



COUNCIL ON  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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**Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)  
Quarterly Teleconference Meeting**

**Thursday, May 1, 2024**

**10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

**Action and Motion Items**

**A. Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice will be visiting WI in July. DHS Staff will share the updated scheduled of stops with CPD Members.
2. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will email information about the Notice of Proposed Rule Making by the Department of Transportation (DOT) on “Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers with Disabilities Using Wheelchairs” (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/DOT-OST-2022-0144-0225>). The rule is designed to address issues in the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA.) DHS Support staff will request comments from CPD to compile and submit.

**B. Motion Items**

1. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the May 1, 2024, Quarterly meeting agenda. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the January 5, 2024, Quarterly meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion II made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions, Ben Barrett, Chairperson**

**Council members present:** Ben Barrett; Jeff Fox; Karen Secor; Jackie Gordon; Gabriel Schlieve; Emma Thelke; Ramsey Lee; Charles Vandenplas; Jason Glozier, Stacy Ellingen, Jason Ostrowski and Artrell Mason.

**Council members absent (excused\*):** Ann Belisle; Colleen Larson Eva Kubinski\* and Roberto Escamilla II.

**Liaisons present:** Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation; Kristine Zukrow, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services; Elizabeth Watson, University of WI System; Nicholas Zouski, Department of Natural Resources and Wendy von Below, Department of Administration.

**Captioning Services:** Courtney Shaw.

**Interpreting Services:** Chantel Wiedmeyer and Carly Bieri.

**DHS Staff:** Zachary Davenport, Department of Health Services (DHS), and Angela Brenna, DHS, BADR.

## **II. Meeting Called to Order**

**Ben Barrett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.**

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716 and via Zoom: <https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/16117861716>.

## **III. Review and Approve May 1, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda**

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the May 1, 2024, Quarterly meeting agenda. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

## **IV. Review and Approve January 25, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

- Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the January 5, 2024, Quarterly meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

## **V. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024 (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/cpd-state-plan-2022-24.pdf>) or Issues Impacting People with Physical Disabilities (9:15 A.M.–9:25 A.M.)**

- No public comment received.

## **VI. Discuss Feedback from ADILN Preconference Engage for Change Council Meeting**

- Advocacy Issues and Collaboration Opportunities: CPD members shared feedback from the Preconference. Members discussed collaboration with the other 5 BADR, Office for Promotion of Independent Living (OPIL) councils.

## **VII. Discuss Feedback from ADILN Full Conference**

- CPD Members discussed their experience at the ADILN Conference. Ben Barrett shared that that Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice will be visiting WI in July. DHS Staff will share the updated scheduled of stops with CPD Members. See Action Item 1.

## VIII. CPD Liaison Updates

- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI)**
  - OCI is preparing for Open Enrollment and continue to support the Medicaid unwinding post pandemic efforts to maintain health coverage for Wisconsinites. They have a digital toolkit for partners that want to help spread the word about the unwinding. It can be found at <https://wiscovered.com/media-toolkit/>
- **Taqwanya Smith, Wisconsin Department of Transportation**
  - Public Comment was received for the 2023 ADA Transition Plan. DOT is reviewing comments. DOT is partnering with the Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) and Independence First to provide information in ASL.
- **Eva Kubinski, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction:**
  - No report received.
- **Kristine Zuckrow, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development:**
  - DVR is seeing an increase in referrals and applicants. Kristine Zuchrow shared quarterly reports on Consumers with physical disabilities receiving benefits counseling, rehabilitation technical services and training grants. DHS Support Staff shared reports via email with CPD prior to meeting. Kristine shared DWD hired Meredith Dressel for Central Management Team Administrator.
- **Jeremy Kaukl, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services:**
  - Shared that they are currently working on adopting the 2021 building codes from the ADA Guidelines for buildings and facilities covered under Title II.
- **Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System:**
  - No updates.
- **Nicholas Zouski, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:**
  - Shared that the Ramp for the Eagle Tower in Door County is complete. Eagle Tower has an 850 Feet accessible ramp. Nicolas Zouski shared information about:
  - The passage of Steve's Law which llows people to use state identification cards to verify residency using the DNR's GoWild system in the same way that those possessing drivers' licenses do.
  - [Open to the Outdoors, Wheelchair program.](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/openoutdoors/equipment#:~:text=Motorized%20Outdoor%20Wheelchairs&text=There%20are%20all%2Dterrain%20outdoor,can%20explore%20Wisconsin's%20beautiful%20outdoors.)  
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  - There is a waiting list to rent one of the 10 Accessible Cabins through DNR.

- **Dr. Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin System:**
  - Elizabeth Watson shared that the University of Wisconsin System is partnering with DWD/DVR to support community integrated employment services.
- Wendy von Below, Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Development
  - Wendy von Below introduced herself as the new liaison to CPD. She shared:
  - DOA serves people and other state agencies across the state. Our department has several key functions: we help the governor develop and implement the state budget, and we support other state agencies and their programs by offering services such as centralized purchasing and financial management. DOA is comprised of the following Divisions: Energy, Housing, and Community Resources; Enterprise Operations; Enterprise Technology; Executive Budget & Finance; Facilities & Transportation Services; Facilities Development; Gaming; Hearings and Appeals; Intergovernmental Relations; Legal Services; Personnel Management; WI State Capitol Polics; and STAR Program Office.
- **Jessica Trudell, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care:**
  - Jessica Trudell explained their Volunteer Ombudsman Program (VOP) is celebrating its 30th year of advocacy! The VOP's pilot into assisted living communities is well on its way!
  - **Jessica also stated that CPD may find the following Legislation to be of interest:**
  - The full Senate did not schedule a vote on the Patient's Representative/next of kin bill (SB 1027/AB 1088), and it adjourned its session. Bills that did not pass the full Senate cannot become law. Constituent calls helped inform Senators as they decided which bills to advance. Collective voices on this were important. We anticipate this will return next legislative session. More information and education are needed regarding legal decision-making, guardianship, and protective placement in order to ensure legislation is not passed which would violate rights.
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## **X. CPD Committee Updates**

- **Emergency Preparedness, Karen Secor**
  - Karen Secor provided updates on CPD Emergency Preparedness Toolkit distribution and multiple outreach events. Karen shared that the Committee continues to do outreach through presenting online and in-person and planning on having exhibit booths at conferences.
- **Housing, Jeff Fox**
  - Jeff Fox shared that he will be reaching out to other councils and committees to work on housing advocacy.
- **Employment and Health, Roberto Escamilla II:**
  - No report.
- **Transportation, Charles Vandenplas**
  - The Committee has invited Kyle Kleist, the Executive Director from the Center for Independent Living for Western WI to talk about the New Freedom Transportation Program, transportation legislation and other volunteer driver programs.
- **Long-Term Care Advisory, Stacy Ellingen**
  - Stacy Ellingen will provide an update at the next Employment and Health Committee meeting.

## **XI. Discuss 2024 Council Quarterly Meeting Dates and Locations**

- The CPD Members discussed the 2024 meeting dates and locations.

## **XII. Adjourn**

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.**

