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COUNCIL ON
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

**Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)
Emergency Preparedness Committee Teleconference Meeting**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Emergency Preparedness Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Emergency Preparedness Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Zachary and Sarah Diedrich will follow-up for find more information about the County Emergency Management disaster simulations to share with CPD Members.

B. Emergency Preparedness Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the July 9, 2025, Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting agenda. Jackie Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried..
2. **Motion Item:** Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the May 14, 2025, Emergency Preparedness Committee Minutes. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to add both the "Supporting Mental Health Before, During and After Emergencies" and "Commuter Emergency Plan" to the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit/website. Charles seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Ben Barret made a motion to have DHS Staff Support to register CPD as an exhibitor at the Self-Determination Conference. Charles Vandenplas seconded. Motion Carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion Carried.



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C. Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introduction, Karen Secor, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chairperson

Emergency Preparedness Committee Members present: Karen Secor; Ben Barrett; Jackie Gordon; Ramsey Lee; Charles Vandenplas; and Jason Ostrowski.

Council Members absent (excused*): N/A.

Guests: Kerry Robinson, Statutory Council of the Blind (SCOB), Sarah Diedrich, WI Emergency Management Military Affairs.

American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreting Services: Carly Bieri and Nicole Keeler.

DHS Staff Support present: Zachary Davenport, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Angela Brenna, DHS, BADR.

Meeting Called to Order

Karen Secor, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 161 741 3380 and [via Zoom](#):

II. Review and Approve July 9, 2025, Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Agenda

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the July 9, 2025, Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting agenda. Jackie Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

III. Review and Approve May 14, 2025, Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes

- Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the May 14, 2025, Emergency Preparedness Committee Minutes. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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IV. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024 (<https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/cpd-state-plan-2022-24.pdf>) or Issues Impacting People with Physical Disabilities (12:10 P.M – 12:30 P.M.)

- DHS Staff Zachary shared public comment received by email from Kathy Schneider.
 - *PUBLIC COMMENT: “Across the state County Emergency Management offices will be having live exercises to simulate disasters and train local response teams. For example, in Eau Claire in August it’s a simulation of a plane crash. Please urge organizations of people with disabilities to volunteer for such simulations. These wonderful EMS folks need to practice with real people with real disabilities instead of someone with a wrist band on that says “blind” etc. It takes a few hours to help, but it’s fun and rewarding.”*
- Zachary and Sarah Diedrich will follow-up for find more information about the County Emergency Management disaster simulations to share with CPD Members. See Action Item 1.

V. Review Conference & Attendance

- A Home for Everyone Conference, August 2025
 - Ramsey Lee shared information about A Home for Everyone Conference.
 - DHS Staff Zachary shared that CPD will not have a table at A Home for Everyone Conference but urged members to attend.
- Disability Pride Madison, July 26
 - Members discussed attending Disability Pride in Madison. There will not a booth for this event.
- DAV and Auxiliary State Convention, October 15-17
 - Charles Vandenplas shared that he will be in attendance.



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- DHS Staff Zachary will send Charles 50 Toolkits to bring to the DAV State Convention.
- Self-Determination, October 21-22
 - DHS Staff Zachary and Ramsey Lee shared that the Exhibitor Registration at the 2025 Self-Determination Conference opened July 1, 2025. Members discussed who will be attending. Ramsey Lee, Ben Barrett, and Karen Secor volunteered to attend.
 - Ben Barret made a motion to have DHS Staff Support to register CPD as an exhibitor at the Self-Determination Conference. Charles Vandenplas seconded. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 4.

VI. Draft the October 8, 2025, CPD Emergency Preparedness Meeting Agenda

- The Committee drafted the Emergency Preparedness Meeting Agenda for October 8, 2025.

VII. Adjourn

- Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 5.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.