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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Approved February 15, 2023.

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

- Action Item:** The Executive Committee will add Department of Health Services Budget Discussion to their December 1, 2022. Agenda.
- Action Item:** The Executive Committee will discuss the ongoing Concordia University Educational Opportunity at the December 1, 2022, Meeting.
- Action Item:** David Morstad will reach out to Lois Harrison, Concordia University, to commit to the Spring 2023 Educational Presentation and next steps.
- Action Item:** Katherine Schneider will work with the GCPD Executive Committee to draft a Membership Satisfaction Survey.
- Action Item:** Jill O'Leske will develop 3 to 5 GCPD Logo ideas and send them back to Ben Barrett and DHS support staff to review and will request Full Committee feedback by January 2023.
- Action Item:** DHS support staff will send an email to Full Committee Membership and gather nominations and electronic votes for the Vice Chair and 2 Executive Committee members prior to the next GCPD Executive Committee meeting scheduled for December 1, 2022.

B. Motion Items

- Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the GCPD November 16, 2022, Quarterly meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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2. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD August 17, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to commit to the Spring 2023 Educational Presentation with Concordia University. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to approve and finalize the Draft 2022 GCPD Bylaws. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to approve the GCPD Bylaws Transition Resolution that is dated November 3, 2022. Katherine Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Margaret Kristan, Chairperson

Committee members present: Margaret Kristan; Rhonda Staats; Nancy Leipzig; Tom O'Connor; Ramsey Lee; David Morstad; Fred Ludwig; Tiffany Payne; Dan Idzikowski; John Hartman; Julie Blasky; and Katherine Schneider.

Committee members absent (excused*): Dan Laatsch*; Ben Barrett*; Stacy Stone*; Pearl Fessenden; Kimberlee Coronado; and Gail Bovy.

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

Guests: Jill O'Leske, Impact Design; Camille Crary, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office, and Karen Odegaard, External Affairs Liaison, Secretary's Office.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

American Sign Language Interpreting Services: Kate Block; Amy Fryman, and Amy Simonsen.



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DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Laura Plummer; DHS, BADR; Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; and Amber Mullett, BADR, DHS.

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1(669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 160 667 0038 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve November 16, 2022, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the GCPD November 16, 2022, Quarterly meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve August 17, 2022, Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD August 17, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

VI. Presentation on Department of Health Services Budget

- Karen Odegaard, External Affairs Liaison, Secretary's Office, attended and presented information on the Department of Health Services Budget.
 - DHS submitted an Agency Budget request on September 15, 2022, to the Department of Administration (DOA). A Cost to Continue Budget was submitted with one notable exception for Medicaid Expansion.
 - Late January/Early February would be the time when the Governor delivers the Budget to the Joint Finance Committee.
 - The Committee discussed the opportunities around offering feedback on the Budget and benefits of Medicaid Expansion.



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- Karen Odegaard expressed that now is a good time for stakeholder groups to share those rights with the Governor's Office. Camille Cray, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office, would be the contact to reach out to.
- The Executive Committee will add Department of Health Services Budget Discussion to their December 1, 2022. Agenda. See Action Item 1.

VII. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- The Executive Committee meets monthly, the first Thursday of the month from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. The next meeting will be December 1, 2022.
- **Concordia University Collaborative Educational Opportunity**
 - Since the last GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting, the Executive Committee completed the Concordia University Educational Training Presentation that was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at the Concordia University, Mequan Campus. Discussed ongoing presentation commitments with Concordia University.
 - Ramsey Lee made a motion to commit to the Spring 2023 Educational Presentation with Concordia University. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - The Executive Committee will discuss the ongoing Concordia University Educational Opportunity at the December 1, 2022, Meeting. See Action Item 2
 - David Morstad will reach out to Lois Harrison, Concordia University, to commit to the Spring 2023 Educational Presentation and next steps. See Action Item 3.
- **Member Engagement and Participation**
 - Nancy Leipzig explained the importance of GCPD Membership Engagement and Participation.
 - The Full Committee discussed the constant theme of limited engagement and capacity amongst Full Membership, and low attendance at Committee and Sub-Committee meetings.



