

**Northern Plains Cancer Coalition –Transportation Workgroup  
October 21, 2008**

**i. Attendance**

<b>Bernadine Broken Leg, Ft. Yates</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Imogene Belgarde, Spirit Lake</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Martha Campbell, Santee</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Arliss Krulich, Spirit Lake</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Willeen Druley, Aberdeen Area IHS</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Linda Rae Placek, Pierre</b>	<b>x</b>

<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quality of Life</li> <li>❖ Less Stress/Healthier going into treatment</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Challenges/Barriers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Distance, gas process, money, insurance issues, barriers of denial of caregivers traveling with patient to treatment, insurance issues in alternate use of vehicles under utilized.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Start by talking about transportation needs</li> <li>❖ Bring partners together                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Request \$'s of block grants from the States, made available thru National program with the Dept. of Transportation</li> <li>○ Include auxiliary options for those qualifying (i.e. DAV Disabled American Veterans)</li> <li>○ Healthy Start funds</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Start a Cancer Transportation Network - which is the goal of ACT (Access Care Treatment Initiative) Initiative, an American Cancer Society program (in collaboration with SD CCCP's Treatment</li> </ul>	

<p>workgroup). The ACS person working on this initiative is Autumn Van Buskirk, Sioux Falls, SD 605-323-3544</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Inviting Tribal Health Directors to the table</li><li>○ Inviting Tribal leaders to the table</li><li>○ Coordinating oncology services regionally specific (i.e. schedule an afternoon @ Avera McKennan, Sioux Falls on Thursday afternoon for Pierre area cancer patients and those along the route to Sioux Falls</li><li>○ Create support groups on the van rides to treatment</li></ul>	
<p><b>Other Items/Announcements</b></p>	