



COUNCIL ON
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Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)
Employment and Health Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 14, 2023
1:00 P.M. to 2:30 PM

Approved May 9, 2023.

Employment and Health Committee Action Items and Motion Items

A. Employment and Health Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will send out the CPD Employment and Health Committee Dashboard Document for tracking process on strategies and deliverables.
2. **Action Item:** Employment and Health Committee members will monitor strategies and deliverables in the Employment and Health section of the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan and leads will report back on progress at the next CPD Employment and Health Committee Meeting scheduled for May 9, 2023.
3. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will email Zoom links for ongoing bi-monthly CPD Employment and Health Committee meetings.

B. Action Item: Employment and Health Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023, Employment and Health Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made the motion to approve the March 9, 2022, Employment and Health Committee Meeting Minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to accept the Employment and Health 2022-2024 Work Plan Strategies and Deliverables. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Employment and Health Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions: Roberto Escamilla II, Chairperson

Employment and Health Committee members present: Roberto Escamilla II; Charles Vandenplas; Jeff Fox; and Ben Barrett.

Employment and Health Committee members absent (Excused*): *Jackie Gordon; and Dr. Elizabeth Watson.

Guest(s): Not applicable.

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

Roberto Escamilla II, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 160 707 6124 and via [Zoom](#).

II. Review and Approve March 14, 2023, Employment and Health Committee Meeting Agenda

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023, Employment and Health Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

III. Review and Approve March 9, 2022, Employment and Health Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made the motion to approve the March 9, 2022, Employment and Health Committee Meeting Minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

IV. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities 2022-2024, or Issues Affecting People with Physical Disabilities

No public comment was received.



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V. Review and Discuss Employment and Health Section of the CPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- The Employment and Health Committee discussed the Employment and Health section of the CPD 2022-2024 Work Plan, Strategies and Deliverables.
 - ***Assign Leads to Strategies and Deliverables:***
 - Support initiatives that advance higher wages, reimbursement rates and benefits of direct care workers (personal and supportive caregivers).
 - Ben Barrett and Jeff Fox be leading the following:
 - Monitor the effects of the introduction of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) on the employment retention of direct care workers.
 - Support legislative and policy initiatives that raise reimbursement rates for goods and direct care services.
 - Support initiatives and legislation that increase employment opportunities self-sufficient wages and resources for people with physical disabilities.
 - Roberto Escamilla II will lead the following:
 - Promote the increased awareness, access to resources, and options for competitive integrated employment at a self-sufficient wage.
 - Collaborate and align with federal, state, and local disability related boards, councils and committees that promote and advance competitive integrated employment at a self-sufficient wage.
 - Promote the need for special trusts and accounts with financial institutions that enable people with physical disabilities to save money while working for future long-term care needs, without impacting eligibility for current health and long-term care benefits.
 - The Committee will request assistance from Full Council Membership to help with leading this strategy.

- Ben Barrett made a motion to accept the Employment and Health 2022-2024 Work Plan Strategies and Deliverables. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- DHS support staff will send out the CPD Employment and Health Committee Dashboard Document for tracking process on strategies and deliverables. See Action Item 1.
- Employment and Health Committee members will monitor strategies and deliverables in the Employment and Health section of the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan and leads will report back on progress at the next CPD Employment and Health Committee Meeting scheduled for May 9, 2023. See Action Item 2.

VI. Discuss Ongoing Employment and Health Committee Meeting Schedule

- The Employment and Health Committee discussed meeting on a bi-monthly for an hour, and the next meeting will be held on May 9, 2023, from 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM.
 - DHS support staff will email Zoom links for ongoing bi-monthly CPD Employment and Health Committee meetings. See Action Item 3.

VII. Adjourn

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.