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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Bi-Monthly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Evelyn Azbell will construct a list of next steps and ideas for disseminating the Educational Training Video Project.
2. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will email out the 2020 Wisconsin State Health Assessment Report for GCPD membership to review.
3. **Action Item:** GCPD Membership will send DHS support staff any state and federal legislative updates to then send out to Full Committee Membership for review and response.
4. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will upload the Final 2021 GCPD Annual Report to the GCPD Website.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the GCPD February 16, 2022 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the GCPD December 15, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to move forward with incorporating the following GCPD Policy Issue Areas into the GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan; Public Health Orders and Information in Accessible Formats; Mask Mandate and Communication; Telehealth and Broadband Access; and Representation of Individuals with Disabilities on the State Medical Advisory Committee; as they align with the 2020 Wisconsin State Health Assessment Report findings. Katherine Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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4. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made the motion to approve the 2021 GCPD Annual Report. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Margaret Kristan, Chairperson

Committee members present: Margaret Kristan; John Olson; Maureen Ryan; Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Evelyn Azbell; Dan Laatsch; Nancy Leipzig; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; Dan Idzikowski; Ramsey Lee; Pearl Fessenden and Katherine Schneider.

Committee members absent (excused*): John Hartman*; Eva Kubinski*; Gail Boy*; Fred Ludwig*; Kimberlee Coronado*; and David Morstad*.

Committee liaisons present: Sarah Kuehn, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Guests: Jeff Fox, Member, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Jason Glozier, Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers (WCILC); Josh Lucas, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; and Mikael Snitker, DHS, BADR; and Monica Smith, DHS, BADR.

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 160 213 1852 and via [Zoom](#).



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III. Review and Approve February 16, 2022 Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the GCPD February 16, 2022 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve of December 15, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the GCPD December 15, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- Margaret Kristan shared the timeline for the Educational Training Video.
 - **Update on Educational Training Video:** The Executive Committee continues to work with the DHS Multimedia Team on putting together a draft of an Educational Training Video based on rights and accommodations for individuals with disabilities; two versions of the script; one for people with disabilities and their advocates and one for medical providers.
 - The DHS Multimedia team scheduled and recorded interviews. All interviews have been scheduled and recorded; now awaiting a draft.
 - Next steps being the disseminating of information about the Educational Training Video Project; issuing a press release, GovD message being sent out to networks, request to be on agendas for all disability councils, public radio or television and hosting a virtual watch party. The Educational Training Video will be posted on the GCPD website.



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- Evelyn Azbell will construct a list of next steps and ideas for disseminating the Educational Training Video Project. See Action Item 1.
- ***Discuss Policy Issue Areas: Public Health Orders and Information in Accessible Formats; Mask Mandate and Communication; Telehealth and Broadband Access; and Representation of Individuals with Disabilities on the State Medical Advisory Committee:*** The Executive Committee discussed opportunities to align policies and services with the Wisconsin State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan that was published by Division of Public Health (DPH).
 - The Full Committee discussed the necessity to connect with the proper channels to talk about these policy improvements and issue areas.
 - DHS support staff will email out the 2020 Wisconsin State Health Assessment Report for GCPD membership to review. See Action Item 2.
 - Maureen Ryan made a motion to move forward with incorporating the following GCPD Policy Issue Areas into the GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan; Public Health Orders and Information in Accessible Formats; Mask Mandate and Communication; Telehealth and Broadband Access; and Representation of Individuals with Disabilities on the State Medical Advisory Committee; as they align with the 2020 Wisconsin State Health Assessment Report findings. Katherine Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.



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- ***Discuss State and Federal Legislative Updates:*** The Full Committee discussed the importance of staying on top of state and federal legislative updates.
 - The Full Committee discussed how to disburse information and if it should be done through leads of the Sub-Committees or the Executive Committee; and the difficulty with staying on top of the information and topic areas, and passing along information or responding fast pace. Discussed prioritizing based on the GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan.
 - Maureen Ryan suggested signing up for notifications from the Governor's office, having regular meetings with the Governor's office on key topics areas and goals; and inviting the DHS Legislative Liaisons to the meetings to gain involvement on priority areas.
 - GCPD Membership will send DHS support staff any state and federal legislative updates to then send out to Full Committee Membership for review and response. See Action Item 3.

VII. Review and Approve 2021 GCPD Annual Report

- The Full Committee reviewed and approved the 2021 GCPD Annual Report.
 - Katherine Schneider made the motion to approve the 2021 GCPD Annual Report. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.
 - DHS support staff will upload the Final 2021 GCPD Annual Report to the GCPD Website. See Action Item 4.



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VIII. GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan

- Updates from Chairs of GCPD Sub-Committees
 - **Opportunities and Access; Evelyn Azbell:** The Sub-Committee will be planning to meet on first Thursday of month from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM. The Sub-Committee kicked off their discussion with going over the Opportunities and Access section of the 2021-2023 GCPD Work Plan and discussed reviewing the section in more detail before the next meeting.
 - **Transportation; Rhonda Staats:** The Sub-Committee will be planning to meet on first Wednesday of month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The Sub-Committee will continue to gather information from different councils and transportation groups and bring it back to the group.
 - **Employment; Nancy Leipzig:** The next Sub-Committee meeting will be on March 7, 2022. The Sub-Committee will continue to gather information from different councils and employment groups; and State Use Program information and bring it back to the group for discussion.
 - **Bylaws; Tom O'Connor:** The Sub-Committee will be meeting the first Friday of the month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The Sub-Committee will continue to review the Bylaws and focus on potential term limits and membership composition.

IX. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** - Sarah Kuehn stated that DVR has a public input session on DVR Administrative Rule changes this Friday, February 18 from 10-11 a.m. Join from the meeting link <https://dwdwi.webex.com/dwdwi/j.php?MTID=me4f97eef97a86151b26478789d0faf93>
- **Department of Public Instruction** - No GCPD Liaison update.
- **Wisconsin Technical College System** - No GCPD Liaison update.



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X. Council Updates

- **Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)** - Tom O'Connor reported CDHH had its Executive Meeting on January 5, 2022, and February 2, 2022. The last Council meeting was on December 3, 2021, and the next full Council meeting will be held on March 6, 2022. The Executive Board does try to meet monthly via Zoom for about an hour.
- **Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)** - No Council Report to review.
- **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)** - Ben Barrett stated that CPD continues the updating of the emergency preparedness toolkit, and CPD Committees are starting to meet. We are planning on re-engaging the upcoming conferences for outreach on the toolkit and how to use it.
- **Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)** - Rhonda Staats shared that the SCOB will be conducting community conversations with persons who are visually impaired during the spring.
- **Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)** - No Council Report to review.

XI. Discuss GCPD Membership Vacancies and Recruitment

- The Full Committee discussed membership vacancies and recruitment.
 - Dr. Katherine Schneider has been newly appointed to GCPD.
 - Maureen Ryan will be retiring in March 2022; which will leave one vacancy.
 - Dan Idzikowski stated that he has recruited an individual with a diverse background to apply.



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XII. Adjourn

- Maureen Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

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