

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING CONSORTIUM**

Thursday, May 9, 2013
Bi-State Conference Room
Rock Island County Office Building
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristy Korpi	City of Muscatine/MuscaBus
Travis Spivey	Galva CUSD #224
Jim Grafton	City of Silvis
LuAnn Baetke	North Scott Schools
Randy Zobrist	River Bend Transit

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Hostens	Genesis Occupational Health
Peggi Merchie	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Round Table Introductions. Ms. Merchie opened the meeting with introductions.
2. Staff Report on 2012 Testing Program Rates. Ms. Merchie provided committee members with a 2012 Testing Audit. Both testing pools met their mandatory testing rates for the 2012 Calendar Year. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) pool had an average of 762 employees, and needed 381 urine drug tests and 76 breath alcohol tests. The actual testing rate was 384 for urine drug (50.39%) and 85 for breath alcohol (11.15%). The Federal Transit Administration Pool had an average of 175.75 employees, and needed 44 urine drug tests and 18 breath alcohol tests. The FTA pool completed 48 urine drug tests (27%) and 25 breath alcohol tests (14%) during 2012. A copy of the testing audit is attached for reference.
3. Discussion of 2011 Testing Program Rates. Ms. Merchie noted that in past years, random tests have been drawn at a rate of 5% above the actual USDOT requirements. Recently, and particularly in the FTA pool, it does not appear the full 5% is needed to meet the Consortium's annual requirements. Ms. Merchie proposed that the Consortium test at a rate that is closer to the actual requirements (50%/10% for FMCSA and 25%/10% for FTA), and increase mid-year if needed. This will reduce the number of excess tests being completed. The Consortium Members that were present concurred.
4. Question and Comments Regarding Genesis Service. Ms. Merchie invited Consortium members to provide comments and ask questions regarding testing services since the last meeting.

It was noted that the turnaround for monthly employee roster updates has improved, and allows the random selections to be sent to Consortium Members more quickly. Ms. Hostens explained that during previous Consortium meetings, the issue of school

bus drivers during summer months had been discussed. As a result of the meeting, it was recommended that school districts remove all drivers who will not be driving during summer months and are not on-call for emergency events.

Consortium members discussed the thresholds for FMCSA post-accident testing requirements, including a disabled vehicle, fatality, and injury that requires individuals be transported from the scene. In some cases, the employer may have another policy in addition to federal requirements. For example, drivers may be required to conduct a post-accident test in all cases, not only those that meet US DOT requirements. Ms. Merchie recommended the employer outline what procedures are employer-specific, and not DOT-required, in the agency's Drug and Alcohol Program Policy.

The possibility of Bi-State providing future trainings, either separate or in conjunction with Consortium meetings was discussed. Ms. Hostens referenced the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Administration (DATIA), an agency that holds conferences and webinars throughout the year.

5. Other Business.
6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.