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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) State Use Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Action Items and Motion Items

Action Items

1. **Action Item:** David Morstad will draft a letter to Governor Tony Evers about the State Use Program history, concerns, and recommendations from the GCPD.
2. **Action Item:** Sarah Lincoln will send David Morstad the PowerPoint containing three bulleted recommendations to include in the letter.
3. **Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig will provide David Morstad with standard language used for past messages.
4. **Action Item:** David Morstad will contact Representative John Jagler (Assembly District 37) to gauge his interest to act as a legislative sponsor who will request the legislative council to conduct a study on the State Use Program.
5. **Action Item:** The GCPD will inform the Survival Coalition of the Committee's intent to send a letter to Governor Evers and pursue legislative sponsorship regarding the State Use Program.
6. **Action Item:** The State Use Committee would like to meeting once more in 2020 before joining the Employment Committee.

Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Dan Idzikowski made a motion for GCPD to formally request legislative sponsorship for a legislative study on the Wisconsin State Use Program. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried
2. **Motion Item:** Dave Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions by: Nancy Leipzig, Subcommittee Chairperson

Committee members present: Nancy Leipzig, Dan Idzikowski, Maureen Ryan, David Morstad, and Sarah Lincoln.

Committee members absent (excused*): Ramsey Lee*.

Liaisons present: Sarah Lincoln, Department of Workforce Development.

DHS staff support present: Sara O'Donnell, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR).

Meeting Called to Order

II. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Nancy Leipzig.

- The meeting was available via teleconference and made available via Zoom.

III. Review and Approve the Agenda

- The State Use Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

IV. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities Related to Employment

- The State Use Committee did not receive any public.

V. Drafting Language for GCPD Letter to Governor and Lieutenant Governor

- Discussed the GCPD December quarterly meeting and reviewed State Use Committee assigned action items.
- GCPD discussed the State Use Program
 - The State Use Committee would like to know what percentage of workers are making less than minimum wage. Members agreed to pursue this data.
 - The State Use Committee reviewed the Principles for State Use policy reform on slide 7 of power point.
 - There are proposed changes to the State Use Program law. Some don't require legislative change.
 - The Subcommittee would like to have the governor direct the Department of Administration to review State Use policy, and recommend making changes to the State Use Program that would not require a change in legislation.
- The State Use Committee will draft a letter to Governor Tony Evers about the State Use Program.
 - David Morstad will draft the letter. See Action Item 1.
 - The letter will:
 - Include an overview of GCPD.
 - Provide input on the State Use Program including historical background about when the program was initiated and the intent of the program.

- List concerns and GCPD's recommendations for action by the Governor.
 - State that GCPD has concerns; they have established a State Use Subcommittee that's been looking at the workings of the program for the past two years and will continue to keep the governor informed.
- Sarah Lincoln will send David Morstad the PowerPoint containing three bulleted recommendations to include in the letter. See Action Item 2.
- Nancy Leipzig will provide David Morstad with standard language used for past messages. See Action Item 3.

VI. Discussion About a GCPD Request for a Legislative Audit

- The Committee would like to request a legislative study of the State Use Program to raise awareness and make it apparent that changes need to be brought to the program.
 - The Subcommittee needs to secure a legislative sponsor who will request the legislative council to conduct a study on the State Use Program. The study would look at the history, intent, and purpose of the program, and make sure it aligns with current policies and operations. The sponsor would staff the legislative study committee and convene legislators and other interested parties in the development of recommendations and the report.
- Discussion of potential legislative sponsors.
 - David Morstad will contact Representative John Jagler (Assembly District 37) to gauge his interest. See Action Item 4.
 - Dan Idzikowski made a motion for GCPD to formally request legislative sponsorship for a legislative study on the Wisconsin State Use Program. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

VII. Next Steps

- David Morstad will draft the letter to the governor and send it to the State Use Committee for review and feedback. The legislative study is a parallel issue to the letter to the Governor, but the State Use Committee would like to be clear on direction before seeking a legislative sponsor.
- The actions discussed during this meeting will be brought to Survival Coalition, so they are aware of GCPD's current activities. See Action Item 5.
- The State Use Committee discussed plans to merge with the Employment Committee. They would like to meet one more time before this takes place. Action Item 6.

VIII. Adjourn

- Dave Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.