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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

Monday, March 7, 2022 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

APPROVED 4/4/22.

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: GCPD 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.

B. Employment Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. **Motion Item:** Daniel Idzikowski made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 GCPD Employment Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item: Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022 GCPD Employment Sub-committee the meeting minutes. Daniel Idzikowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **3. Motion Item:** Daniel Idzikowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Laatsch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: Nancy Leipzig, Chair



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

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

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

Guest: Jeff Fox, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Member.

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: 161 728 6010 and via Zoom.

III. Review and Approve March 7, 2022 Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

 Daniel Idzikowski made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 GCPD Employment Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

 Public comment was received on Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE), Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP) and barriers to expanding CIE in the community. See Action Item 1.

V. Review and Discuss Employment Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- The Sub-Committee discussed the Employment Section of the GCPD 2022-2023 Work Plan, General and Monitor and Advise Areas:
 - Reform the State Use Program, including mandating minimum wage.
 - Establish a Disability Business Enterprise set-aside program.



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- Advance the PROMISE Grant program recommendations and expand the Project SEARCH program.
- 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.

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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approve April Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Review and Approve March 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
- Draft May Employment Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

VII. Adjourn

 Daniel Idzikowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Laatsch seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.