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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

Thursday, January 6, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

APPROVED JANUARY 13, 2022.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will follow-up with Nancy Leipzig regarding the status of collecting nominations for the open Executive Committee Director Position.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff completed the Doodle Poll and now will send out Sub-Committee Zoom meetings to set up initial meetings.
- 3. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will put together initial GCPD Sub-Committee agendas and email out to the Executive Committee for review.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the January 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the December 9, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to draft a press release on the GCPD change in leadership and Executive Committee. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor 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, Margaret Kristan, Chairperson

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

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

Guest: Daniel Idzikowski, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Lawrence Brown, Community Member.

DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Mikael Snitker, DHS, BADR; Karen Potnek, DHS, BADR; Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR.

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 161 640 1752 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve January 6, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the January 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve December 9, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the December 9, 2021 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 stated that he was concerned about going into hospitals as a caretaker, and felt that they were going to be banning caregivers from attending appointments again with the new COVID-19 variant spread.



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VII. Discuss Feedback from GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting

- The Executive Committee discussed Action Items from the GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting that was December 2021.
 - DHS Support Staff will follow-up with Nancy Leipzig regarding the status of collecting nominations for the open Executive Committee Director Position. See Action Item 1.
 - DHS Support Staff completed the Doodle Poll and now will send out Sub-Committee Zoom meetings to set up initial meetings. See Action Item 2.

VIII. COVID- 19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Update on Educational Training Video; COVID-19 Consumer Survey***
- The Executive Committee discussed the status of the Educational Training Video of first hand interviews and data related to the COVID-19 Consumer Survey findings. Jeremy Gehler and Andrew Howard from the Multimedia Team at DHS were handling the project.
 - Consumers and caregivers have been interviewed and recorded in the Platteville area. Interviews still needed to be set up in the Milwaukee area.
 - Ben Barrett will be recording his interview this week.
 - Tom O Connor will be recording his interview this week.
 - Rhonda Staats has yet to schedule an interview.
 - The Governor's Office will be recording their opening and closing remarks by the end of the month.
 - The Executive Committee discussed hosting a possible viewing party on the video project after completion, and follow-up discussion.



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IX. Discuss GCPD Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- The Executive Committee discussed the GCPD Sub-Committees.
 - DHS Support Staff completed the Doodle Poll and now will send out Sub-Committee Zoom meetings to set up initial meetings.
 - DHS Support Staff will put together initial GCPD Sub-Committee agendas and email out to the Executive Committee for review. See Action Item 3.

X. Draft January 13, 2022 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee discussed the Executive Committee Meetings for 2022 and agreed to move forward with weekly meetings for the time being.
- The Executive Committee discussed moving forward with drafting a press release on the change in leadership (Chair and Vice Chair) as well as information about the GCPD Executive Committee.
 - Rhonda Staats made a motion to draft a press release on the GCPD change in leadership and Executive Committee. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- The next GCPD Executive Committee meeting will be on January 20, 2022. Agenda is as follows:
 - COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - Update on Educational Training Video; COVID-19 Consumer Survey
 - Discuss GCPD Press Release
 - Draft January 20, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Adjourn



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XI. Adjourn

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 P.M.