



COUNCIL ON  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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## Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Teleconference Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2021

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

### Action and Motion Items

#### A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will upload the 2021 CPD Annual Report to the CPD Website.
2. **Action Item:** Ben Barrett will send an email to Full CPD Membership to inquire about anyone being willing to lead CPD's Social Media Facebook and YouTube accounts.
3. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will reach out to Ramsey Lee, GCPD Member-at-Large to follow-up on his expressed interest in joining CPD.
4. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will send out instructions and information about how to apply to be on the CPD Council to Full CPD Membership.

#### B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the October Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the July Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the August Full Council Meeting Minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the 2021 CPD Annual Report. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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## C. Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome and Introductions, Ben Barrett, Chairperson

**Council members present:** Ben Barrett; Artrell Mason; Jeff Fox; Charles Vandenplas; Karen Secor; and Roberto Escamilla II.

**Council members absent (excused\*):** Nicole Herda; Noah Roberts; \*Jackie Gordon; and Gabriel Schlieve.

**Liaisons present:** Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services; Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development; Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation; Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance; Heather Bruemmer, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care; and Dr. Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater.

**Liaisons absent (excused\*):** Nicholas Zouski, Department of Natural Resources; \*Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System; and \*Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction.

**Guests:** Not applicable.

**Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas

**DHS staff support present:** Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Ashley Walker DHS, BADR.

### II. Meeting Called to Order

**Ben Barrett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.**

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 889 2042 4373 and via [Zoom](#).



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### **III. Review and Approve October Quarterly Meeting Agenda**

- Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the October Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

### **IV. Review and Approve July Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the July Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

### **V. Review and Approve August Full Council Meeting Minutes**

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the August Full Council Meeting Minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

### **VI. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities, 2019-2021**

- No public comment was received.

### **VII. Presentation from Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) Fox Cities**

- Julie Biesterveld, Traumatic Brain Injury Support Program Coordinator Fox Cities, presented information on the diagnosis of TBIs, causes and prevalence, and gaps in service.

### **VIII. CPD Liaison Updates**

- **Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services:** Staff have returned to work at the office at least 2 days a week. Senate Bill 167 and Assembly Bill 152 were passed. Plans for all new commercial building and ensuring accessibility requirements are a priority.



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- **Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development:** Employers are looking for employees and it has been a good environment for getting individuals back to work. DVR staff are working from the office 50% of the time and are currently doing in-person appointments. Large labor shortage in job coaching; many of the providers that are contracted with DVR are having a hard time with hiring job coaches.
- **Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation:** The Wisconsin Non-Driver Advisory Committee (WiNDAC) is holding its fall meeting November 3, 2021 from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM.
- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance:** No updates to report.
- **Heather Bruemmer, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care:** Elder Abuse and Exploitation Bill was recently signed by Governor Evers. Medigap helpline is prep for open enrollment this fall/early winter. Continue with virtual outreach and in-person.
- **Dr. Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater:** No updates to report.

#### IX. CPD Committee Updates

- **Emergency Preparedness Committee**
  - Emergency Preparedness Committee members updated the Council on outreach and distribution of the Emergency Preparedness Toolkits.
    - Karen Secor, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair, shared information on the Smart Phone Application, review of the CPD Website documents and also new Google Form for requesting hard copies of toolkits.
- **State Plan Committee**
  - The Council reviewed and approved the draft of the 2021 CPD Annual Report. Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the 2021 CPD Annual Report. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.



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- DHS Support Staff will upload the 2021 CPD Annual Report to the CPD Website. See Action Item 1.

#### **X. Discuss CPD Outreach**

- The Council discussed social media presence via Facebook or YouTube and the lack of attention given to this.
  - Ben Barrett will send an email to Full CPD Membership to inquire about anyone being willing to lead CPD's Social Media Facebook and YouTube accounts. See Action Item 2.

#### **XI. Discuss Council Membership Recruitment**

- The CPD Council discussed CPD Membership recruitment.
  - DHS Support Staff will reach out to Ramsey Lee, GCPD Member-at-Large to follow-up on his expressed interest in joining CPD. See Action Item 3.
  - DHS Support Staff will send out instructions and information about how to apply to be on the CPD Council to Full CPD Membership. See Action Item 4.

#### **XII. Adjourn**

- Jeff Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

**The Council adjourned at 10:55 A.M.**