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

Thursday, November 3, 2022

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Approved December 1, 2022.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** The agenda item, *Discuss Follow-up on Concordia University Educational Opportunity* will be added to the November 16, 2022, Quarterly meeting agenda for full Committee discussion.
2. **Action Item:** David Morstad will draft a GCPD By-laws Transition Resolution to present to the GCPD Full Committee.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the November Executive Committee meeting agenda as amended. . Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the October Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to accept the revised GCPD By-laws and move them forward for review and approval by the full Committee at the November 16, 2022 Quarterly meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made the motion to edit and make additions to the current November 16, 2022, GCPD Quarterly meeting agenda to incorporate GCPD By-laws, Concordia University updates and the Officer Election. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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5. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made the motion to approve the GCPD Executive Committee meeting agenda for December 1, 2022. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats 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; Rhonda Staats; and Ramsey Lee.

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

Guests: Stacy Stone, GCPD Liaison; Nancy Leipzig, GCPD Member-at-Large; Lawrence Brown, Community Member; and Karen Odegaard, Department of Health Services (DHS).

DHS support staff present: Laura Plummer, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Karen Potnek, BADR, DHS; Lisa Sobczyk, BADR, DHS; and Amber Mullett, BADR, DHS.

American Sign Language Interpreters: Interpreters Leslie and Katie.

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:59 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 November 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the November Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion.
 - Discussion was had about the need to add Agenda Item IX *Review and Approve the November 16, 2022, GCPD Quarterly Meeting Agenda*.



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- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the GCPD November Executive Committee meeting agenda as amended. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve October 6, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the October Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown from South Milwaukee shared that he had transportation concerns with Veyo being able to accommodate some rides or miscommunication with vehicles and transport capabilities. Such as needing transport for two wheelchairs versus just one.
 - Ramsey Lee shared that there are hybrid Public Hearings on transportation coming up for the Milwaukee area, and the soonest meeting is Friday, November 11, 2022.

VI. Update on the GCPD Logo

- The Executive Committee discussed the status of the creation of the GCPD Logo. Ben Barrett has agreed to be the point of contact for communication with Jill O'Leske, owner of Impact Design, and the GCPD Logo is on the agenda for discussion at the upcoming GCPD Quarterly meeting on November 16, 2022.
- GCPD Logo workgroup members include:
 - Nancy Leipzig, Julie Blasky, Ramsey Lee, Margaret Kristan, and Ben Barrett.
- A draft GCPD Logo draft should be ready for review by the end of December 2022.



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

- Amber Mullett, Section Chief, Office for the Promotion of Independent Living, shared DHS updates.
 - Independent Living Pilot Funds from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will be launching in July 2023. The goal of the pilot is to offer short term, flexible, and limited services for those who are at risk of entering Medicaid long term care services. The goal is to help-people stay in their own home and/or delaying the need to enroll in long-term care programs.
 - One goal is to gain insight on what services that fill the gap before someone enters long-term care services. Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and ADRC tribal units can apply for this funding. Individuals can receive up to \$7,500 of services.
 - Service examples include specialized medical equipment, assistive technology home or vehicle modifications, moving, home cleanup, caregiver education or training, respite services, or medical and non-medical transportation. Services are intended to be single instance or periodic. Services that also may be considered include personal care, supportive home care, meals (under age 60), internet access, financial or legal assistance, and other specifically identified services.



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- Eligibility: Must be a Wisconsin resident, age 18 years old or older, and live in one of the pilot areas. The individual also cannot be currently enrolled in a long-term care program or living in a facility. Income must be less than 300% of federal poverty guidelines and the individual must have at least one diagnosis or disability. Program information is available on the on [DHS' website](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/arpa/hcbs-ilsp.htm) (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/arpa/hcbs-ilsp.htm>).
- DHS is now providing COVID-19 treatment virtually through telehealth. Licensed providers can provide anti-viral medication prescriptions which can be sent to any pharmacy in Wisconsin or can be sent by mail. There is no requirement for proof of insurance. Someone who tests positive at home can connect via telehealth online or by calling the toll-free number. This is not a 24/7 service but the hours are 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM seven days per week. Additional information is available online on [DHS' website](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/telehealth.htm) (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/telehealth.htm>) or by phone at 1-833-273-6330.

