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

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

APPROVED 2-1-23.

Transportation Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Transportation Sub-Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Julie Blasky will put together a Word document with information on recommendations and considerations from the Transportation Sub-Committee.
- 2. Action Item:** Rhonda Staats and Ramsey Lee will be reporting to the GCPD Executive Committee on recommendations and considerations for transportation policy information.

B. Transportation Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the January 4, 2023, meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the December 7, 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; Dan Laatsch; Julie Blasky; Dan Idzkowski and Ramsey Lee.

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



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Guests: Kyle Kleist; Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin; Kelly Burt, Contract Monitor for Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program (NEMT), Department of Health Services (DHS); Regan Batterman, Bureau of Benefits and Policy, DHS; Jonathan Liegeois, Veyo/MTM Employee; Lawrence Brown, Community Member; and Jeff Fox, Vice-Chair, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD).

DHS support staff present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR; and Laura Plummer, DHS, BADR.

II. Rhonda Staats, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 January 4, 2023, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the January 4, 2023, meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve December 7, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the December 7, 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

- No public comment received.

VI. Update on Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)

- Jonathan Liegeois greeted the Sub-Committee and stated that Veyo's 2023 focus will be on continuing to maintain a high quality of transportation and sharing positive stories. Focus on improvements moving forward.



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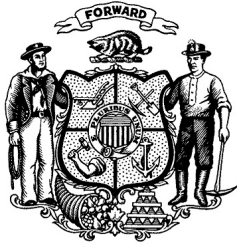
- Kelly Burt shared that she has been onboard with DHS since October 2022 and has been meeting with Veyo on a weekly basis to understand process and focus on maintaining a high quality of transportation.

VII. Discuss Legislative Updates Related to Transportation Needs of People with Disabilities

- The Transportation Sub-Committee discussed legislative updates related to transportation.
 - Discussed braided trips and funding.
 - Discussed current reimbursements being low for 24 cents a mile for gas mileage for drivers and advocating to raise that rate. Regan Batterman stated that the current Gas Mileage Rate (GMR) is 29 cents per mile and follow federal guidance. Kye Kleist stated that volunteer drivers GMR is 14 cents/mile.

VIII. Review GCPD Work Plan and Discuss Additional Recommendations for Consideration by the GCPD's Executive Committee Meeting

- The Sub-Committee discussed recommending partnerships to address driver shortages and raise the mileage reimbursement rates.
 - Lack of drivers and companies that serve people with disabilities.
 - Increase funding so that people want to seek out employment being a transportation driver.
 - When counties spend money for transportation, they don't really focus on the need for accessible transportation.
 - Julie Blasky will put together a Word document with information on recommendations and considerations from the Transportation Sub-Committee. See Action Item 1.
 - Rhonda Staats and Ramsey Lee will be reporting to the GCPD Executive Committee on recommendations and considerations for transportation policy changes. See Action Item 2.



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IX. Draft February 1, 2023, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Transportation Sub-Committee drafted the February Sub-Committee agenda. Meeting agenda will be:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve February 1, 2023, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve January 4, 2023, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (11:10 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.)
 - Update on Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
 - Discuss Legislative updates related to Transportation for People with Disabilities
 - Review GCPD Work Plan Recommendations
 - Draft the March 1, 2023, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Adjourn

X. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.