



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

Friday, February 6, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

Prepared by: DHS Staff Support

Minutes Status: Draft.

These minutes will be presented for approval at the next CPD Quarterly Meeting.

Members Present: Stacy Ellingen, Julie Blasky, Ben Barrett, Ramsey Lee, Artrell Mason, Karen Secor, Jason Ostrowski, Jason Glozier, Charles Vandenplas, Jackie Gordon and Mackenzie Wann.

Members Absent: Tyler Williams.

Liaisons Present: Karen Preuss, Eva Kubinski, Jeremy Kaukl, and Taqwanya Smith.

Liaisons Absent: Liza Morrow, Sarah Smith, Colleen Larssen, and Elizabeth Watson.

Guests: Stephanie Waite.

Staff: Zachary Davenport and Angela Brenna,

ASL Interpreters: Nicole Keeler and Carly Bieri.

CART Captioning: Margo Lucas.

1. Call to Order

- CPD Chair Ben Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and conducted roll call.

2. Approve Today's Agenda

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the February 6, 2026, CPD meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approve Past Meeting Minutes

- Jason Ostrowski made a motion to approve December 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Jackie Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment (Time 10:20 AM to 10:30 AM)

- No public comment on the [State Plan on Physical Disabilities 2024-2027](#) was received.

5. CPD Liaison Updates

- Angela shared that she would reach out to the several liaisons who are absent from today's meeting.
- Jackie shared she serves on the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care and referenced recent board activity and planning work focused on anticipating future long-term care needs and planning proactively.
- **Karen Preuss, Department of Workforce Development (DWD)**
 - The waiting list for Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services remains in effect. DVR continues to:
 - Accept applications.
 - Determine eligibility within the standard 60-day timeframe.
 - Inform eligible applicants they will remain on the waiting list until activated.
 - No formal timeline for when activations will resume; Karen noted it may align with new funding and leadership's review of spending.
 - Student services / Pre-ETS: DVR is working to confirm students are Pre-ETS eligible so they can receive limited services while on the waiting list.
 - Data Shared DVR Program Year 2025
 - Nearly 20,000 individuals served.
 - Just over 3,700 on the waiting list.
 - Top disability groups (general caseload): mental illness, physical disabilities, autism.
 - High school caseload increased from 3,500 (PY24) to 3,500 (PY25)
 - ~1,500 individuals in training; 348 identify primary disability as physical disability.

- Successful closures: 2,127 so far (goal 3,200 by end of September); 327 closures identified as physical disability
 - Top service spending areas (as stated): Pre-ETS, training, job development, supported employment
- Taqwanya Smith, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
 - ADA Transition Plan: The team is beginning to review and respond to comments received last fall.
 - New intern from BPDD, Tyler Engel will be working through June and is focused on language access projects.
- Eva Kubinski, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)
 - See attached for updates.
- Jeremy Kaukl, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS)
 - DSPS will provide a code refresher training course in mid-February. Training will focus on newly adopted 2021 International Code Council (ICC) building codes. including adoption of ICC A117.1 (2017) accessibility standard.
 - Training to be provided by ICC instructor Kim Paarlberg (spelling uncertain).
 - DSPS anticipates questions from the design community after training.

6. CPD Annual Report: Planning, Assignments and Timeline

- Angela reviewed a draft timeline and proposed section ownership for the CPD annual report covering July 2025–June 30, 2026, due June 30 (as stated). Key proposed roles and due dates included:
 - Executive Summary / Chair message: Ben (draft target May 1)
 - Who We Are: Vice Chair Jason Ostrowski (draft target May 1)
 - Work Plan & Advocacy Highlights: Jackie (as Secretary; initial draft March 6, revisions/check-ins April 3, May 1, final review June 5)
 - Emergency Preparedness section: Karen Secor (final draft target May 1) with Zachary support
 - Evaluation criteria / evaluation section: determine criteria April 3, finalize by June 5 (format to be decided by CPD)

