



Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of the Meeting: Friday, August 15, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Location: Online via [Zoom](#) and telephone, Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716.

Prepared by: Angela Brenna, DHS on August 15, 2025

Status: Approved the CPD Executive Committee Meeting on September 19, 2025.

1. Call to Order

- Ben Barrett, Chairperson, Called the Meeting to Order at 11:00 AM, and Roll Call was conducted.
- **CPD Executive Committee Members Present:** Chairperson Ben Barrett, Vice Chairperson Jason Ostrowski, Secretary Jackie Gordon, Ramsey Lee, Karen Secor, Charles Vandenplas and Artrell Mason.
- **CPD Members Present:** Julie Blasky.
- **DHS Staff Present:** Angela Brenna and Zachary Davenport
- **ASL Interpreters Present:** Kim Barr and Nicole Keeler

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the August 15, 2025, CPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, Ramsey Lee seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the June 20, 2025, CPD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Jason Ostrowski seconded. Motion carried.
- Members reviewed action items from the June 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes – no action to follow up on.

4. Public Comment was held from 11:20 AM to 11:30 AM. No public comment received.

- Technical issues occurred with unauthorized access to the meeting requiring security measures. Meeting was paused for a couple minutes until the security issue was resolved and the meeting continued.

5. GCPD United Councils Updates

- Ramsey Lee provided updates from the GCPD United Council Work Group meetings. Items included:
 - Asking CPD Executive Committee to have a standing agenda for Updates from GCPD United Councils Workgroup. Committee agreed.
 - Information about SB 357 / AB 377: Establish as the official state language & AI Translation (no impact on sign language interpreters.)
 - Shared information about translation service issues for Independent Living Centers.
 - Shared information about the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) Legislation (SB 152/AB 176.)
 - Shared information about the Volunteer Driver Reimbursement Federal Rate and Matching WI Rate.
- DHS Staff Angela Brenna elaborated on the United Council work group purpose:
 - Cross-disability Advocacy Coordination
 - Immediate Action on Policy Updates
 - Joint Quarterly Meetings Planned for 2026
 - Monthly Meetings on Fourth Thursday of each Month, 1:00-2:30 PM
- Discussion of Executive Committee Members Committed to attending the GCPD United Council Meetings:
 - Ramsey Lee (committed)
 - Ben Barrett (committed)
 - Jackie Gordon (committed)
 - Artrell Mason (committed)
 - Jason Ostrowski (committed)
 - Charles Vandenplas (unavailable fourth Thursdays)

- Karen Secor (committed)
- **Action:** Executive committee meetings rescheduled to first Friday of each month, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM to align with United Council meeting follow-up.
- **Action:** Angela Brenna will resend the GPCD United Councils Workgroup Meeting invitation to CPD Members. Meeting is the fourth Thursday of the month, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

6. Medicaid Experience Update

- Ramsey Lee reported he was not appointed to the Medicaid Experience committee, but meetings are open to public attendance. First meeting scheduled for August 18, 2025, 5:00-6:30 PM.

7. Review Action Items from the Meeting

- Action items assigned to Angela Brenna with Additional Items that were discussed:
 - Send GCPD United Council calendar invites to Executive Committee Members.
 - Provide Medicaid Experience Meeting information.
 - Send GCPD United Councils PowerPoint presentation and handout materials.
 - Update CPD Executive Committee Schedule and send out invites.
 - Follow up with Ramsey Lee on inviting Elmer Moore from WHEDA to present at future meeting.
 - Share Transportation Advisory Council meeting invitation
Transportation Advisory Council meeting September 4, 2025, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM.
 - Follow-up about the Medicaid Experience Meetings and share meeting information to CPD: First meeting scheduled for August 18, 2025, 5:00-6:30 PM [Join on Zoom \(opens external video\)](#), and use passcode 017379 [Aug. 2025 agenda \(PDF\)](#) | [Introduction to Medicaid in Wisconsin \(PDF\)](#).
- Zach Davenport: Emergency preparedness inventory updates at next meeting.

8. Plan the Next Meeting

- Request to invite Elmer Moore from WHEDA to present on housing issues

- Add Emergency Preparedness Updates and Inventory
- Add Upcoming Events as standing agenda items
- Next Executive Committee Meeting Scheduled for first Friday of September at 11:00 AM via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

- Karen Secor made a motion to adjourn. Charles Vandenplas seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM

About the CPD

The CPD was created by the Wisconsin Legislature, [WI State Statute 46.29](#), in 1989 and is administratively attached to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). We believe all people with physical disabilities should have the same choices and opportunities as everyone else in Wisconsin. To learn more about the specifics of our mission, visit: dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd.

Accessibility and Accommodations

If you need accommodations to participate, please contact [Angela Brenna](#) at 608-266-0128 or angelag.brenna@dhs.wisconsin.gov.