

Survey to measure transportation needs in Sheridan

From staff reports

An “Unmet Needs Transportation Survey” is being distributed to all social service agencies in the community to be completed by their customers, according to Barb Daugherty, transportation director for the Sheridan Mini-Bus.

“Some individuals have expressed a need for a transportation service other than that provided by the Sheridan Mini-Bus,” said Daugherty.

The Sheridan Mini-Bus is a demand-response service with appointments and registration required in order to schedule a ride.

“A group of individuals, brought together



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er by Juan Duran with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, met recently to develop the survey, which is to address the unmet transportation needs,” Daugherty said. “This survey will help determine if there is a need for later evening hours, if individuals are willing to walk to a predetermined bus stop to catch a ride, ability to pay, and so on.”

Daugherty said that Sheridan Transportation (taxi) is the only “immediate” transportation in Sheridan. Other means of transportation, such as the Sheridan

Mini-Bus and/or RENEW, cannot often meet an “immediate” need due to responding to scheduled appointments.

A task force has formed to include Daugherty/Sheridan Mini-Bus, Rod Foley of RENEW, Cathi Kindt of The Free Clinic, Kim Price of Volunteers of America, and various individuals from Workforce Services and Vocational Rehabilitation to determine if there is enough need in the area to warrant an additional transportation service.

To complete a transportation survey, contact Duran at 674-7529 or Daugherty at 674-9272. Survey forms are also available at the Sheridan Senior Center, 211 Smith St., and at other local social service agencies.

Deadline to complete surveys is March 15.