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Issue: Representation of Individuals with Disabilities on State Medical Advisory Committee

One concern that emerged early in the pandemic was the formation of a State Medical Advisory Committee which is making recommendations related to COVID treatments which did not include first-person representation of an individual with a disability. Often, disability representation is an after-thought when groups are making recommendations and/or decisions that affect citizens of Wisconsin. GCPD thinks it is important to have representation as many people are unfamiliar with the complex social, economic, political, and cultural ramifications of disability in our society.

Recommendation:

- GCPD recommends that it be standard protocol to have first-person representation (a person with a disability) on the State Medical Advisory Committee as it is important that people with disabilities be represented in community and government decision-making which directly impacts them.