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

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

Approved April 7, 2022.

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Katherine Schneider will connect with Laura Plummer, DHS Wistech Coordinator, regarding what language would be the best for requesting the mandate that all state content, websites, and application forms are accessible, and report back to the Sub-Committee.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will find out who the past ADA Compliance Office reported to within the state government and report back to Sub-Committee membership.
- 3. Action Item:** The Sub-Committee discussed reaching out to the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin and Independent Living Centers to gain knowledge on statewide accessibility issues. Evelyn Azbell will reach out to these groups to seek feedback and report back to the Sub-Committee.

B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the March 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

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

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee members absent (excused*): Ramsey Lee.

Guest: Jeff Fox, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Member and Dan Laatsch, GCPD Member-at-Large.

DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (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 March 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

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

IV. Review and Approve February 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Jeff Fox stated that broadband internet should be entitled to everyone in Wisconsin and should be a necessity for everyone.



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

- The Sub-Committee reviewed the Opportunities and Access goal, Policy Recommendations and Monitor and Advise section. The Sub-Committee discussed the following policy recommendations:
 - Gathering clarity around framework to ensure universal access and inclusion around state statutes and administrative rule.
 - Mandate that all state content, websites, and application forms are accessible for all. Discussed moving forward, content will need to be accessible, not focusing on past documents.
 - Katherine Schneider will connect with Laura Plummer, DHS Wistech Coordinator, regarding what language would be the best for requesting the mandate that all state content, websites, and application forms are accessible, and report back to the Sub-Committee. Action Item 1.
 - Supporting the reinstatement of the Wisconsin Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Office.
 - DHS Support Staff will find out who the past ADA Compliance Office reported to within the state government and report back to Sub-Committee membership. See Action Item 2.
 - Medicaid-funded health care and long-term care providers comply with the ADA and Title VI.
 - Discussed the overall language should be more about providing support than mandating or ensuring.



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- The Sub-Committee discussed ways to monitor and advise on current access issues, policy, and quality:
 - Improve the health and wellbeing for all people with disabilities in Wisconsin by acknowledging and overcoming structural racism and promoting health equity.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed learning more about structural racism and promoting health equity.
 - Seeking feedback from individuals throughout Wisconsin on accessibility issues.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed reaching out to the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin and Independent Living Centers to gain knowledge on statewide accessibility issues. Evelyn Azbell will reach out to these groups to seek feedback and report back to the Sub-Committee. Action Item 3.

VII. Draft April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Sub-Committee discussed the agenda for the next Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting will be April 7, 2022:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve March 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (10:10 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.)
 - Discuss Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan



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- Update on Universal Access and Inclusion, Katherine Schneider
- Update on Statewide Accessibility Issues, Evelyn Azbell
- Draft May 5, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

VIII. Adjourn

- The Sub-Committee members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.