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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Bi-Monthly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** GCPD members will send GCPD website revisions to the Executive Committee members for consideration.
2. **Action Item:** David Morstad will be connecting with members who expressed an interest in working on the Equitable Access Section of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** John Olson made a motion to approve the GCPD June 16, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the GCPD April 21, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the Transportation and Employment sections of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kimberlee Coronado seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

Committee members present: David Morstad; Sandy Popp; Margaret Kristan; Maureen Ryan; Nancy Leipzig; Ramsey Lee; Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Fred Ludwig; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; Daniel Laatsch; Dan Idzikowski; Kimberlee Coronado; John Olson; and Evelyn Azbell.



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Committee members absent (excused*): John Hartman*; Pearl Fessenden*; and Gail Bovy*.

Committee liaisons present: Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical Colleges; and Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction.

Guests: Jeff Fox, Member, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities, and Jordan Anderson, community member.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Laura Plummer, DHS, BADR; and Monica Smith, 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: 842 7137 1535 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve June 16, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- John Olson made a motion to approve the GCPD June 16, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve of April 21, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the GCPD April 21, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment was received.

VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- David Morstad shared Executive Committee updates with the full Committee on the work that has been completed since April 2021.



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- ***Discuss Feedback and Next Steps on Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners.***
 - David Morstad shared that GCPD received a formal response from DHS in the form of a letter from Chuck Warzecha, Deputy Administrator, Division on Public Health acknowledging the survey data and the need to address GCPD's recommendations in the Survey Executive Summary.
 - David Morstad shared that Ashlie Dowdell, Director of Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Prevention Program, attended the June 10, 2021 Executive Committee meeting and spoke in response to the COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results and Executive Summary, highlighting some key points and thoughts:
 - COVID-19 protocols were not intending to limit anyone's rights in a health care settings during the pandemic.
 - Proactive thought needs to be given to accommodations; directly communicating with providers about what was learned during the pandemic and information about the rights of people with disabilities need to be given upfront.
 - The DHS After Action Report related to the pandemic needs to incorporate GCPD's recommendations to ensure that the rights of people with disabilities are not violated in the future.
 - Ashlie Dowdell stated she would discuss GCPD's recommendations with Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist, and any feedback/recommendations on next steps will be sent to GCPD's Executive Committee via Amber Mullett or Lisa Sobczyk.



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- ***Aging and Disability Network Forum Presentation***
 - David Morstad, Margaret Kristin, Ben Barrett, and Tom O'Connor presented the Consumer Survey Data Results at the Aging and Disability Forum on June 2, 2021.
- ***2021 Advancing States Collaborative Workshop Presentation***
 - Margaret Kristin stated that she submitted a proposal for GCPD to co-present a workshop at the 2021 Advancing States Conference with Carrie Molke, Director of the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources.
 - The focus of the presentation would be on the power of collaboration to effect policy change; using the GCPD Survey as an example.
- ***Letters sent on behalf of GCPD***
 - David Morstad informed the full Committee that the Executive Committee had completed the state budget letter to all State Legislators expressing concern about actions taken by the Joint Finance Committee to remove a number of items that would benefited people with disabilities, from Governor Evers' proposed State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-2024 budget.
 - David Morstad informed the full Committee that the Executive Committee is working on a draft of a Voting Restrictions letter that will be sent out in the upcoming week to address the potential changes in voting laws and how they may negatively affect people with disabilities.

VII. Discuss GCPD Website

- The full Committee reviewed the GCPD website and were in general agreement that the website layout was good; however, a few outdated items need to be removed and new documents uploaded.
 - GCPD members will send GCPD website revisions to the Executive Committee members for consideration. See Action Item 1.



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VIII. Discuss Draft 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan

- The full Committee reviewed the draft Transportation and Employment sections of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan.
- David Morstad stated that the Work Plan Committee did a great job organizing and developing the Work Plan; however, the Committee was struggling with the Equitable Access section due to it being such a broad area.
 - David Morstad will be connecting with members who expressed an interest in working on the Equitable Access Section of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan. See Action Item 2.
 - Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the Transportation and Employment Sections of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

IX. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** - Sarah Lincoln shared that DVR regional offices are open and the central office staff will be back in the office beginning July 6, 2021. Face-to-face meetings can be arranged on an individualized basis. DVR is continuing to provide services from our DVR staff as well as through our contracted service providers. Community Integrated Employment (CIE) (Act 178 Employment First Legislation) State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-2023 Plan will be finalized soon. The [SFY 2021 CIE Report](https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/cie/act-178.htm) (<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/cie/act-178.htm>) will be available July 1, 2021.
- **Wisconsin Technical Colleges** - Colleen Larson shared that research was being done related to COVID-19 and a drop in course success between students with disabilities and students without disabilities in the virtual setting. Colleen Larson shared that GED testing accommodations were hard to access, and met with the GED Testing Coordinator to share concerns regarding student with disabilities and accommodations needs. There is a professional development training on August 3, 2021 focused on Supporting Student Parents that will



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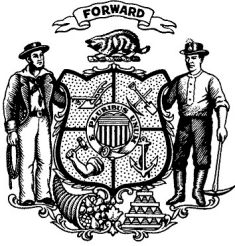
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include a panel of parenting students, some of which noted the significance of having support as a student parent of a child with a disability.

- **Department of Public Instruction** - Eva Kubinski shared that she has been actively watching changes in the 2022-2024 State Biennial Budget and how it will affect the Special Education Programs across the state; information and a link to further information was emailed out to all GCPD members.

X. Council Updates

- **Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)** - Tom O'Connor shared CDHH's top three goals for 2021: By-laws Revisions; Collaboration – increase input/participation with Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) to provide more information to Governor's Office on Diversity and Equity; Outreach to minority groups, improve communication, and accessibility. Currently working on updated CDHH By-laws.
- **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)** - Ben Barrett shared that the Emergency Preparedness Communication Folder is complete. The folder includes the following documents: Know Your Rights; Health Care and the Americans with Disabilities Act; Emergency Preparedness Visual Communication Tool; Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine Infographic; and Office for Deaf or Hard of Hearing COVID-19 Communication Card. Ben Barrett requested feedback from GCPD on next steps on the collaboration, outreach, and distribution of Emergency Communications Folder will follow-up with GCPD's Executive Committee. CPD is also developing an Emergency Preparedness app based on the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit's forms and checklists where individuals can fill out items and save them to their smart device or print them. CPD is also finalizing its 3 year plan (2022-2024) for people with physical disabilities and will share a copy with GCPD when completed in July 2021.



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- **Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)** - Rhonda Staats shared that SCOB is focused on the following priorities: Equitable access, focusing on the accessibility of state web sites and information, and private sector access such as electronic health information and records; Transportation and the DHS Council Summit; identifying the best mechanism for a joint meeting of all DHS Councils so that we might better coordinate our work and identify a process to more effectively share information, effort, and successes. SCOB currently has two vacancies for membership and will have their election of officers in June 2021.
- **Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)** - Kimberlee Coronado shared that she was currently working on Mental Health Block Grant applications and making strategic plans and priorities based on the 2022-2022 Biennial Budget. WWCMMH is working on Equity and Access with Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA). The Next WCMH meeting will be on July 21, 2021 from 10:00 AM- 3:30 PM.

XI. Discuss GCPD Membership Recruitment

- David Morstad shared that GCPD has one member vacancy at this time. The full Committee discussed the need for ethnic diversity and the importance of active membership; as GCPD is very active with disability-related policy and guidance.

XII. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 P.M.