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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, September 1, 2022
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

Approved October 6, 2022.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Ben Barrett will send an email out to Full GCPD Membership requesting their feedback about meeting hybrid for the GCPD Quarterly meetings or continuing to meet virtual.
- 2. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will work with DHS support staff on next steps with working with Impact Design to design the GCPD Logo.
- 3. Action Item:** David Morstad will invite Lois Harrison, Concordia University Staff, to attend the next Executive Committee to discuss feedback from the Concordia University Educational Opportunity.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the September 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the August 11, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion that the Executive Committee send out a survey to Full Membership asking for their preference of meeting hybrid for Quarterly Meetings. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with having Impact Design work with GCPD to create the new GCPD Logo. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion.



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5. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to add DHS General Updates as a standing agenda item on all of the Executive Committee Meetings. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Rhonda Staats*

Guest: Lawrence Brown, Community Member; David Morstad, GCPD Member-at-Large; Karen Odegaard, DHS, Office of the Secretary; and Daniel Idzikowski, GCPD Member-at-Large.

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

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 640 1752 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve September 1, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the September 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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IV. Review and Approve August 11, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the August 11, 2022, 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

- Lawrence Brown (Community Member) made public comment regarding the concerns on the availability of broadband internet in country and rural areas. Also, stated concerns about access to non-emergency medical transportation and concerns with quality transportation in the Milwaukee and Madison.
- Daniel Idzikowski (GCPD Member-at-Large) commented that he would like to make it known to the Executive Committee that there are movements behind closed doors to privatize the Family Care Long-term Care system and there are concerns about this and ongoing services if the system does become privatized.

VI. Discuss Feedback from the August 17, 2022, GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting

- As feedback from the August 17, 2022, GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed the 2022-2023 GCPD Quarterly meeting schedule with ongoing meeting dates and hybrid vs. virtual.
 - Discussed sending out a pole to the members asking about moving forward with a hybrid model of meeting quarterly or continuing to meet virtual.
 - Ben Barrett will send an email out to Full GCPD Membership requesting their feedback about meeting hybrid for the GCPD Quarterly meetings or continuing to meet virtual. See Action Item 1.
 - Tom O'Connor made a motion that the Executive Committee send out a survey to Full Membership asking for their preference of meeting hybrid for Quarterly Meetings. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.



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VII. Review and Approve GCPD Logo Bids

- The Executive Committee discussed the two GCPD Logo Bids and the additional references, portfolio and information that were passed onto membership.
 - Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with having Impact Design work with GCPD to create the new GCPD Logo. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. See Motion Item 4.
 - Margaret Kristan will work with DHS support staff on next steps with working with Impact Design to design the GCPD Logo. See Action Item 2.

VIII. Discuss Department of Health Services (DHS) General Updates

- Karen Odegaard, DHS Office of the Secretary, shared updates regarding the following:
 - DHS is preparing to submit our proposed 2023-25 Budget. The State of Wisconsin's budget covers a 2-year period (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2025).
 - DHS is preparing for an end to temporary federal Medicaid policies put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Anyone who has been a member of BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid since March 2020 still has health care coverage through BadgerCare Plus or Wisconsin Medicaid programs (Family Care, IRIS, or Children's Long-Term Support). People should be using their coverage and not delaying care.
 - To receive up-to-date information on policy changes, members should update their contact information either on the ACCESS website (access.wi.gov), or the MyACCESS smartphone app, or by calling their local agency.



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- Amber Mullett, Director, Office for the Promotion of Independent Living shared some General DHS updates:
 - 2024-2028 State Dementia Plan is in the process of being updated with input and through a survey:
<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/6871876/2024-2028-State-Dementia-Plan-Survey>.
 - Information on the Wisconsin State Dementia Plan Steering Committee: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wdsc/index.htm>
 - The Independent Living Support Piolet is an opportunity to pilot the expansion of enhanced benefits to help people who do not qualify for publicly funded LTC to remain in their homes. ADRCs and tribal ADRS agencies will be invited to apply for the opportunity to administer a new pilot program, which will start in 2023. The pilot program will be available to people who have a need for help with one or more activities of daily living and are not yet functionally or financially eligible for publicly funded long-term care programs. Program participants will be provided with flexible funding (approx. \$7,200 per person) to purchase items and services that help them continue living independently in their homes. This project is supported by enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds for Home and Community Based Services under the American Rescue Plan Act.
 - Wisconsin Employer and Family Caregiver Survey:
<https://wisconsincaregiver.org/data/media/37/survey-full-report.pdf>
 - 2021 Adult Protective Services data has been updated and added to the DHS Website:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aps/publications.htm>
 - National Lifespan Respite Conference will be this month in Madison.



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IX. Follow-up on Concordia University Educational Opportunity

- The Executive Committee discussed Concordia University Educational Training and presentation that will be held on 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, along with Jeff Fox, Council on Physical Disabilities Member. Weekly planning meetings continue to be held virtual via Zoom up until the event to discuss the training material and prepare for the event. Anticipating 120-130 students in attendance.
 - The outline and objective have been updated and the presentation has been choreographed so that presenters know which parts of the presentation they will be responsible for.
 - Efforts still need to be focused on developing a list of resources to share with students, and also information to put into a PowerPoint presentation.
 - David Morstad will invite Lois Harrison, Concordia University Staff, to attend the next Executive Committee to discuss feedback from the Concordia University Educational Opportunity. See Action Item 3.

X. Draft October 6, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the October 6, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda.
 - Ben Barrett made a motion to add DHS General Updates as a standing agenda item on all of the Executive Committee Meetings. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.



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- GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda for October 6, 2022:
 - Review and Approve October 6, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve September 1, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
 - Feedback from the September 14, 2022, Concordia University Educational Presentation
 - History of Disabilities Book Presentation
 - Jim Wahner and Jean Logan
 - Arc Wisconsin Presentation
 - Debra Sybell, State Director of Arc Wisconsin
 - Update on the GCPD Logo
 - Discuss Department of Health Services (DHS) General Updates
 - Amber Mullett, Director, Office for the Promotion of Independent Living
 - Draft November 16, 2022, GCPD Quarterly Meeting Agenda
 - Report from the GCPD Bylaws Sub-Committee
 - Discuss 2022-2023 GCPD Quarterly Meeting Schedule
 - Full Committee Survey; Hybrid vs. Virtual



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- Draft November 3, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

XI. Adjourn

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 P.M.