



## **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)**

### **Draft Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Friday, June 5, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

### **Meeting Participants**

#### **CPD Members Present**

Ben Barrett (Chair), Jackie Gordon (Secretary), Ramsey Lee, Artrell Mason, Charles Vandenplas, Julie Blasky,

#### **CPD Members Absent**

Jason Ostrowski (Vice Chair) and Karen Secor.

#### **DHS Staff**

Angela Brenna.

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- CPD Chair Ben Barrett called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

#### **2. Approve Today's Agenda**

- **Motion:** Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **3. Approve Past Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion:** Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the March 27, 2026, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **4. Public Comment (Time 11:20 AM to 11:30 AM)**

- No public comments were received regarding the State Plan on Physical Disabilities 2024–2027.

## 5. Inclusive/Long-Term Care Program Concerns (Public Comment Follow-up)

- The committee discussed written public comments received from Don Posh at the previous CPD Quarterly Meeting regarding ongoing concerns related to Inclusive/Family Care services and transportation. Don Posh also shared the comments as scanned handwritten documents and were not yet in an accessible format.
- **Action Item:** Angela will work on making the written public comments accessible before sharing.
- **Action Item:** Jackie will contact Board on Aging and Long Term Care to ask how best to address the Family Care/long-term care concerns and will report back.

## 6. Emergency Preparedness Outreach Discussion

- Self-Determination Conference Planning
  - Angela shared that the presentation proposal was not accepted. CPD members.
  - Ben shared that he, Karen Secor and Ramsey Lee will attend and have a table at the conference.
- Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV)
  - Charles shared that he plans to attend the upcoming DAV event in Green Bay. He will not be able to attend the October DAV event in La Crosse.
  - **Action Item:** Charles will send Angela information about the October DAV event.
  - **Action Item:** Angela will share the information with CPD members and DHS Staff support Zachary Davenport for emergency preparedness outreach planning.

## 7. ADILN Attendance Discussion

- The committee discussed attendance at the Aging, Disability, and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference that will be held September 21–23, 2026, at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells.

- Members discussed the value of the conference for networking with ADRCs, independent living centers, councils, committees, and other partners.
- Action Item: Angela will send conference information to CPD members and ask who is interested in attending so costs and available funding can be reviewed.

## **8. 2025–2026 Annual Report Progress and Member Assignments**

- The committee discussed progress on the 2025–2026 CPD Annual Report. Updates included:
  - Ben will work on the executive summary.
  - Jackie will review the work plan and help gather updates from members.
  - The goal is to have a near-final draft ready for the August quarterly meeting so CPD can vote on approval before submission.

## **9. United Councils Workgroup Updates and Follow-up**

- Angela shared that planning and approvals are still underway, and registration information will be shared once approvals are complete.

## **10. Legislative, Policy and Program Updates**

- **DVR Order of Selection/Funding**
  - Members discussed recent Joint Finance Committee action related to DVR funding. The funding approved may address part of the need but does not fully resolve the DVR waitlist issue.
- **Volunteer Driver Insurance Issues**
  - The committee discussed concerns that volunteer driver programs are being affected by increased insurance costs.
  - Members noted this may reduce transportation access, especially in rural areas.
  - **Action Item:** Angela will invite Bobbi Hegna from New Freedom Transportation, to provide more information at a future meeting.
- **A Week Without Driving (Oct 1-8, 2026)**
  - The committee discussed A Week Without Driving, scheduled for October 1–8, 2026. The campaign raises awareness about transportation barriers faced by non-drivers.

- **Action Item:** Angela will send additional information about A Week Without Driving for members to review and consider participation.

## **11. Social Media and Website Discussion**

- The committee briefly discussed using CPD's social media and website to share information about topics such as ABLE accounts, A Week Without Driving, and other council priorities.
- Because Jason Ostrowski was not present, the committee agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting.

## **12. Adjournment**

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn. Charles seconded the motion.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

### **Meeting Minutes Status**

Minutes were Prepared by DHS Staff Support, Angela Brenna on 6/5/26.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 9/4/26.

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