



COUNCIL ON
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Quarterly Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 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 October 26, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the July 27, 2023, Quarterly meeting minutes. Karen Secor 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, Ben Barrett, Chairperson

Council members present: Ben Barrett; Jeff Fox; Karen Secor; Roberto Escamilla II; Jackie Gordon; Gabriel Schlieve; Emma Thelke; Ramsey Lee; Charles Vandenplas; Jason Glozier, and Artrell Mason.

Council members absent (excused*): Ann Belisle; Stacy Ellingen* and Nicole Herda.

Liaisons present: Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation; Kristine Zukrow, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services; and Jessica Trudell, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care.

Guests: No guests present.

Captioning Services: Peggy Christensen.

Interpreting Services: Chantel Wiedmeyer and Nicole Keeler.

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

II. Meeting Called to Order

Ben Barrett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716 and via Zoom: <https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/16117861716>.

III. Review and Approve October 26, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the October 26, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve July 27, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the July 27, 2023, Quarterly meeting minutes. Karen Secor 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. Discuss Legislative and Policy Update

- **504 Access to Health Care for People with Disabilities**
- **Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II Amendments**
- **Digital Equity Plan**
- **State Legislation: Remove Roadblock for Wheelchair Repair**
- **State Legislation: ABLE Accounts**
- **Pilot Program: Independent Living Supports Pilot**

- **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.
- **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.
- **Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater:** No report.

VII. Discuss Self-Determination Conference

VIII. CPD Liaison Updates

- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI):** OCI is preparing for Open Enrollment and continue to support the Medicaid unwinding post pandemic efforts to maintain health coverage for Wisconsinites. They have a digital toolkit for partners that want to help spread the word about the unwinding. It can be found at <https://wiscovered.com/media-toolkit/>
- **Taqwanya Smith, Wisconsin Department of Transportation:** Public Comment was received for the 2023 ADA Transition Plan. DOT is reviewing comments. DOT will be holding a two training for employees where they will discuss ways to remove barriers and learn about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA.)
- **Eva Kubinski, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction**
- **Kristine Zuckrow, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development**
- **Jeremy Kaukl, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services:** Shared that they are currently working on adopting the 2021 building codes from the ADA Guidelines for buildings and facilities covered under Title II.
- **Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System:** Oct 12th and 13th was the system's third WisCORE conference that brings together college student and employees from all 16 colleges to talk about ways to build equity and inclusion. One of the conference planners was a deaf student from WCTC who spoke openly about how challenging it was to get appropriate support while in K-12 and what colleges can do to make campus more accessible for deaf students and employees. On November 2nd and 3rd the WTCS, WAICU, and Universities of Wisconsin are coming together with WIAHEAD for a joint meeting on student accessibility and accommodations in postsecondary educational spaces. Colleen Larsen shared that she has been working closely with DVR. She shared some resource documents outlining what types of services are available.

- **Nicholas Zouski, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:** No report provided.
- **Dr. Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin System:** No report provided.

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.
- ***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.

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.
 - All CPD membership is encouraged to attend.

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.