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## Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Housing Committee Teleconference Meeting

**Monday, July 17, 2023  
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

### Housing Committee Action and Motion Items

#### A. Housing Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will see if a new Board on Aging and Long-Term Care staff person has been hired and if they can be appointed to the Council's vacant position.
2. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will send information about the Independent Living Supports Pilot to Council members.
3. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will send information about the federal executive caregiving order to Council members.
4. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will send the National Council for Independent Living's Legislative Agenda to Council members for review.

#### B. Housing Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the Housing Committee meeting agenda. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May Housing Committee meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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## C. Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome and Introductions, Jeff Fox Committee Chairperson

**Housing Committee Members present:** Jeff Fox; Ben Barrett; Charles Vandenplas; Karen Secor; Jackie Gordon, and Ramsey Lee.

**Guest(s):** Margarita Northrop, State Health Plan Coordinator, Division of Public Health; Sherry Mathison, Member of the Public

**DHS Staff Support present:** Angela Brenna, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR.

### II. Meeting Called to Order

Jeff Fox Committee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 160 759 8871 and via [Zoom](#).

### III. Review and Approve July 17, 2023, Housing Committee Meeting Agenda

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the July Housing Committee meeting agenda. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

### IV. Review and Approve May 15, 2023, Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May Housing Committee meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

### V. Public Comment on the [State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024](#) or Issues Impacting People with Physical Disabilities

Public comment was received from Sherry Mathison. Sherry stated she joined the meeting today to hear updates about the Council and state housing initiatives. Sherry Mathison requested information about applying for benefits. Lisa Sobczyk gave Sherry Mathison her email address and will follow-up with individual questions outside of the meeting.



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## **VI. Discuss Updates on Housing Initiatives for People with Disabilities**

- Ben Barrett, Jeff Fox, Karen Secor, and Ramsey Lee will be attending the “Home for Everyone” housing conference this week. They will gather information from the conference and share it with the Housing Committee.
- Jackie Gordon discussed how private pay versus Medicaid is affecting access to quality nursing home care.
- The Housing Committee also discussed several other barriers to community-based and facility care for people with disabilities.
- Lisa Sobczyk stated the Council used to have a representative on the Long-Term Care Advisory Council who was able to voice and share these concerns with housing. It was discussed that a Council member should at least be attending the Long-Term Care Advisory Council meetings.
  - The Housing Committee discussed the vacant Board on Aging and Long-Term Care liaison position on the Council and whether a new person had been hired.
  - DHS support staff will see if a new Board on Aging and Long-Term Care staff person has been hired and if they can be appointed to the Council’s vacant position. See Action Item 1.
- Lisa Sobczyk state it might also be helpful for the Housing Committee to have Alfred Johnson, Bureau Director with the Division of Quality Assurance to discuss the lack of available nursing home beds and the state’s capacity for facility care. The Housing Committee recognizes that both community-based care and facility care will be needed to adequately care of the growing number of older adults and people with disabilities, especially due to the continuing caregiver shortage statewide.



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- The Housing Committee also discussed having a possibly having a presentation on the Independent Living Supports Pilot at a future committee meeting.
  - DHS support staff will send information about the Independent Living Supports Pilot to Council members. See Action Item 2.
- The Housing Committee also discussed the federal caregiving executive order and
  - The Committee discussed how they might have input on the directives in the executive order when Wisconsin drafts its state plan.
  - DHS support staff will send information about the federal executive caregiving order to Council members. See Action Item 3.

#### **VII. Review and Discuss Housing and Long-term Care Section of the CPD 2022-2024 Work Plan**

- The Committee review the current Work Plan.
- Ben Barrett stated he will reach out to Jason Glozier for an update on Housing initiatives discussed at the National Council for Independent Living.
  - DHS support staff will send the National Council for Independent Living's Legislative Agenda to Council members for review. See Action Item 4.
- The Housing Committee reviewed past housing policy recommendations made by the Council and reviewed information request on Individual Development Accounts and discussed how an IDA program for people with disabilities might be structured.
  - The Committee ran out of time to finish this discussion.



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- Due to the amount of housing policy items the Committee still needs to discuss and the amount of national housing policy impacting people with disabilities being introduced the Committee decided it will meet monthly for 1 ½ hours on the third Monday of the month.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

Charles Vandenas made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.**

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