



**State of Wisconsin**  
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, April 29, 2021**  
**1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**Approved May 6, 2021**

**Executive Committee Action and Motion Items**

**A. Executive Committee Action Items**

- 1. Action Item:** David Morstad and Margaret Kristin will take the lead in presenting the Consumer Survey Data Results at a June 2021 Aging and Disability Network Forum.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will assist with securing a date in June 2021 for David Morstad and Margaret Kristin to present the Consumer Survey Data Results; through the Aging and Disability Forum Planning meeting.

**B. Executive Committee Motion Items**

- 1. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the April 29, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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#### C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

##### I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

**Executive committee members present:** David Morstad; Margaret Kristan Tom O'Connor; Rhonda Staats and Ben Barrett.

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

**Guests:** Ramsey Lee, Member-at Large.

**DHS staff support present:** Laura Plummer, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR; Monica Smith, DHS, BADR; Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR; Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR.

##### II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 834 0611 7182 and via [Zoom](#).

##### III. Review and Approve April 29, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the April 29, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

##### IV. Review and Approve April 15, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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

- Ramsey Lee encouraged Executive Committee members to log onto WisconsinEye at [wiseeye.org](https://wiseeye.org) and watch the Joint Finance Committee testimony. Also, stated concerns about voting laws being a barrier for people with disabilities.

#### VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- **COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results**
- **Discuss Feedback from Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners**
  - The Executive Committee discussed feedback and distribution of the Executive Summary and *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint data to stakeholders and partners.
    - The Executive Committee determined that there was no new feedback, and currently waiting on guidance.
- **Discuss GCPD Next Steps with Survey Data and Executive Summary**
  - The Executive Committee discussed next steps needed for obtaining additional contact information.
    - Amber Mullett shared that conversations were being had; and the Office of Legal Counsel was in the process of reviewing the public health statute and reasonable accommodation language in relation to the Survey Data and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Also reaching out to The Bureau of Communicable Diseases (BCD) for guidance on the No-Visitor Policy.
    - Amber Mullett stated that she shared the Executive Summary and Survey Data with Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer, and he was very interested in the findings, and would like to be kept updated about ongoing recommendations.



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- Amber Mullett shared that Jeffrey Phillips, Director of the Office for Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC), would also be a good contact for gaining feedback and inviting to a future GCPD Executive Meeting for a high level briefing of the survey data.
- ***Aging and Disability Network Forum Presentation***
  - The Executive Committee discussed presenting at the Aging and Disability Network Forum in June 2021.
    - David Morstad and Margaret Kristin will take the lead in presenting the Consumer Survey Data Results at a June 2021 Aging and Disability Network Forum. See Action Item 1.
    - DHS Support Staff will assist with securing a date in June 2021 for David Morstad and Margaret Kristin to present the Consumer Survey Data Results; through the Aging and Disability Forum Planning meeting. See Action Item 2.

#### VII. **Discuss Equity and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations**

- ***Equitable Access***
  - The Executive Committee discussed reviewing the State Agency Equity and Inclusion plans emailed by Amber Mullett; and incorporating them into GCPD's new three-year Work Plan.
  - The Executive Committee discussed the Governor's Health Equity Council and the potential to have a GCPD member attend these meetings. Ramsey Lee stated he attends the meeting as a member of the public. The Executive Committee agreed to move this to an agenda time for the May 6, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting.



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#### **VIII. Draft Agenda for May 6, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting**

- The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming May 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda to include the following items:
- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approve May 6, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
- Review and Approve April 29, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
- COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
  - COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results
    - Discuss Feedback and Next Steps from Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners
    - Aging and Disability Network Forum Presentation
- Discuss Equity and Inclusion Recommendations
  - Governor's Health Equity Council
  - Equitable Access
- Draft Agenda for May 13, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting
- Adjourn

#### **IX. Adjourn**

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:56 P.M.**