



COUNCIL ON  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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

Thursday, July 27, 2023

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

### Action and Motion Items

#### A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** The Dan Johnson Nominations will be confirmed at the upcoming CPD Executive Committee Meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** Ramsey Lee and Stacy Ellingen stated they would be willing to be the CPD Representatives on the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Stakeholder Group and will share the information and agendas with the council.

#### B. Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the July 27, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the April 20, 2023, Quarterly meeting minutes. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gabriel Schlieve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### C. Meeting Minutes

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

**Council members present:** Ben Barrett; Stacy Ellingen; Jeff Fox; Karen Secor; Roberto Escamilla II; Jackie Gordon; Gabriel Schlieve; Emma Thelke; Ramsey Lee; Charles Vandenplas; and Nicole Herda.

**Council members absent (excused\*):** Jason Glozier; Ann Belisle; and Artrell Mason.

**Liaisons present:** Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation; and Kristine Zukrow, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.



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**Guests:** Jason Ostrowski, Community Member.

**Captioning Services:** Fran Kerrigan.

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

## II. Meeting Called to Order

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

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 160 310 8879 and via [Zoom](#).

## III. Review and Approve July 27, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the July 27, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

## IV. Review and Approve April 20, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the April 20, 2023, Quarterly meeting minutes. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

## V. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024 (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/cpd-state-plan-2022-24.pdf>) or Issues Impacting People with Physical Disabilities (9:15 A.M.–9:25 A.M.)

- No public comment received.

## VI. Review and Discuss Dan Johnson Advocacy Award Nominations and Logistics

- The Council discussed having the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award event during the lunch hour of the Unified Voices: Engage for Change Summit on October 4, 2023.
  - Will move into closed session for the discussion on nominations.
  - The Dan Johnson Nominations will be confirmed at the upcoming CPD Executive Committee Meeting. See Action Item 1.



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## VII. Discuss Legislative Updates and Policy Initiatives

- Ramsey Lee and Stacy Ellingen stated they would be willing to be the CPD Representatives on the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Stakeholder Group and will share the information and agendas with the council. See Action Item 2.

## VIII. CPD Liaison Updates

- **Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation (DOT) Liaison:** The 2023 ADA Transition Plan will be open for public comment the end of August.
- **Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services Liaison:** Nothing to report.
- **Kristine Zukrow, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Liaison:** DVR is seeing an increase in referrals and applicants in the last two months. Close to pre-pandemic numbers. DVR has implemented our Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council. This is the first of many steps to implement our equity and inclusion plan. We have changed the training grant fee schedule to fund maximum of \$6,000 annually, instead of \$5,000 annually, to reflect increased cost(s) of tuition at post-secondary institutions. A couple of staff are doing presentations to Apprenticeship board and industry sectors to promote referrals to DVR and co-enrollment with Registered and Youth Apprenticeship. Continue to work to enroll consumers in DVR's Career Pathways Advancement (CPA) Grant. This is a 5-year grant received from RSA.
- **Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System:** The WTCS Disability Services leaders are collaborating with the UW System and WIAHEAD to hold a joint meeting in the fall at Whitewater University. These joint meetings provide a community of practice for disability services experts across colleges and universities. Western Technical College held the system's first conference specifically on neurodiversity. They had a student panel that was fantastic and share their experiences at the college. Colleen is trying to set up another panel with the students at the system level. WisCORE (The WTCS Conference on Race and Ethnicity) this year in October will have



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a larger focus on disability and specifically the experience of deaf students thanks to advocacy from students on the planning committee for the event.

- **Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction:** No report.

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- **Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater:** No report.
- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance:** No report.

#### **IX. CPD Committee Updates**

- ***Emergency Preparedness***
  - Karen Secor, Chair, provided updates on CPD Emergency Preparedness Toolkit distribution and multiple outreach events. Also, received \$6,000 grant from OPEHC to assist with outreach. Continues to do outreach through presenting online and in-person and planning on having exhibit booths at conferences. The next meeting will be August 9, 2023.
- ***Housing***
  - Jeff Fox, Chair, the Committee continues to meet bi-monthly and work on strategies and goals linked to the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan. Numerous members attended the A home for Everyone conference and will report at the next meeting. The Committee has decided to meet monthly through December 2023.
- ***Transportation***
  - The Committee will continue to meet bi-monthly and work on strategies and goals linked to the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan.
- ***Employment and Health***
  - Roberto Escamilla II, Chair, reported that the Committee continues to meet bi-monthly and work on strategies and goals linked to the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan.

#### **X. Unified Voices: Engage for Change In-Person Summit**

- The Summit will be held in-person on October 3-5, 2023, and all disability focused Councils and Committees will be in attendance.



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- Focus of the Summit will be to cross collaborate on policy and legislative initiatives and bring all Councils and Committee together to learn and network.

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- All CPD membership is encouraged to attend.

## XI. Adjourn

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gabriel Schlieve seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:17 A.M.**

Moved into closed session to discuss Agenda Item VI.

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