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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Employment Sub-Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

**Monday, April 4, 2022
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

APPROVED 06/06/2022.

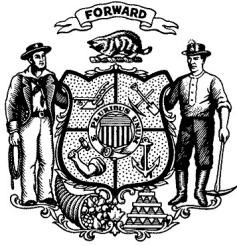
Employment Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Employment Sub-Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig, Chair, will reach out to State Use Board and discuss possible presentation at GCPD Employment Sub-committee to learn of current barriers, status, and opportunities related to Competitive Integrated Employment.
- 2. Action Item:** The GCPD Employment Sub-committee will further discuss GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan, Employment section goals related to coordinating employment related services across the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Department of Health Services (DHS), and Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Coordination is focused on Competitive Integrated Employment.
- 3. Action Item:** The GCPD Employment Sub-committee will review data provided by DVR Liaison, and discuss further.

B. Employment Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 GCPD Employment Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 GCPD Employment Sub-committee the meeting minutes. Daniel Idzikowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: Nancy Leipzig, Chair

Employment Sub-Committee members present: Nancy Leipzig; Ben Barrett; Ramsey Lee; Daniel Idzikowski; Margaret Kristan; Dan Laatsch.

Employment Sub-Committee members absent (excused*): Pearl Fessenden*; Stacy Stone*.

Liaison(s): Sarah Kuehn, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Liaison.

Guest: Jeff Fox, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Member and Chair; Becky Hebdu, public member, and employment services vendor.

DHS support staff present:, Mikael Snitker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); and Ashley Walker DHS, BADR.

II. Nancy Leipzig Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1- 669-254-5252 with Meeting ID: 160 888 2066 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve April 4, 2022 Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 GCPD Employment Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve March 7, 2022 Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 GCPD Employment Sub-committee the meeting minutes. Daniel Idzikowski seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee provided public comment was received on Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and DVR grant opportunity. The Sub-



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committee discussed the following linked data and information on Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) grant for Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services. DVR Liaison, Sarah Kuehn provided commentary on grant which is: 1) currently under review by DVR administration to determine, and 2) if grant will be sought. See Action Item 3.

- [Disability Innovation Fund - Subminimum Wage to Competitive Integrated Employment \(SWTCIE\) | Rehabilitation Services Administration](#)
- [Annual Report YR 2008 \(wi.gov\)](#)

VI. Review and Discuss Employment Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan, State Use Program

- The Sub-Committee discussed the State Use Program, including mandating minimum wage, Nancy Leipzig, Sub-Committee Chair will contact State Use members for potential further discussion with GCPD Employment Sub-committee. See Action Item 1.
- Due to time constraints, the GCPD Employment Sub-committee did not discuss the following. See Action Item 2:
 - Remove disincentives to employment within the Social Security system, including expanding eligibility for the Medicaid Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP).
 - Increase equitable access to assistive technology and education regarding its use for both employers and employees.
 - Advance competitive integrated employment through a collaborative and aligned work plan within the Departments of Workforce Development, Health Services, and Public Instruction.
 - Advance competitive integrated employment by promoting and incentivizing the hiring of people with disabilities by private sector employers.



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VI. Develop Agenda for next GCPD Employment Sub-committee meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approve May Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Review and Approve April Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
- Public Comment
- Discuss and Create a Plan on How to Accomplish Objectives in the Employment Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan, and/or consider revising plan objectives.
- Draft June Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

VII. Adjourn

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.