



COUNCIL ON
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Teleconference Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2020
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Approved July 22, 2021

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Kathy Johnson will edit the Employment Section of the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024, and add the Employment Barriers Survey.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS support staff were asked to complete a review of the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities and to specifically check for grammatical errors and overall document accessibility.
- 3. Action Item:** Craig Wehner volunteered to assist Kathy Johnson in drafting the Employment Barriers Survey. A draft of the Employment Barriers Survey will be reviewed at CPD's July quarterly meeting.
- 4. Action Item:** Ben Barrett ask Jason Ostrowski if he would be willing to assist with the Council's Facebook and YouTube channel, and be willing to training a new Council member who will assume these responsibilities on behalf of the Council.
- 5. Action Item:** Charles Vandenplas will be the CPD representative on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Non-Driver Advisory Committee (WiNDAC).

B. Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the April quarterly meeting agenda. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the January quarterly meeting minutes. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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3. **Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024 as amended. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the CPD's State Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report as amended. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gabriel Schlieve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Ben Barrett, Chairperson

Council members present: Ben Barrett; Karen Secor; Kathy Johnson; Gabriel Schlieve; Jeff Fox; Charles Vandenplas; Roberto Escamilla II; Jackie Gordon; and Artrell Mason.

Council members absent (excused*): Noah Roberts and Nicole Herda.

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

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

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; Amber Mullett DHS, BADR and Monica Smith, DHS, BADR.



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II. Meeting Called to Order

Ben Barrett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 821 8438 7054 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve April Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the April quarterly meeting agenda. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve January Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the January quarterly meeting minutes. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

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

- No public comment was received.

VI. CPD Liaison Updates

- **Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation (DOT):** [Connect 2050](#) is the update to the federally required statewide long-range multimodal transportation plan. The plan covers all modes of transportation for the entire state of Wisconsin. Public comments are being accepted throughout the planning process. A second round of public involvement and the [draft plan](#) (<https://connect2050.wisconsindot.gov>) is anticipated by summer 2021. The Wisconsin Rail Plan 2050 planning process is underway. Wisconsin Rail Plan 2050 will replace Wisconsin Rail Plan 2030 as the statewide long-range rail transportation plan. The entire planning process is scheduled to be completed by January 2022. It will include an equity review of the plan focusing on communities in the state who are traditionally underserved by transportation. For example, seniors and people with disabilities.



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- **Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin (UW) Whitewater:** Shared [data](#) regarding demographic changes in high school graduates and enrollment census data (<https://www.uwsp.edu/cols-ap/smallCity/Documents/Wisconsin's%20Demographic%20Changes%20Impact%20on%20Communities.pdf>). UW Stevens Point looking at demographic changes, Study by Sarah Kemp UW-Madison. <https://www.wisconsin.edu/education-reports-statistics/reports-by-topic/wisconsin-high-school-graduate-projections/>
- **Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development (DWD):** DWD services are still being offered virtually and through in-person social distancing. Enrollment numbers are slightly down, not as many new referrals coming into the system due to medical needs of consumers and the risk of COVID-19. Employment placement numbers across the state have been on track with goals and percentages.
- **Eric Cormany, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance:** Continues to monitor insurance related complaints that come through the office. Reports that there hasn't been many issues or complaints regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

VII. Review and Approve State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024

- Kathy Johnson, Chair of the State Plan Committee stated that a draft of the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities, 2022-2024 has been completed.
 - The Council reviewed the draft of the State Plan for People with Disabilities and made additions to language in the following categories: Living Independently; Employment; Emergency Preparedness; and Transportation.
 - Specifically, Kathy Johnson will edit the Employment Section of the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024, and add the Employment Barriers Survey. See Action Item 1.



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- The Council requested DHS support staff were asked to complete a review of the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities and to specifically check for grammatical errors and overall document accessibility. See Action Item 2.
 - Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024 as amended. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See motion item 3.

VIII. Review and Approve CPD 2020 Annual Report

- The Council reviewed and discussed the CPD' State Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report.
- The Council decided the following revisions were needed:
 - Adding pictures to the Dan Johnson Award section;
 - Cross-checking the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit and outreach numbers; and
 - Conducting a color test to ensure document accessibility.
 - Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the CPD's State Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report as amended. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion item 4.

IX. Discuss Emergency Preparedness Toolkit Updates

- Karen Secor, Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, gave an overview of the work that the Committee has been doing on the grant provided to the Council by the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care. Specifically the Council is utilizing the grant funds to update the pandemic section of the toolkit, produce additional Emergency Preparedness Toolkits, create a Toolkit Application for smart phones/devices, and to create an Emergency Communications folder in response to the pandemic. The grant funds need to be expended by June 30, 2021.



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X. Discuss Outline of Employment Barriers Survey

- Kathy Johnson stated that she has been reviewing and updating the original Employment Barriers Survey that was distributed by the Council in 2012. Based on this review, Kathy Johnson made recommendations to the full Council on areas they may want to revise in the original survey instrument.
 - The Council discussed expanding the housing and transportation section of the survey; and also inquiring about barriers experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Craig Wehner volunteered to assist Kathy Johnson in drafting the Employment Barriers Survey. A draft of the Employment Barriers Survey will be reviewed at CPD's July quarterly meeting. See Action Item 3.
- The Council discussed incorporating the Employment Barriers Survey into CPD's Work Plan; and the need to possibly activate the Council's Committees that were not currently meeting to tackle some of the topics in the new State Plan for People with Disabilities and subsequent work plans.

XI. Discuss Recruitment Activities

- The Council discussed recruitment activities. Karen Secor stated she currently had administrative rights to the Council's Facebook page, along with Jason Ostrowski, previous Chair.
 - DHS support staff shared that Jason Ostrowski reached out and stated he was happy to assist the Council with its Facebook and YouTube and is willing to provide training on using these social media outlets.
 - Ben Barrett ask Jason Ostrowski if he would be willing to assist with the Council's Facebook and YouTube channel, and be willing to training a new Council member who will assume these responsibilities on behalf of the Council. See Action Item 4.



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- Taqwanya Smith stated that a new representative from Council needs to be appointed to Wisconsin Department of Transportation Non-Driver Advisory Committee (WiNDAC). Charles Vandenplas stated he was willing to take on the role.
 - Charles Vandenplas will be the CPD representative on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Non-Driver Advisory Committee (WiNDAC). See Action Item 5.

XII. Discuss GCPD Right to Have a Support Person/Caregiver at Appointments Survey Results

- Ben Barrett gave an update on the distribution of the GCPD Executive Summary on the Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments survey results.
- This information has been shared with stakeholders and partners and there is currently lots of positive discussion and interest around the survey.
- GCPD has drafted next steps and recommendations and is waiting on a response from DHS.

XIII. Discuss State of Medical Care for People with Disabilities

- The Council discussed barriers individuals with disabilities are facing during the pandemic.
 - Charles Vandenplas shared that the health care system continues to not allow caregivers and volunteers to accompany to appointments. Charles Vandenplas shared a personal story about being denied the right to have a caregiver at his doctor appointment two weeks ago.
 - The Council discussed the safety protocols with wearing masks become more lenient as more individuals are received the vaccine and not feeling the need to still wear a mask.



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XIV. Adjourn

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gabriel Schlieve seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

The Council adjourned at 11:28 A.M.