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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Approved April 21, 2021

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** David Morstad will draft email language to distribute the Executive Summary and Survey Results to key players and stakeholders.
2. **Action Item:** Margaret Kristan and DHS Support Staff will compile contact information for distributing the Executive Summary and Survey Results to key players and stakeholders.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Sandy Popp made a motion to approve the GCPD March Full Committee Meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made the motion to approve the Executive Summary of COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results with one edit under *Action and Recommendations*; moving *issue a press release and host a virtual forum* to the last bullet point. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Sandy Popp made the motion to approve the Right to Have a Support Person/Caregiver at Appointments Survey PowerPoint. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion.
4. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

Committee members present: David Morstad; Sandy Popp; Margaret Kristan; Maureen Ryan; Ramsey Lee; Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Fred Ludwig; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; Kimberlee Coronado; Pearl Fessenden; John Hartman

Committee members absent (excused): Nancy Leipzig; John Olson; Daniel Laatsch; Dan Idzikowski; Evelyn Azbell; and Gail Bovy

Committee liaisons present: Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical Colleges

Guests: Carly Verhasselt, University of Wisconsin Nursing Student; Marcus Fonger, University of Wisconsin Nursing Student; Lawrence Brown; Jeff Fox; Katherine Swilly and Don Posh.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

DHS staff support present: Laura Plummer, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR; and Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR; Monica Smith, DHS, BADR; Katherine Cullinan, DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 880 4243 2794 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve March Full Committee Meeting Agenda

- Sandy Popp made a motion to approve the GCPD March Full Committee Meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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IV. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Don Posh stated that there is a need for a Disability Transition Specialist specifically to assist youth with disabilities with transition to post-secondary schooling and/or employment.
- Lawrence Brown stated many issues continue to be present with not allowing caregivers to accompany people with disabilities to clinic and medical appointments.
- Katherine Swilly stated that there is a lack of services and programs for people with mental health.
- Ramsey Lee stated that health equity was very important for people with disabilities.

V. COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- **COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results**
 - **Review and Approve Executive Summary**
 - GCPD members review the Executive Summary of COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results, and discussed the sequence of steps under *Actions and Recommendations*.
 - Margaret Kristan made the motion to approve the Executive Summary of COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results with one edit under *Action and Recommendations*; moving *issue a press release and host a virtual forum* to the last bullet point. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 2.
 - **Review and Approve PowerPoint of Survey Results**
 - David Morstad lead discussion on COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results and reviewed the Right to Have a Support Person/Caregiver at Appointments Survey PowerPoint.
 - Sandy Popp made the motion to approve the Right to Have a Support Person/Caregiver at Appointments Survey PowerPoint. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 3.



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○ ***Discuss GCPD Next Steps and Determine Timeline for GCPD***

Next Steps

- GCPD Members discussed next steps to distributing the Executive Summary and Survey Results. Margaret Kristin shared a compiled list of stakeholders and key players for distribution.
- David Morstad will draft email language to distribute the Executive Summary and Survey Results to key players and stakeholders. See Action Item 1.
- Margaret Kristan and DHS Support Staff will compile contact information for distributing the Executive Summary and Survey Results to key players and stakeholders. See Action Item 2.

VI. Adjourn

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.