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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)
Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

APPROVED April 29, 2021

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff and GCPD Officers will continue to work on obtain names and email addresses for the following: Dr. Clyde Chumbley, Chief Executive Officer at Wisconsin Medical Society; Wisconsin Hospital Association; Wisconsin Dental Association; Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging (GWAAR); National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Autism Awareness Groups.
- 2. Action Item:** Amber Mullett shared that some State Agency Equity and Inclusion plans are already posted through DOA, and she will send Executive Committee members web links to plans for review.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the April 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the April 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

Executive committee members present: David Morstad; Margaret Kristan Tom O'Connor; Rhonda Staats and Ben Barrett.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable

Guests: Jeff Fox, Member-at-Large, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities.

DHS staff support present: Laura Plummer, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR; Monica Smith, DHS, BADR; Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 834 0611 7182 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve April 15, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the April 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve April 1, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the April 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Jeff Fox stated Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) was an organization to refer individuals with disabilities who were continuing to be denied their rights to have a caregiver or support person at medical appointments.



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VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results***
- ***Discuss Feedback from Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners***
 - The Executive Committee discussed feedback and distribution of the Executive Summary and *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint data to stakeholders and partners.
 - David Morstad reminded Executive Committee Members that documents were emailed to contacts at the Office of the Governor; Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Secretary's Office; Department of Health Services (DHS) Leadership, Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) and Division of Public Health (DPH) Leadership; Health and Equity Council; Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW); constituent councils and also a vast listing of statewide disability related organizations and advocate groups.
 - Amber Mullett shared that she has had conversation with Chuck Warzecha, Deputy Administrator DPH, and Carrie Molke, Director Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, regarding possible actions moving forward which included:
 - Reaching out to the Office of Legal Counsel,
 - Looking into infection protection protocols and language that was used regarding limiting visitors, etc.
 - Connecting with chief medical officers to identify levels of influence and engagement with disbursing information and training to medical professionals.



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- David Morstad stated that so far, all the feedback he has received regarding the Executive Summary and survey results has been positive, and has stimulated a lot of progressive conversation.
- ***Discuss GCPD Next Steps with Survey Data and Executive Summary***
 - The Executive Committee discussed next steps needed for obtaining additional contact information.
 - DHS Support Staff and GCPD Officers will continue to work on obtain names and email addresses for the following: Dr. Clyde Chumbley, Chief Executive Officer at Wisconsin Medical Society; Wisconsin Hospital Association; Wisconsin Dental Association; Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging (GWAAR); National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Autism Awareness Groups. See Action Item 1.

VII. Discuss Equity and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations

- **Equitable Access**
 - Amber Mullett shared that the Department of Administration (DOA) will be a central location for all of the State Agency Equity and Inclusion plans as required per Executive Order #59.
 - Amber Mullett shared that some State Agency Equity and Inclusion plans are already posted, and she will send Executive Committee members web links to plans for review. See Action Item 2.



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VIII. Draft Agenda for April 21, 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Committee Meeting

- The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming April 21, 2021 Bi-Monthly meeting agenda to include the following items:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve April 21, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approval of the February 17, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes
 - Review and Approval of the March 24, 2021 Full Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:15 P.M. – 1:25 P.M.)
 - GCPD Executive Committee Updates
 - COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results
 - Discuss Feedback on Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners
 - Discuss Next Steps from Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners
 - GCPD Work Plan Committee Updates
 - Liaison Updates
 - Council Updates
 - Discuss GCPD Membership Recruitment
 - Review 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meetings



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IX. Adjourn

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.