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

Thursday, April 7, 2022
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action Items

- Action Item:** Molly Cooney, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WI-BPDD) stated she would share additional documents regarding plain language and accessible communication. DHS support staff will send documents to the full Sub-Committee membership prior to the May 5, 2022, meeting.
- Action Item:** Feedback from WCILC and ILCW will be sent out by DHS support staff to full Sub-Committee membership, when available, prior to the May 5, 2022, meeting.
- Action Item:** DHS support staff will work with Evelyn Azbell to create a list of disability related constitute councils (Chairs and Vice Chairs) to invite to the future summit.

B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items

- Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the March 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett 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; Molly Cooney, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WI-BPDD); and Rebecca Rabatin, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator for the City of Milwaukee.

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

II. Evelyn Azbell Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

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

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



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

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

- ***Update on Universal Access and Inclusion***
 - Katherine Schneider reported that Governor Evers recently published a proclamation regarding April 6, 2022, being Assistive Technology Awareness Day.
 - Katherine Schneider reported that she had connected with Laura Plummer, DHS Assistive Technology Program Coordinator and Janet Zander, Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator for The Great Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) regarding universal access and inclusion. Laura Plummer offered steps to file a grievance based on lack of access or inequality.
- ***Update on Statewide Accessibility Issues, Evelyn Azbell***
 - Evelyn Azbell reported that she had reached out to the Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers (WCILC) and Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW), and both are in the process of reviewing the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan and compiling a response.



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- Evelyn Azbell stated she also reached out to Molly Cooney, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WI-BPDD) to obtain their 5-year plan to see where the goals and strategies align.
 - Molly Cooney, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WI-BPDD) stated she would share additional documents regarding plain language and accessible communication. DHS support staff will send documents to the full Sub-Committee membership prior to the May 5, 2022, meeting. Action Item 1.
- Feedback from WCILC and ILCW will be sent out by DHS support staff to full Sub-Committee membership, when available, prior to the May 5, 2022, meeting. Action Item 2.
- The Sub-Committee reviewed the Opportunities and Access Support Opportunities and Access section.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed hosting a summit of all statutory disability related committees and councils to promote alignment of priorities and statewide activities. Option of hybrid or virtual.
 - Discussed obtaining interest from constitute councils. DHS support staff will work with Evelyn Azbell to create a list of potential disability related constitute councils (Chairs and Vice Chairs) to invite to the future summit. See Action Item 3.

VII. Draft May 5, 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 May 5, 2022:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve May 5, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda



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- Review and Approve April 7, 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
 - Update on Universal Access and Inclusion, Katherine Schneider
 - Review Feedback from the Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers (WCILC) and Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW)
 - Support Opportunities and Access Section
 - Update on Hosting a Summit
- Draft June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

VIII. Adjourn

- David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M.