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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Transportation Sub-Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

Approved April 6, 2022.

Transportation Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Transportation Sub-Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Daniel Idzikowski will gather and share information at the next GCPD Transportation Sub-committee Meeting on April 6, 2022, regarding Veyo's independent driver's vs established traditional transportation providers.
- 2. Action Item:** The Sub-Committee discussed inviting Veyo staff to the May 4, 2022, GCPD Transportation Sub-Committee meeting to discuss equity issues for people with disabilities and obtain feedback. Also discussed putting a list of questions and concerns in writing, and providing that to Veyo prior to the meeting for discussion.

B. Transportation Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the March 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Julie Blasky made a motion to approve the February 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Julie Blasky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Transportation Sub-Committee members present: Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Ramsey Lee; Julie Blasky; Dan Laatsch; and Daniel Idzikowski.



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Transportation Sub-Committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable.

Guest: Jeff Fox, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Member.

DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); and Mikael Snitker, DHS, BADR.

II. Rhonda Staats Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 161 514 3235 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve March 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the March 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Julie Blasky made a motion to approve the February 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown shared his concerns with passenger safety vs. standard operating policy through Transit Plus in Milwaukee County. Shared a story about refusing to make accommodations. Also, reliability of drivers and timeliness to get to church and appointments. Daniel Idzikowski stated that he would like to be aware of these concerns at Milwaukee County since they now have a Milwaukee County Transportation Coordinator, Alena DeGarado, 414-639-4030.



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VI. Discuss Feedback from February 17, 2022, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

- The Sub-Committee discussed the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting that was held on February 17, 2022.
- Daniel Idzikowski stated that the major focus of the meeting was the use of Veyo, Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Broker. Veyo is utilizing both traditional transportation drivers and independent driver programs, like Uber and Lift. This has caused a lot of issues for the traditional providers because the independent drivers have no capability to assist individual with significant disabilities. The provider rate to independent providers is much lower and the traditional driver loses out on the revenue that is going to all the independent drivers due to lower cost; also, unable to increase fleet to meet the demand. Of the 140 independent drivers that Veyo has contract with, 100 are located in Milwaukee. Concerns with lots of competition and lost revenue to traditional drivers.
 - Daniel Idzikowski will gather and share information at the next GCPD Transportation Sub-committee Meeting on April 6, 2022, regarding Veyo's independent driver's vs established traditional transportation providers. See Action Item 1.
- The Sub-Committee discussed possible action that needed to be taken; equity issues regarding independent drivers not being utilized for disability population and not achieving goals in rural areas.
- The Sub-Committee discussed inviting Veyo staff to the May 4, 2022, GCPD Transportation Sub-Committee meeting to discuss equity issues for people with disabilities and obtain feedback. Also discussed putting a list of questions and concerns in writing, and providing that to Veyo prior to the meeting for discussion. See Action Item 2.



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VII. Review and Discuss Transportation Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- The Sub-Committee reviewed the Transportation Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan; Policy Recommendations, Monitor and Advise and Support Wisconsin's Non-Driver Initiatives.
 - Currently a Non-Driver Task Force through the Department of Transportation.
- The Sub-Committee discussed issues with Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT), Veyo, and reiterated having them at the May Sub-Committee meeting to discuss.

VII. Discuss Agenda for Next Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting

- The Sub-Committee discussed the April 6, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting agenda. The agenda is as follows:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve April 6, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve March 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (11:10 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.)
 - Discuss Non-Emergency Medical Transportation in Wisconsin
 - Independent vs. Traditional Transportation Providers
 - Non-Driver Advisory Council
 - Discuss agenda May 4, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
 - Adjourn



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VIII. Adjourn

- Julie Blasky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.