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Council on Physical Disabilities Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 20, 2025, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- CPD Chair Ben Barrett called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.
- **CPD Members Present:** Julie Blasky, Ben Barrett, Jason Ostrowski, Ramsey Lee, and Jackie Gordon.
- **DHS Support Staff Present:** Ashley Baker; Lisa Sobczyk

2. Review and Approve June 20, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Jason Ostrowski made a motion to approve the agenda. Julie Blasky seconded. Motion carried.

3. Review and Approve April, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the minutes. Jackie Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment on the State Plan (or Issues Impacting People with Physical Disabilities (11:20 AM – 11:30 AM.))

- No public comment received.

5. Board on Aging & Long-term Care Updates, Jessica Trudell

- Jessica Trudell, Executive Director of the Board on Aging & Long-term Care (BOALTC), gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of BOALTC's mission, program overview, state and federal updates.

6. Legislative and Program Updates

- DHS staff support updated on the following:
 - Update on Texas v. Kennedy: States Withdraw Constitutional Challenge to Section 504.
 - Shared about State Bill 152 / Assembly Bill 176 that removes income requirements for Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support program (AFCSP). The Assembly's Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee held a public hearing on AB 176 in mid-May and unanimously (15-0) recommended the bill for passage on June 4. The legislation is now available for scheduling for a vote by the full Assembly and Senate.



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- The Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) released its budget papers with DHS initiatives including funding increases for Independent Living Centers, Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers, and to address caregivers' shortages. Also, information regarding paratransit aids for the aging population, people with disabilities and employment transportation and mass transit assistance.
- Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed rule to rescind certain Section 504 accessibility regulations. Some of the removed provisions may seem redundant because they overlap with the ADA and ADA accessibility guidelines (ADAAG). However, there were some concerns because removing some sections would weaken key protections for people with disabilities.

7. Discuss WI Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE)

- Committee discussed ABLE and continuing to advocate for a dedicated position to administer the program as well as education around the program as it causes confusion for individuals with disabilities.
 - Action Item: CPD Membership will continue to offer education and advocate for a dedicated position to administer the ABLE program.

8. Update on Medicaid Experience

- Julie Blasky and Ramsey Lee reported that they both submitted an application for the Medicaid Experience and are still waiting to hear back on the acceptance of their application.

9. Discuss Dan Johnson Advocacy Award and Ceremony Details

- Committee discussed still needing to start to plan and work on the details of the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award.
 - Action Item Carried Over from April: Participants express interest in being involved in the work group to plan the Dan Johnson Award Ceremony. Members volunteered including Karen, Jason, Ben, and Ramsey. Members agreed to create a workgroup. DHS Staff will send out a doodle poll to members to request volunteers and to determine date and time for workgroup meetings.



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10. Review Action Items From the Meeting

- CPD Membership will continue to offer education and advocate for a dedicated position to administer the ABLE program.
- Action Item Carried Over from April Executive Committee Meeting: Committee members express interest in being involved in the work group to plan the Dan Johnson Award Ceremony. Members volunteered including Karen Secor, Jason Ostrowski, Ben Barrett, and Ramsey Lee. Members agreed to create a workgroup. DHS Staff will send out a doodle poll to members to request volunteers and to determine date and time for workgroup meetings.

11. Draft Next Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Members discussed the next CPD Committee Meeting Agenda. Due to limited time with members having to leave the call at noon, action items will move forward to the next agenda, as well as continued topics, and planning for the next Quarterly Meeting.

12. Adjourn

- Committee membership unanimously agreed to adjourn 12:10 PM.