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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, August 17, 2022  
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Approved November 16, 2022.

#### Action and Motion Items

##### A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will cancel the upcoming October 19, 2022, Bi-Monthly based on the motion to move Full Committee meetings to Quarterly starting November 2022.
2. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will email the final 2022 GCPD Bylaws to Karen Odegard and the Governor's Appointments Office for review.
3. **Action Item:** The Full Committee discussed moving the logistics of the schedule for the ongoing GCPD Quarterly meetings starting in November 2022, to the upcoming September 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

##### B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD August 17, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD June 15, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to change the GCPD Bi-Monthly meetings back to the Quarterly Meeting schedule beginning Fall 2022, Dan Laatch seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve and finalize the Draft 2022 GCPD Bylaws. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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5. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### C. Meeting Minutes

##### I. Welcome and Introductions, Margaret Kristan, Chairperson

**Committee members present:** Margaret Kristan; Rhonda Staats; Nancy Leipzig; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; Ramsey Lee; David Morstad; Fred Ludwig; John Hartman; Dan Idzikowski; Dan Laatsch and Katherine Schneider.

**Committee members absent (excused\*):** Ben Barrett; Pearl Fessenden; Gail Bovy; and Kimberlee Coronado.

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

**Guests:** Camille Crary, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office, Michelle Gilbank, Community Member, Joe Tatar; Office of Policy and Practice Alignment, DHS and Jonathan Liegeois, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Veyo.

**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; Karen Potnek, BADR, DHS and Amber Mullett, BADR, DHS.

##### II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

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

##### III. Review and Approve August 17, 2022, Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD August 17, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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#### IV. Review and Approve June 15, 2022, Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD June 15, 2022, 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. Presentation on Wisconsin State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)

- John Tatar, DHS Office of Policy and Practice Alignment, presented on the Wisconsin State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP); which is a comprehensive overview of all health in the state and services as a base for SHIP.
  - Discussed alignment with the GCPD 2022-2024 Workplan with Employment and Economic Wellbeing, Housing and Transportation.

#### VII. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- The Executive Committee made the decision to start meeting monthly, the first Thursday of the month from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. The next meeting will be September 1, 2022.
- **Concordia University Collaborative Educational Opportunity**
  - The Executive Committee has been focusing on a Concordia University Educational Training and presentation that will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 3:00 PM -5:00 PM at the Concordia University, Mequan Campus.
    - Tom O'Connor, David Morstad, Ben Barrett and John Hartman will be participating and leading the presentation. Weekly planning meetings will be held virtual via Zoom up until the event to discuss the training material and prepare for the event.



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- **Member Engagement and Participation**

- The Full Committee discussed the constant theme of limited engagement and capacity amongst Full Membership, and also low attendance at Committee and Sub-Committee meetings.
  - Discussed the primary role of GCPD being to advise the Governor's Office of policy effecting people with disabilities and uphold the rights of individuals with disabilities.
- Rhonda Staats made a motion to change the GCPD Bi-Monthly meetings back to the Quarterly Meeting schedule beginning Fall 2022, Dan Laatch seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- DHS support staff will cancel the upcoming October 19, 2022, Bi-Monthly based on the motion to move Full Committee meetings to Quarterly starting November 2022. See Action Item 1.

#### VIII. GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan

- Updates from Chairs of GCPD Sub-Committees.
  - **Opportunities and Access; Katherine Schneider:** The Sub-Committee meets on first Thursday of month from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM. Katherine Schneider discussed having conversations with staff in the Governor's Office regarding the Governor's Webpage being not accessible and moving forward with continuing to advocate for access.
  - **Transportation; Rhonda Staats:** The Sub-Committee meets the first Wednesday of month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The Sub-Committee has had guest speakers from Veyo attend and active attendance. Concerns about MTM and Veyo merging. Continues to monitor and discuss transportation concerns. Non-Driver Advisory Committee has been looking at expanding transportation options in Wisconsin. The next sub-committee will be October 5, 2022.
  - **Employment; Nancy Leipzig:** The next Sub-Committee meeting will be on October 3, 2022. The Sub-Committee has been focusing on the State Use Program information.



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#### IX. Review and Approve 2022 GCPD Bylaws

- The Full Committee reviewed the 2022 GCPD Bylaws.
  - Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve and finalize the Draft 2022 GCPD Bylaws. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.
  - DHS support staff will email the Final 2022 GCPD Bylaws to Karen Odegaard and the Governor's Appointments Office for review. See Action Item 2.

#### X. Review and Approve GCPD Logo Bids and Selection Vendor

- The Full Committee discussed the two GCPD Logo Bids that were submitted from Promote Local and Impact Design.
  - The Full Committee discussed obtaining more information on the portfolios of the submitted GCPD Logo Bids before moving forward with choosing a bid. This agenda item will be discussed at the September 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 2.

#### XI. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** - Sarah Kuehn shared that all DVR offices are open for business, and they are seeing an upswing on referrals. Reminder that the Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Report for State Fiscal Year 2022 is available on the CIE Website <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/cie/act-178.htm>.
- **Department of Public Instruction (DPI)** – No Liaison Update to Review.
- **Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)** – No Liaison Update to Review.



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#### XII. Council Updates

- **Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)** - Tom O'Connor reported the Council for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind had its last Executive Meeting was on August 3, 2022, and the next full hybrid Council meeting will be held September 9, 2022, and they will be having a special election for Chair. The membership has been decreasing due to members terming off and are still working on outreach for membership.
- **Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)** - No Council Report to review.
- **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)** - No Council Report to review.
- **Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)** – No Council Report to review.
- **Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)** - No Council Report to review.

#### XIII. Discuss GCPD Meeting Schedule for 2022-2023

- The Committee reviewed the structure of the GCPD Full Committee meetings. Discussed the motion to move to hybrid Quarterly meetings.
  - The Full Committee discussed moving the logistics of the schedule for the ongoing GCPD Quarterly meetings starting in November 2022, to the upcoming September 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting for discussion. See Action Item 3.

#### XIV. Adjourn

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.**