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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

Wednesday, August 18, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will send out a Doodle Poll with availability via email to set up the next GCPD Work Plan Committee.
2. **Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig and Sandy Popp will take the lead on organizing December 2021 GCPD Officer Elections.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the GCPD August 18, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Sandy Popp seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the GCPD June 16, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan 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; Dan Idzikowski; Kimberlee Coronado; John Olson; Pearl Fessenden; and Gail Bovy.

Committee members absent (excused*): John Hartman*; Evelyn Azbell*; Dan Laatsch*; Eva Kubinski*; and Julie Blasky*.



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Committee liaisons present: Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Guests: Jeff Fox, Member, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Laurence Brown, Community Member; Jordan Anderson, Community Member; Tamara Jackson, Public Policy Analyst, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities; and Andrew Forsaith, Department of Health Services, Office of Budget and Policy Initiatives.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; and Monica Smith, DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 837 1667 2234 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve August 18, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the GCPD August 18, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Sandy Popp seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve of June 16, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the GCPD June 16, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Laurence Brown shared that there are still issues with accommodations in the health care system and also there are issues with matching a consumer with a wheelchair user interface; doctors are signed off on wheelchairs that are not meeting the needs of consumers.



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VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- David Morstad shared Executive Committee updates with the Full Committee on the work that has been completed since June 2021.
 - GCPD and CPD work collaboratively to produce the Emergency Preparedness Communications folder.
 - Currently on-hold for a possible upcoming stakeholder interview with the Office of Emergency Preparedness.
 - Submitted a letter to legislative regarding voting restrictions.
 - A GOV-D message went out addressing barriers to healthcare services for people with disabilities.
 - Beginning stages of the creation of an educational video and training.

VII. Presentation on the Governor's Biennial Budget

- Tamara Jackson, Public Policy Analyst, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities presented an overview of the 2021-2023 State Budget; including an outline of the budget process and key budget items that were included or not included in the budget that benefited people with disabilities.
- Andrew Forsaith, Department of Health Services, Office of Budget and Policy Initiatives presented an overview focusing on Medicaid and Long-Term Care provisions in the 2021-2023 State Budget.

VIII. Review and Approve Draft GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan

- The Full Committee reviewed the draft of the 2021-2023 GCPD Work Plan and spoke about it not being a final draft as of yet.
 - Nancy Leipzig led discussion on the Equitable Access section and went over Policy Recommendations; Monitor and Advise; and Priorities to Support Equitable Access.



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- The Full Committee discussed language changes and additions that include:
 - Omit Language: *citizens*
 - Add a bullet regarding the reinstatement of the state Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance office and policy recommendations for healthcare and long-term care.
- DHS Support Staff will send out a Doodle Poll with availability via email to set up the next GCPD Work Plan Committee. See Action Item 1.

IX. Discuss Upcoming Officer Elections

- David Morstad reminded the Full Committee that elections were going to be coming up in December 2021 for the Chair and Vice Chair of GCPD.
 - Elections will be electronic since meetings continue to be virtual.
 - Nancy Leipzig and Sandy Popp will take the lead on organizing December 2021 GCPD Officer Elections. See Action Item 2.

X. Liaison Updates

- ***Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)*** - Sarah Lincoln shared that the Client Assistance Program (CAP) through the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will be transferred to Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/wrc/pdf/cap-proposed-redesignation-20210802.pdf>. DVR offices are open and taking new referrals. Project Search continues to be funded per the 2021-2023 State Budget.
- ***Department of Public Instruction*** – See submitted Liaison Report.

XI. Council Updates

- ***Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)*** – See submitted Council Report.
- ***Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)*** – See submitted Council Report.



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- **Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)** - Rhonda Staats shared The Wisconsin's Statutory Council on Blindness (WSCOB) last met on Friday, June 26, 2021. Recruitment and members' terms continue to be an issue. COVID-19 has negatively affected vendors, particularly those whose main revenue came from servicing correctional facilities. The program is working toward re-inventing itself and recruiting new business owners. The WSCOB continues to work toward greater accessibility of DHS web content and application forms. We also discussed job listings sites operated by the state. The website listing state jobs has improved accessibility. The Wisconsin Job Center website; which lists all private and some public sector jobs, remains accessible with a screen reader. The WSCOB favors a summit meeting to better coordinate priorities and efforts.
- **Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)** - Kimberlee Coronado shared that she was currently working on Mental Health Block Grant applications and creating strategic plans and priorities based on the 2022-2022 Biennial Budget. WCMH is working on Equity and Access with Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).

XII. 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.
 - David Morstad stated that Evan Steck, Interim Director of Gubernatorial Appointments, had sent over a list of individuals who were interested in being on constitute councils.
 - David Morstad spoke to the fact that there are currently no term limits for GCPD membership, and the importance of re-evaluating membership and participation capacity; and being ok with stepping up or stepping down from GCPD.



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XIII. Discuss 2022 Meeting Options; In-Person, Virtual and/or Hybrid

- The Committee discussed continuing to meet virtual for the remainder of 2021.
 - The Committee spoke about it being too early to move forward with in-person meetings; and the importance of being able to continue to meet Bi-Monthly.
 - The Committee agree to continue to meet the third Wednesday of the month in 2022; following the same monthly rotation: February, April, June, August, October, and December.
 - The Committee also discussed starting the meetings earlier to accommodate members that have children in school.

XIV. Adjourn

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.