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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

Wednesday, July 1, 2020  
2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

APPROVED 7-8-2020.

#### Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

##### A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** David Morstad will amend the proclamation and submit GCPD's 30th anniversary proclamation to the Governor's office for consideration the week of July 6th.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS support staff will add discussion of the 30th anniversary of ADA and related activities to the July 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda.
- 3. Action Item:** All Executive Committee members will review the policy proposals made by the caregiver task force and will provide feedback at the next Executive Committee meeting (7/8/20) on whether GCPDs should issue a letter of support/concerns in relation to these policy proposals.
- 4. Action Item:** The Executive Committee decided David Morstad should follow-up with Wenona Wolf on the letter GCPD sent to the Governor's office on how the Committee can be of service, prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

##### B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the July 1, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Nancy Leipzig. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the June Executive Committee meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to amend the ADA 30th anniversary proclamation to state more work needs to be done on disability rights and citing specific



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examples. GCPD's chair will amend and submit to the Governor's office for consideration. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried.

#### C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

##### I. Welcome and Introductions, Margaret Kristan, Co-Chairperson

**Executive committee members present:** Nancy Leipzig; Margaret Kristan; and Ben Barrett.

**Executive committee members absent (excused\*):** Pearl Fessenden and David Morstad.

**Guests:** Ramsey Lee, GCPD Member-at-large; Tom O'Connor, GCPD Member-at-large; Jason Ostrowski, Chair, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities.

**DHS staff support present:** Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR).

##### II. Meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 934 9248 0822 and via [Zoom](#).

##### III. Review and Approve July 1, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the July 1, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Nancy Leipzig. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

##### IV. Review and Approve of June Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the June Executive Committee meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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#### **V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities**

- No public comment was received.

#### **VI. Discuss Americans with Disabilities Act 30th Anniversary and Possible Proclamation Request**

- Nancy Leipzig stated that the draft proclamation was well done and no edits were needed. Nancy Leipzig thanked David Morstad for pulling the proclamation together.
- Margaret Kristan asked if the proclamation should be made broader to address issues faced by people with disabilities beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - Ben Barrett agreed that the proclamation should be made broader to address more than ADA.
  - Ben Barrett also made the recommendation in the last section of the proclamation should state that work still needs to be done on disability rights and possibly list examples of this work.
    - Ramsey Lee also agreed that listing examples would be good and suggested people with disabilities being able to get married and not lose their benefits as an example.
  - Nancy Leipzig made a motion to amend the ADA 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary proclamation to state more work needs to be done on disability rights and citing specific examples. GCPD's chair will amend and submit to the Governor's office for consideration. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
    - David Morstad will amend the proclamation and submit GCPD's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary proclamation to the Governor's office for consideration the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. See Action Item 1.



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- Margaret Kristan suggested maybe GCPD should also issue a press release that specifically acknowledges the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ADA.
- Nancy Leipzig stated that during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ADA there was a big celebration held. Based on the current circumstances, this is not an option, so it makes sense to do something through the media.
- Executive Committee members also discussed possibly creating a mechanism on the GCPD website to try and gather stories of what ADA means to you and what needs to still be addressed. People could submit this information via an electronic form or via video clips or Facebook.
- Ramsey Lee suggested GCPD could host a discussion on the movie Crip Camp.
- Executive Committee members decided that discussion on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ADA and related activities needs to be added to the July 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. See Action Item 2.

#### **VII. Discuss Caregiver Task Force Policy Recommendations and Public Input Hearing**

- The Executive Committee discussed the policy recommendations and agreed that members should review the state legislative changes being proposed by the task force and regulations and compliance changes prior to the next Executive Committee meeting on July 8, 2020.
  - Ben Barrett stated that the benefits changes would be of importance to people with disabilities. The Council on Physical Disabilities will review these proposal prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.
  - All Executive Committee members will review the policy proposals made by the caregiver task force and will provide feedback at the next Executive Committee meeting (7/8/20) on whether GCPDs should issue a letter of support/concerns in relation to these policy proposals. See Action Item 3.



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#### **VIII. Discuss Impact of COVID-19 on People with Disabilities**

- Nancy Leipzig asked Executive Committee members if they have heard of people with disabilities having support people (family, guardians, caregivers) being denied access to accommodate them to medical appointments/care.
  - Members discussed that it varies across the state and by provider network.
  - The Executive Committee discussed if this was because the Hospital Association may have not adopted a broad policy in relation to accommodations and medical care for people with disabilities during the pandemic.
- Executive Committee members also discussed the letter they sent to the Governor's office and when they should follow-up and with whom.
  - The Executive Committee decided David Morstad should follow-up with Wenona Wolf prior to the next Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 4.
  - Discuss Meeting with Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's Office Regarding COVID and People with Disabilities.
  - Presentation on Disability Vote. See Action Items 1 and 2.

#### **IX. Adjourn**

- A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:46 P.M.**