- Members discussed plan. Jackie emphasized the report should showcase successes and also note barriers/roadblocks; supported using graphics for readability and impact.
- **MOTION ITEM:** Jackie Gordon made a motion to adopt the Annual Report Timeline. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Emergency Preparedness Committee Updates, Karen Secor

- Karen Secor shared all the information what CPD Emergency Preparedness committee has participated in multiple events and conducted presentation training (see attached for additional information: Final Emergency Preparedness Grant Report 9-5-2025).
- Zachary shared that toolkit supplies are dwindling; encouraged awareness of funding/grant/partnership opportunities to support reprinting.
- Members discussed upcoming potential conferences/activities discussed (not finalized): booth and/or presentation at Self-Determination Conference (October); possible participation with DAV Auxiliary, caregiver conference, “Home for Everyone,” Disability Pride (Madison), etc.
- **MOTION ITEM:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to submit a workshop proposal focused on emergency preparedness content for the A Home for Everyone Conference. Jackie Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - Ramsey Lee, Ben Barrett and Jackie Gordon will draft and share with Zachary for feedback before submission.
 - Zachary to submit by February 26 (to meet the March 1 deadline)

8. GCPD United Councils Workgroup Updates

- Angela shared that United Councils is intended as an action-oriented space across councils supported by OPIL (currently), with possible expansion later.
- United Council members discussed advocacy methods: public comment, emails, legislative visits, and a July “Engaged for Change” style event with invited decision-makers.
- Angela shared a charter drafted by Jason Anderson (Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing chair) and encouraged members to review.

- CPD members raised concern that converting United Councils into a formal standing committee of GCPD could reduce nimbleness and increase Open Meetings Law constraints (“walking quorum” concerns).
- Angela noted the matter would be discussed at the GCPD Executive Committee and offered to send an invite so CPD members could raise concerns there.
- Angela also noted Ben Barrett and Ramsey Lee sit on the GCPD Executive Committee and could bring CPD perspectives forward.

9. GCPD Transportation Workgroup Updates, Ramsey Lee

- Ramsey Lee shared update from the Transportation Workgroup.

10. Advocacy Planning: ABLE Accounts for Wisconsin

- Artell shared that Wisconsin did not secure funding for DFI staffing to establish a WI ABLE program; residents can use other states’ ABLE programs. She noted that the eligibility age expansion started in 2026.
- Proposed outreach/education strategies: Use CPD channels (website/Facebook) to share updates and encourage sign-ups/awareness.
- Members will convene a workgroup to follow-up on proposed strategies, interested members: Stacy Ellingen, Jason Ostrowski, Artrell Mason, Julie Blasky, Ramsey Lee, Mackenzie Wann (and others if they opt in).

11. CPD State Plan Review and Discussion

- Members agreed they need time to review the state plan more deeply and return ready to discuss updates and revisions.
- Jason Glozer raised concerns that the plan underemphasizes DHS/health and long-term care challenges and encouraged a broader framing aligned with:
 - Public health commitment
 - Social model of disability
 - Cross-system planning (built environment, oversight, civil rights, program supports)
- ACTION ITEM:
 - Angela will send an email framing the state plan as “homework” and asking members to identify what should be added/removed/updated for next quarterly discussion.

12. Review Action Items from Meeting

- Home for Everyone Proposal Draft
 - Zachary, Ben, Ramsey and Jackie due by February 26 (to Zachary).
- ABLE Workgroup
 - Angela will send an email to interested members for availability and schedule the meeting.
- Annual report assignments
 - Members to draft sections aligned to timeline and bring updates to future meetings
- State plan review
 - All members to review and come prepared with recommendations; written feedback welcomed
- Liaison follow-ups
 - Angela to follow up with liaisons who were absent.

13. Adjournment

- Julie Blasky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mackenzie Wann seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Minutes were Prepared by DHS Staff Support, Angela Brenna on 2/6/26.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 5/29/2026.

CPD Contact Information:

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).

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