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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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### **Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022  
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

**Approved March 3, 2022**

#### **Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items**

##### **A. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** The Sub-Committee discussed the importance of all members needing to read through the Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-204 Work Plan to be prepared for discussion at the next sub-committee meeting.

##### **B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items**

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022 Opportunity and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

##### **C. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes**

###### **I. Welcome and Introductions:**

**Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee members present:** Evelyn Azbell; Ben Barrett; Ramsey Lee; Katherine Schneider; David Morstad.

**Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee members absent (excused\*):**  
Not applicable.

**Guest:** Jeff Fox, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Member.



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**DHS support staff present:** Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); and Mikael Snitker, DHS, BADR; Laura Plummer, DHS, BADR.

#### II. Evelyn Azbell Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 161 038 6323 and via [Zoom](#).

#### III. Review and Approve February 3, 2022 Opportunity and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022 Opportunity and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

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

- Jeff Fox shared that the signing of the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) is over 25 years old, and there is still a huge need for enforcement; for example, issues with physical public access to bars and restaurants and having steps and not having zero thresholds.

#### V. Assign GCPD Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Chair

- Evelyn Azbell volunteer herself as the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Chair. All Sub-Committee members agreed.

#### VI. Review and Discuss Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- **Goal:** The Sub-Committee reviewed the goal.
- **Strategies to Achieve Goal:** The Sub-Committee reviewed the strategies to achieve the goal.
- **Monitor and Advise:** The Sub-Committee discussed ways to monitor and advise on current access issues, policy and quality.



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- The Sub-Committee discussed the lack of virtual access at local county board meetings, and the importance of keeping hybrid meetings an option for individuals with disabilities to be able to participate. State statutes verses county obligations when it comes to universal access.
  - The Sub-Committee discussed other issues related to access which included having physical access in the community and Information Communication Technology (ICT).
- The Sub-Committee discussed the importance of all members needing to read through the Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-204 Work Plan to be prepared for discussion at the next sub-committee meeting. See Action Item 1.

#### **VII. Discuss Ongoing Schedule for Next Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting**

- The Sub-Committee made the decision that the ongoing schedule for meetings will be the first Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM. The next Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting will be March 3, 2022.

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

- Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.**