Fund
- Jitneys And Feeder Services
  - Commute Smart has a rideshare program in addition to the Vanpool Program. (https://commutesmart.org)
  - Carzac could tie into this program.
  - Craigslist options look sketchy (https://bham.craigslist.org)
  - UBER is moving forward, it doesn’t come with any guarantee of universal design vehicles. It does open the market.

DRIVERLESS SHUTTLES | VEHICLES

- Cooperative
- Zipcar or Uber model
  - Uber is moving forward in Birmingham. This may help lower the threshold for providers entering the market. (http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2015/11/birmingham_officials_uber_coll.html)
INFRASTRUCTURE | LAND USE

- Accessibility Of Vehicles, Buses And Bus Stops
- Unused Paratransit Seats Available To The Public
- Extended Transit Hours
- Land Use - Better Walking Infrastructure, Locating Businesses And Other Institutions Near Transit Or Other Transportation Hubs
- BRT
- Universal Design

The Long Term and very promising connection is the recent announcement of $20 million for BRT along a corridor that runs from roughly the CrossPlex to Parkway East and through downtown. This has the possibility of bringing everything together. This should not become a transportation only project. This is economic development, reimagined living conditions, reclaimed property, and new greenspace. It will require cooperation across multiple federal agencies and could be the laboratory for the nation.

THEMES THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE IDEAS

- Transportation Equity for People With Disabilities
- Easy | Accessible | Convenient
- Sector Coordination - Business, Medical, Land Use Transportation.
- Expansion of Transportation Options for All
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