VIII. Discuss Follow-up on Concordia University Educational Opportunity

- The Executive Committee discussed follow-up and next steps for the Concordia University Educational Opportunity.
 - Received positive feedback from the work that GCPD did for the experience with the students. Also, some ideas for future collaboration in the Spring of 2023.
 - Discussed formulating a Training and Education Committee to continue the work forward or the option of keeping the work within the Executive Committee.
 - Discussed issues with transportation, time capacity, and ongoing commitment.



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- Discussed collaborating with the Council on Physical Disabilities and/or DHS.
- Discussed the options of recording a session and having a Zoom panel to talk to members live.
- Current group that has been working on this project was Tom O'Connor, Ben Barrett, David Morstad, Margaret Kristan, and Rhonda Staats.
- The agenda item, *Discuss Follow-up on Concordia University Educational Opportunity* will be added to the November 16, 2022, Quarterly meeting agenda for full Committee discussion. See Action Item 1.

IX. GCPD Sub-Committee Updates and Progress on GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- **By-laws; Tom O'Connor:** The GCPD By-laws Committee met and made the decision to remove the term limits as proposed so the GCPD By-laws are in compliance with Executive Order 75 language "appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure" and state statute 14/019(1)(b) "persons then serving on the committee remain members until they resign or until they are removed or replaced by action of the new governor." Discussed the revised By-laws election language as having two-year limits for Chair and Vice Chair but that it does not indicate odd/even years. Odd years the Committee will elect a Chair and one Member-at-large, while even years they will elect two Members-at-large and the Vice Chair. This is in revised bylaws.
- The upcoming Officer election at the Full Committee meeting on November 16, 2022, will be for the Vice Chair and two Executive Committee members for a two-year term.



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- Tom O'Connor made a motion to accept the revised GCPD By-laws and move them forward for review and approval by the full Committee at the November 16, 2022, Quarterly meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- David Morstad will draft a GCPD By-laws Transition Resolution to present to the GCPD Full Committee. See Action Item 2.
- **Transportation, Rhonda Staats:** The Transportation Sub-Committee met this week and are focused on the establishment of a transportation coordination council. The Sub-Committee is interested in braided funding for multi-location transportation.
- **Opportunities and Access, Katherine Schneider:** The Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee met this week. Katherine Schneider was unable to attend the Executive Committee meeting today to give an update. The Sub-Committee plans to bring recommendations for revisions to Access policy recommendations in the work plan to the Executive Committee for consideration.
- **Employment, Nancy Leipzig:** The Employment Sub-Committee met this week and discussed collaborating with the Division of Rehabilitation (DVR) on a State Use Board Modernization workgroup in 2023.

X. Review the November 16, 2022, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee reviewed the Quarterly meeting agenda and will add the following items:
 - GCPD Executive Committee Updates
 - Concordia University Collaborative Educational Opportunity
 - Discuss Creation of GCPD Education and Training Committee
 - Discussion of GCPD By-laws Revisions
 - Review and Approve GCPD Bylaws
 - Review and Approve Bylaws Transition Resolution



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- GCPD Roles and Responsibilities Document
- GCPD Elections

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XI. Draft December 1, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the December 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve December 1, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve November 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
 - Discuss Follow-up from November 16, 2022, GCPD Quarterly Meeting.
 - Discuss Department of Health Services (DHS) General Updates
 - Amber Mullett, Director, Office for the Promotion of Independent Living
 - Discuss Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Progress on GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan
 - Discuss GCPD Membership Orientation
 - Draft January 5, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Adjourn



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- Rhonda Staats made the motion to approve the GCPD Executive Committee meeting agenda for December 1, 2022. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

XII. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 P.M.