



COUNCIL ON
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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**CPD Quarterly Hybrid Meeting Minutes
Center for Independent Living for Western WI, Menomonie, WI**

November 6 – November 7, 2024.

A. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ben Barrett, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM

Council Members Present: Ben Barrett; Jeff Fox; Karen Secor; Jackie Gordon; Ramsey Lee; Karen Secor, Charles Vandenplas; Stacy Ellingen, Jason Ostrowski, Jason Glozier and Artrell Mason.

Liaisons present: Taqwanya Smith, Jeremy Kaukl, Nicholas Zouski, Liza Morrow, and Paege Heckel

DHS Staff: Zachary Davenport, Jason Anderson, and Angela Brenna.

The meeting was held at Center for Independent Living for Western WI. It was also made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716 and via Zoom: <https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/16117861716>.

II. Review and Approve November 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Review and Approve the August Meeting Minutes

- Jeff Fox made a motion to approve the Minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. 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 (10:15 A.M.–10:25 A.M.)

- Jeff Fox, CPD Member, stated that there are continued issues with the services provided by WI Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) provider MTM. Jeff also stated that the transportation reimbursement mileage rate is too low.

- Ramsey Lee, CPD Member, shared information about contacts he made from Legal Action WI, and National Low Income Housing Coalition.

V. Discuss and Develop CPD Annual Report

- CPD Members Reviewed and Discussed the 2024 Annual Report. Members agreed that it should include:
 - Conferences, events, and meetings attended by members.
 - Policies commented on or reviewed during the year.
 - Plain language.
 - Emergency Preparedness Toolkits distribution, outreach, and activities.
 - Dan Johnson Award recipients and ceremony.
 - Committee Chairs write up a summary of actions, and goals (achieved, on-going.)
 - CPD discussed using an infographic format for the CPD Annual Reports. Members stressed the importance of making sure the reports is written in plain language and uses the most up to date accessibility guidelines.

VI. Approve CPD Issue Statements

- Members discussed issuing a statement of support for increasing the funding for the [Wisconsin Independent Living Centers](#). The Executive Committee shared the request from Jason Glozier, Executive Director, WI Coalition of Independent Living Centers. See attached.
- ***Jason Ostrowski made a motion to issue a statement of support to increase the baseline funding for the WI Independent Living Centers. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried.***
- Ramsey Lee shared information about the Wisconsin Statutes s.85.21/s.85.215 that provide funding for specialized transportation services across WI. The annual 85.21 allocation has not increased in the last five years. From 2000 to 2022 the 60+ population increased from 909,367 to 1,519,222, a 67% increase. This trend means that the demand for specialized transportation will continue to grow.
- ***Ramsey Lee made a motion to issue a statement of support to increase funding for specialized transportation services under the s.85.21/s.85.215 to ensure programs are not limiting or denying passenger rides to non-drivers in WI. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion Carried.***

VII. Working Lunch: CILWW Tour and Presentation

- Presentations on the New Freedom Transportation Program, by Bobbi Hegna; Personal Assistance Services Program, Samantha Lotts; and Independent Living Core Services and Programs, Amanda Miller and Ashley Lien.

VIII. Draft 2025-2027 State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities

- CPD members identified the following topics were priority to the success and overall health and wellbeing of people with physical disabilities:
 - Emergency Preparedness; Employment; Living Independently, which includes Housing and Long-Term Care Support and Transportation.
- A new focus on veterans' healthcare and ensuring inclusivity and accessibility in services was discussed as a potential addition to the work plan.
- The discussion focused on the need to educate legislators about the realities faced by people with disabilities and the importance of legislative advocacy. Members requested adding a spot for organizing training sessions, action days, and legislative breakfasts to engage with legislators and advocate for disability issues.
- The idea of collaborating with other councils and advocacy groups was discussed to strengthen their advocacy efforts. This would involve joint events and coordinated messaging to legislators.

IX. CPD Liaison Updates

- **Taqwanya Smith, Wisconsin Department of Transportation**
 - DOT is partnering with the Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) and Independence First to provide information in ASL.
 - There is a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) statewide initiative and transition plan to bring existing curb ramps on state facilities into compliance with standards outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- **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.
- **Paegge Heckel, Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Development**
 - Paegge Heckel introduced herself to the Council. She shared [Energy and Housing WI Resources](#).
- **Liza Morrow, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care:**
 - Liza Morrow shared an update. See attached.

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 most likely be stepping down soon.
- **Employment and Health**
 - The group discussed disbanding. They agreed to keep the group going, with Ramsey Lee and Artrell Mason sharing chairing duties of the future meetings.
- **Transportation, Charles Vandenplas**
 - No updates.

XI. Discuss 2025 Dan Johnson Award

- The members deliberated on the ongoing plans for the 2025 Dan Johnson Award. DHS Support and Ben Barrett will research and share past nomination applications

XII. Discuss Next Council Quarterly Meeting Dates and Locations

- The CPD Members discussed having the next meeting be in-person in Eau Claire area.

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- Members discussed and decided to have their next quarterly meeting on February 11, 2025, in Madison, the day before IL Days.

XIV. Adjourn

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.