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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

**Thursday, February 24, 2022
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

Approved March 3, 2022

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** A GCPD Educational Video dissemination list was drafted by Evelyn Azbell. DHS support staff will email the list out to Executive Committee members for review and additions to be completed by March 3, 2022.
- 2. Action Item:** Ben Barrett will work with DHS support staff to draft the Educational Video Project press release to have ready to review by full Executive Committee membership by March 3, 2022.
- 3. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will draft an email to go along with dissemination of the Educational Training Video after the press release is approved by full Executive Committee membership.
- 4. Action Item:** The Executive Committee discussed organizing a watch party for the Educational Training Video and to have a basic plan for a watch party to discuss at the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting.
- 5. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will reach out to Tamara Jackson, Policy Analyst and Legislative Liaison at the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities, to see if she could join the GCPD Executive Committee Meeting on March 3, 2022 to give an overview and presentation on the following bills: AB-934 / SB-905 Public Benefit Reform - eligibility for the Medical Assistance program and database confirmation for public assistance program eligibility and AB-936 / SB-912 Public Benefit Report - Relating to failure to accept employment to remain eligible for Medical Assistance.



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- 6. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will compile a list of absent attendees for all 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meetings and email the list to Executive Committee members for review.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the February 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the February 17, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to move forward with inviting Tamara Jackson to present on Medicaid related bills at the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to move forward with the Executive Committee taking the lead in reviewing potential GCPD membership applications. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 6. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

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

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable.

Guests: Jeff Fox, Vice-Chair, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) and Evelyn Azbell, GCPD Member-at-Large; and Lawrence Brown, Community Member.

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

II. Margaret Kristan 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: 161 640 1752 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve February 24, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the February 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February 17, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the February 17, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown stated that there are some Medicaid related bills that are coming through that are going to have a negative impacted on individuals with disabilities; AB-934 / SB-905 Public Benefit Reform - eligibility for the Medical Assistance program and database confirmation for public assistance program eligibility and AB-936 / SB-912 Public Benefit Report - Relating to: failure to accept employment to remain eligible for Medical Assistance.

VI. COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Discuss Educational Training Video Updates***
 - DHS Multimedia team reported that they had completed filming interviewees and now were working on editing and piecing the video together and would have a final product for view by the March 10, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting.
 - A GCPD Educational Video dissemination list was drafted by Evelyn Azbell. DHS support staff will email the list out to Executive Committee members for review and additions to be completed by March 3, 2022. See Action Item 1.
 - Ben Barrett will work with DHS support staff to draft the Educational Video Project press release to have ready to review by full Executive Committee membership by March 3, 2022. See Action Item 2.
 - Margaret Kristan will draft an email to go along with dissemination of the Educational Training Video after the press release is approved by full Executive Committee membership. See Action Item 3.



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- The Executive Committee discussed organizing a watch party for the Educational Training Video and to have a basic plan for a watch party to discuss at the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. See Action Item 4.
- ***Review and Discuss strategies for Advancing GCPD COVID-19 Recommendations***
 - DHS Support Staff stated that they were still waiting for an email back from Curtis Cunningham, Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) regarding a staff from DMS to speak to GCPD regarding the following bills: AB-934 / SB-905 Public Benefit Reform - eligibility for the Medical Assistance program and database confirmation for public assistance program eligibility and AB-936 / SB-912 Public Benefit Report - Relating to failure to accept employment to remain eligible for Medical Assistance.
 - Margaret Kristan will reach out to Tamara Jackson, Policy Analyst and Legislative Liaison at the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities, to see if she could join the GCPD Executive Committee Meeting on March 3, 2022 to give an overview and presentation on the following bills: AB-934 / SB-905 Public Benefit Reform - eligibility for the Medical Assistance program and database confirmation for public assistance program eligibility and AB-936 / SB-912 Public Benefit Report - Relating to failure to accept employment to remain eligible for Medical Assistance. See Action Item 5.
 - Rhonda Staats made a motion to move forward with inviting Tamara Jackson to present on Medicaid related bills at the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.



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VII. Discuss Creation of GCPD Membership Sub-Committee

- The Executive Committee discussed starting a GCPD Membership Sub-Committee and what the roles would be of the Sub-Committee, eg. follow-up with members who are continuously absent, review applicants and vacancies.
 - Discussed multiple applications that were pending, and applications have been requested for review from the appointment's office.
 - Margaret Kristan followed up with a potential member to see if she would want to attend a meeting prior to appointment. Still waiting for a response.
 - Rhonda Staats made a motion to move forward with the Executive Committee taking the lead in reviewing potential GCPD membership applications. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.
- The Executive Committee discussed GCPD members that have not been attending meetings and the need to track and follow-up with these individuals.
 - DHS Support Staff will compile a list of absent attendees for all 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meetings and email the list to Executive Committee members for review. See Action Item 6.

VIII. Draft March 3, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda.
 - Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.



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- Draft agenda is as follows:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve February 24, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities
 - COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - Discuss Educational Video Updates
 - Press Release; Dissemination List; and Hosting a Watch Party
 - Review and Discuss Strategies for Advancing GCPD COVID-19 Recommendations
 - Discuss GCPD Membership Updates
 - Draft March 10, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Adjourn

IX. Adjourn

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.