



COUNCIL ON
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Teleconference Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2022
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Approved 02/15/2022.

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** The Executive Committee will review the revised Emergency Preparedness Communications Folder PowerPoint at the next Executive Committee meeting before it is finalized.
- 2. Action Item:** The Council decided the Emergency Preparedness Committee will discuss whether the Know Your Rights and Health Care and the Americans with Disabilities Act handouts should be included in the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit at the next Committee meeting on March 9, 2022.
- 3. Action Item:** Roberto Escamilla II asked if there had been an increase or decrease in paratransit companies and whether funding has increased or decreased for paratransit services. Taqwanya Smith will ask the correct office within DOT for this information and provide it to the Council.
- 4. Action Item:** Jeremy Kaukl will share information on AB 709 with the full Council.
- 5. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send a Doodle poll to the Council to schedule the special full Council meeting in February 2022.

B. Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the January Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion.
- 2. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the October Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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- 3. Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made motion to approve the PowerPoint presentation as amended. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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4. **Motion Item:** Karen Secor made a motion for the Council to have a special full Council meeting within the next two weeks to cover the agenda items the Council ran out of time to discuss at the quarterly meeting. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Ben Barrett, Chairperson

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

Council members absent (excused*): Noah Roberts.

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; and Dr. Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater.

Liaisons absent (excused*): Nicholas Zouski, Department of Natural Resources; Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System; Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction; and * Heather Bruemmer, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care.

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; Karen Potnek, BADR, DHS; and Mikael Snitker, BADR, DHS.



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II. Meeting Called to Order

Ben Barrett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 161 338 9219 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve January Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the January Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve October Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the October Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Roberto Escamilla II 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. Presentation on the CPD Emergency Preparedness Communications Folder

- Karen Secor, Ben Barret, and Jeff Fox presented the draft Emergency Preparedness Communications Folder PowerPoint.
- Council members had extensive discussion on the presentation.
- The Council recommended the following edits:
 - Slide 2: Add language to include 'actively help' on slide header.
 - Slide 8: Circle that handicap symbol in picture as it is hard to see
 - Slide 9: change title language from ACTIVELY PREPARE FOR DISASTER to ACTIVELY PREPARE THEM FOR DISASTERS
 - Slide 10: Sentence completion on bullet items in right column. In the left hand column expand topic on lack of access to technology and broadband related to health care and emergencies.



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- Slide 13: Too much data. Make some of this information into infographic and include less text. Have full text in presenter's notes.
 - Jeff Fox made motion to approve the PowerPoint presentation as amended. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - The Executive Committee will review the revised PowerPoint at the next Executive Committee meeting before it is finalized. See Action Item 1.
- The Council also review the Know Your Rights document No revisions are needed.
- The Council also discussed if the Know Your Rights and Health Care and the Americans with Disabilities Act handouts should also be included in the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit. The Council decided the Emergency Preparedness Committee will discuss this further at the next Committee meeting on March 9, 2022. See Action Item 2.

VII. CPD Liaison Updates

- Since a large number of liaisons were able to attend the meeting the Council had liaisons give their reports prior to the Discuss Medical Ethics in Healthcare for People with Disabilities agenda item.
- **Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation:** Department of Transportation (DOT) submitted its annual report. The Federal Highway Commission accepted the State's DOT plan in December and it meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. DOT received 16 comments prior to submittal. Updates including curb ramps and state highways in 2020 and 2021. It will take 6 years for all curb ramp installations. Starting in January, DOT will work through comments to make changes to plan to make more accessible per public comments.
 - Roberto Escamilla II asked if there had been an increase or decrease in paratransit companies and whether funding has increased or decreased for paratransit services. Taqwanya Smith responded that is



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not within her unit but will ask the correct office within DOT and provide this information to the Council. See Action Item 3.

- **Dr. Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater:** University of Wisconsin system announced new president – Jay O’Rafmen. He is from Milwaukee and will start in late March/early April. He is a senior partner at law firm in Milwaukee and a UW alumni. UW is currently working through digital access audit. UW has seen increased enrollment of people with disabilities probably due to increased virtual and digital delivery. UW continuing to do continuous improvement to ensure access and equity.
- **Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services:** Department of Safety and Professional Services continues to review plans and ensure designs are to code. A picture was shared of an accessible bathroom that was not accessibly. Jeremy Kaukl state plans were approved but not followed by contractor. The Council asked how someone would report something like this.
 - Jeremy Kaukl shared that questions regarding commercial buildings code can be sent to DSPSSBBuildingtech@wi.gov. In addition, there is an online complaint form if type in search for online complaint takes to online complaint box or self-service – file a complaint.

Jeremy Kaukl also shared information on 2021 Assembly Bill 709 which would require buildings 3ith 30,000 occupants or more or business being renovated to have a universal changing station to accommodate adults with disabilities in public restrooms beginning in July 2023. Jeremy Kaukl will share information on AB 709 with the full Council. See Action Item 4.

- **Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development:** From July 1, 2021 thought present the Department of Workforce Development (DVR) has placed 1,982 people with disabilities into employment. DVR is keeping doors open but is servicing approximately 4,000 people less compared to pre-pandemic service numbers of 16,000 people. DVR is giving people the option to meet via phone or computer as well as in person. Some people do not want to work or cannot work because of their health conditions or disabilities and being at higher risk for contracting COVID. Since there is



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such a demand for employees – people DVR helped in the past who needed a little bit of help may be getting jobs on their own. Counselors reach out every month at a minimum and to find out an individual’s job attainment status at that time.

- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance:** Open enrollment ended. Highest enrollment levels seen since 2018. Going forward OCI will be continuing to do outreach for special enrollment periods.

VIII. Discuss Medical Ethics in Healthcare for People with Disabilities

- The Council did not get to this agenda item.

IX. CPD Committee Updates

- The Council did not get to this agenda item.

X. Discuss CPD Outreach

- The Council did not get to this agenda item.

XI. Discuss Council Membership Updates

- The Council did not get to the agenda item.

XII. Adjourn

- Karen Secor made a motion for the Council to have a special full Council meeting within the next two weeks to cover the agenda items the Council ran out of time to discuss at the quarterly meeting. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.
 - DHS support staff will send a Doodle poll to the Council to schedule the special full Council meeting in February 2022. See Action Item 5.
- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

The Council adjourned at 12:02 P.M.