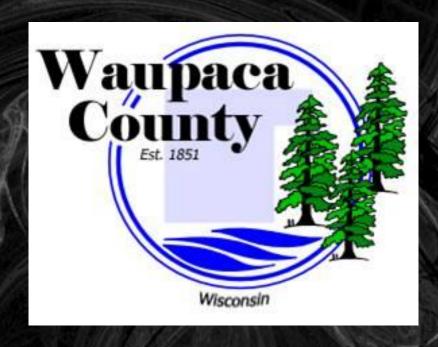


# Introduction

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## Wisconsin CVSOs

- One in each County County Employee
- Operate under WI ss Chapter 45
- Local Veteran serving local Veterans
  - Waupaca CVSO reaches out to, coordinates with, and empowers the Veterans of Waupaca County since 1934
    - Assist
    - Educate
    - AdviseBenefits and Services

# The Discussion

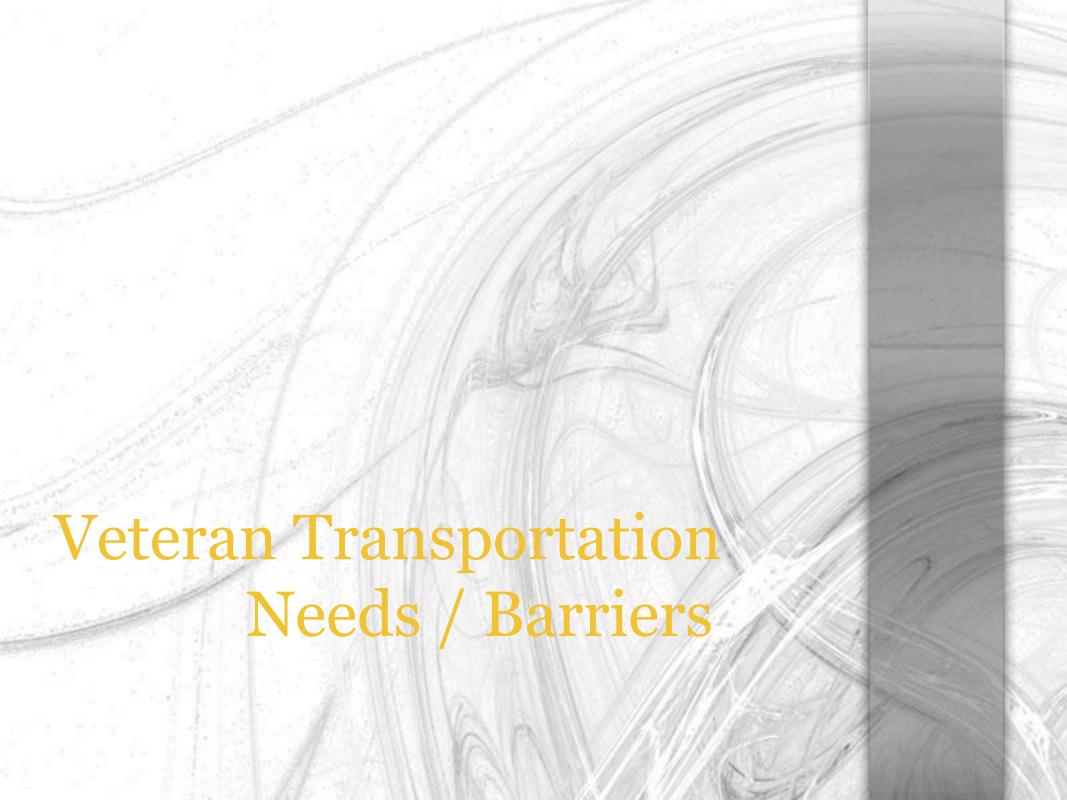
Partnership with ECWRPC

Veteran Transportation Needs / Barriers

Mobility Management / Future State



- 2015 began attending Waupaca County Transportation Coordinating Committee Meetings eventually became a member
- Met Nick Mussen ECWRPC Transportation study in progress
- Immediately began collaborating to identify needs / barriers
  - E-mail survey to veteran stakeholders
  - Veteran Transportation Study Summit (Jan 2016)
    - Held at the WVH@King campus well attended (~30)



### **Understanding the Demographic:**

- 201,096 Total population of counties in the study
- 18,551 (9.22%) of the total are Veterans
- 6,831 (36.82%) of Veterans are unique patients in VA Health Care

### **VA Health Care Catchments in study**

- 15% Madison (Baraboo, Beaver Dam, Janesville, Freeport, Rockford)
- 43% Milwaukee (Green Bay, Appleton, Cleveland, Union Grove)
- 42% Tomah (Wausau, Owen, Wisconsin Rapids, La Crosse)

#### **Wisconsin Veterans**

- 45.1% Over Age 65 (National Average 45%)
- 1.2% Under Age 25 (National Average 1.4%)

COUNTIES IN STUDY

ADAMS - GREEN LAKE - JUNEAU - MARQUETTE - SHAWANO - WAUPACA - WAUSHARA

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Vet age 47 (100% VA S/C) Not enough work quarters to qualify for SSDI, bi-monthly appointments to Appleton VA
- Female Vet Service Connected MH cannot ride with males due to nature of MH also has a service animal
- Elderly Vet has specialty appointment at Milwaukee VA, but it's December (dark, cold, snow)
- Justice involved younger Vet, needs mobility assistance with school / job
- Chair-bound Vet specialty medical transport
- Housebound Vet access to resources

#### WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT

- Working closely with our ADRC / Transportation Coordinator
- Partnering with Shawano CVSO DAV van service
- Partnering with Portage CVSO / Transportation Coordinator
- Bringing the issue forward driving the conversation
- Assisting veterans
  - Navigate options
  - Problem solve solutions
  - Link services





### Transportation for Every Citizen

- Efficient
- Reliable (HRO / Shared Consciousness)
- Affordable
- Flexible

- Transportation is a quality of life enhancer
  - O Access to resources (food, shopping, etc.)
  - Access to health care
  - Connected member of the community
- Rural communities face infrastructure and access challenges
  - Increased distance to destinations
  - Limited volunteer driver pool
  - Limited vehicle inventory (specialty)
- Current state fragmented and inefficient
- The Veteran population faces unique needs and barriers
  - Structure of VA Health Care System
  - Unique health conditions inherent to military service
    - Mental health problem solving / isolation
    - Pain management
    - Assisted mobility wheelchair accessible



## Thank You

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