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- Discussed the primary role of GCPD being to advise the Governor's Office of policy effecting people with disabilities and uphold the rights of individuals with disabilities.
- Katherine Schneider suggested conducting a satisfaction survey to membership to gauge involvement and thoughts on participation.
 - Katherine Schneider will work with the GCPD Executive Committee to draft a Membership Satisfaction Survey. See Action Item 4.

VIII. Discuss GCPD Roles and Responsibilities Document

- The GCPD Full Committee discussed the importance of the Roles and Responsibilities Document under Agenda Item VII.

IX. Discuss GCPD Logo and Timeline

- Jill O'Leske, Impact Design discussed questions that were sent out in advance to Full Committee Membership about the GCPD Logo.
 - Discussed characteristics and colors, the GCPD Logo encompassing all disabilities and being a 'Committee for All'.
 - Ramsey Lee suggested the idea of incorporating the Wisconsin Forward Logo and have an example of partnership; possibly having the symbolism of a group of people around a table.
 - Nancy Leipzig suggested using colors that are warm and welcoming.
 - Tiffany Payne stated she would like the GCPD Logo to show Collaboration, Cooperation and Action.
 - Jill O'Leske will develop 3 to 5 GCPD Logo ideas and send them back to Ben Barrett and DHS support staff to review and will request Full Committee feedback by January 2023. See Action Item 5.



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X. Updates from Chairs of GCPD Sub-Committees

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 - **Opportunities and Access; Katherine Schneider:** The Sub-Committee meets on first Thursday of month from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM. Katherine Schneider discussed having conversations with staff in the Governor's Office regarding the Governor's Webpage being not accessible and those changes have been made. Recommending giving the Attorney General the right to pursue disability related complaints. The next Sub-Committee will be December 1, 2022.
 - John Hartman state he would like to join the Sub-Committee.
 - **Transportation; Rhonda Staats:** The Sub-Committee meets the first Wednesday of month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The Sub-Committee has invited Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation, to the next Sub-Committee meeting. Continues to monitor concerns about MTM and Veyo merging. Continues to monitor and discuss transportation concerns. The next Sub-Committee will be December 7, 2022.
 - **Employment; Nancy Leipzig:** The Sub-Committee meets the first Monday of month from 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM. The Sub-Committee has been focusing on the State Use Program information and the gathering information on the Wisconsin Promise Grant. The next Sub-Committee will be December 5, 2022.

XI. Discussion of GCPD Bylaw Revisions

- **Review and Approve GCPD Bylaws**
- The Full Committee reviewed the 2022 GCPD Bylaws.
 - David Morstad explained the need to remove the term limits as proposed so the GCPD Bylaws Sub-Committee is in compliance with EO 75 language "'appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure" and state statute 14/019(1)(b) "persons then serving on the committee remain members until they resign or until they are removed or replaced by action of the new governor."



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- **Review and Approve Bylaws Transition Resolution**
 - The Full Committee discussed the terms of officers and Bylaws Transition Resolution.
 - David Morstad made a motion to approve the Bylaws Transition Resolution that is dated November 3, 2022. Katherine Schneider seconded the motion. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 5.
- **GCPD Roles and Responsibilities Document**
 - The GCPD Full Committee discussed the importance of the Roles and Responsibilities Document under Agenda Item VII.
- **GCPD Elections**
 - DHS support staff will send an email to Full Committee Membership and gather nominations and electronic votes for the Vice Chair and 2 Executive Committee members prior to the next GCPD Executive Committee meeting scheduled for December 1, 2022. See Action Item 6.

XII. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** - Sarah Kuehn shared information on the DVR Transition Action Guide: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/policy-guidance/toolkits-guides-manuals/transition-action-guide/>; which was created to provide a resource to educate all partners on their roles and responsibilities in the transition process.
- **Department of Public Instruction (DPI)** – No Liaison Update to Review.
- **Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)** – No Liaison Update to Review.



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XIII. Council Updates

- ***Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)*** - Report was submitted for review.
- ***Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)*** - No Council Report to review.
- ***Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)*** - Report was submitted for review.
- ***Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)*** – Rhonda Staats reported that SCOB met on November 10, 2022, and is moving forward with Community Conversations and focusing on the four areas of concern: focusing first on loneliness and connectiveness.
- ***Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)*** - No Council Report to review.

XIV. Adjourn

- David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 A.M.