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

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will share information about how to submit comments on the U.S. Department of Transportation proposal to strengthen implementation of the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) to ensure passengers who use wheelchairs can travel safely and with dignity.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS Staff Support will share information about WI Assembly Bill 408, Tax Credit for Transportation Services for Blind Workers.
- 3. Action Item:** DHS Support will invite GCPD members to attend the last hour of the GCPD Executive Committee meeting held on April 4, 2024, to develop the GCPD Workplan.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tiffany Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the February 1, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Tiffany Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to develop the GCPD Workplan at the Executive Committee Meetings. Tiffany Payne Seconded. Motion Carried
- 4. Motion Item:** Tiffany Payne made the motion to adjourn. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Executive committee members present: Rhonda Staats, Dan Laatsch, Tiffany Payne, and Ramsey Lee.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Ben Barrett*.

GCPD Members-at-Large present: Ashley Mathy, Cindy Bentley, Margaret Kristan and Dan Witt.

Guests:

DHS support staff present: Zachary Davenport, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Amber Mullet, DHS, BADR; Jason Anderson, DHS, BADR and Angela Brenna, DHS, BADR.

ASL Interpreters: Tera Cater Vorpahl and Kate Block.

II. Dan Laatsch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

The meeting was made available via Zoom (<https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/16117861716>) and phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716

III. Review and Approve March 7, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tiffany Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February 1, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes; Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the February 1, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Tiffany Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

VI. Update from GCPD Falconer and Blakeley Workgroup

- Tiffany Payne provided updates from the GCPD Falconer and Blakeley Awards Workgroup.

- The Falconer and Blakeley Workgroup had to reschedule their last meeting. Rescheduled meeting will be, Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 3:00 PM.
- Nominations have been received for both awards. Nominations will be reviewed at the next meeting. Tiffany Payne will provide updates to GCPD at the next Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Update from Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee

- Cindy Bentley provided updates from GCPD Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee. Cindy Bentley shared that she will be Co-Chairing with David Morstad.
- Ramsey Lee shared that the Committee will discuss updates on the UW-System funding freeze for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access Employees Salary.
- The next GCPD Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting will be held, Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 10:00 A.M.

VIII. Update from Cross-Council Chair Meeting held February 28, 2024

- DHS Support provided an update from the Cross-Council Meeting. There were at least two members from each of the Office for the Promotion of Independent Living (OPIL) Councils/Committees in attendance.
- The six OPIL Council are the Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD), WI Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WCDHH), GCPD, Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW), Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB), and Assistive Technology Advisory Council (ATAC).
- They decided on logistics for future meetings. The meetings will be held virtually and scheduled bi-monthly.
- They established a start to an operating agreement. The intention of the meetings is for the six OPIL Councils to discuss policy updates and collaboration opportunities. Meeting attendance will be limited to:
 - Two members from the Executive Committee of each council, and
 - Council Staff Support.

IX. Update on Current State and Legislative Priorities

- DHS Staff Support shared that the U.S. Department of Transportation is proposing to strengthen its rule implementing the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) to ensure passengers who use wheelchairs can travel safely and with dignity. Public comments on the proposal are due May 13, 2024. DHS Staff will send an email with more information. See Action Item 1.
- DHS Staff Support shared information about WI Assembly Bill 408, Tax Credit for Transportation Services for Blind Workers. DHS Staff will send an email with more information about bill. See Action Item 2.

X. Discuss GCPD's 2024-2027 Work Workplan Top Priority Areas

- DHS Support Staff shared that only one person volunteer to be a part of the Workplan development Workgroup.
- The Committee discussed how they will move forward in development of the GCPD Workplan. Dan Laatsch, GCPD Chair, suggested that the Executive Committee take an hour at the end of each meeting to develop the GCPD Workplan. Ramsey Lee made a motion to develop the GCPD Workplan at the Executive Committee Meetings and send invitations to membership. Tiffany Payne Seconded. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 3. See Action Item 3.

XI. Draft April 4, 2024, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the April 4, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda.

XII. Adjourn

- Tiffany Payne made the motion to adjourn. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:46 PM

