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**Attendees:** Robin Thomas (Chair), Wanda Wallace, Jennifer Taylor, Suzan York, Teri Ebel, Donald Harris, Diana Ball, Donna Smith, and Sandra Morris.

Robin called the meeting to order at 10:06

**First Order of Business:** Robin asked for approval of last meeting minutes. Donald Harris made the motion to let minutes stand as presented. Teri Ebel seconded. Minutes approved by all.

Robin introduced guest speaker Sandra Morris, from HealthTran. Ms. Morris explained to the group what HealthTran was, and how we might be able to partner with them, to help make our Transportation dollars go further. Ms. Morris explained that this company is targeting any transportation to our rural service area, in and around Howell County, and is in hope to adding more counties in the remainder area of our 12 county region. Ms. Morris explained that they not only provide transportation for health related needs, but they could also assist with transportation for other things like getting back and forth to classes, jobs, etc. She indicated, that not only do they work with public transportation, but they also have what they are calling a Volunteer Driver Program. Ms. Morris handed out information to the group about HealthTran, and told everyone to please contact her if they thought her program might be able to assist any client in our region.

Robin Thomas then presented on what her organization was, and that Vocational Rehabilitation, known as VR, does for our region. Robin also brought to the group material information each could share with any client that we might encounter in our daily jobs, and if VR services might be needed, how to contact herself or the State VR department.

Robin, then asked everyone if they would please bring a presentation to next meeting, on what their organization does for our region, and how, we might partner with each other, in order to reach more people in our region with the services we have to offer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Teri Ebel, and seconded by Donald Harris to adjourn at 11:50 am.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2020 at Twin Pines Conservation Center