



COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Draft Minutes for CPD Quarterly Meeting

Friday, May 29, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: [Via Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716

Meeting Participants

CPD Members Present

Ben Barrett (Chair), Jason Ostrowski (Vice Chair), Jackie Gordon (Secretary), Ramsey Lee, Artrell Mason, Karen Secor, Charles Vandenplas, Stacy Ellingen, and Mackenzie Wann.

CPD Members Absent

Tyler Williams, Julie Blasky, and Jason Glozier.

CPD Liaisons Present

Eva Kubinski (DPI), Jeremy Kaukl (DSPS), and Taqwanya Smith (WisDOT), Liza Morrow (BOALTC), and Sarah Smith (OCI).

CPD Liaisons Absent

Karen Preuss (DWD), Nicholas Zouski (DNR), Paige Heckel (DOA), Colleen Larsen (WI Technical College System), and Elizabeth Watson (Universities of Wisconsin).

Guest/s

Don Posh (Indigo).

DHS Staff

Angela Brenna.

CART Captioning

Margo Lucas.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- CPD Chair Ben Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and conducted roll call.

2. Approve Today's Agenda

- Jason Ostrowski made a motion to approve the May 29, 2026, CPD meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of February 6, 2026

- Artrell Mason noted two corrections:
 - A DVR number appeared incorrectly.
 - Artrell name was misspelled on page 4.
- Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the February 6, 2026, meeting minutes with corrections. Karen Secor seconded. Motion carried.

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

- Don Posh shared public comment about concerns from consumers receiving long-term care services through Includa. Concerns included delays in services, difficulty getting responses from care managers, transportation problems, and concerns about possible issues with ride scheduling.
- CPD members discussed adding this topic to a future agenda so the council can follow up appropriately. Don agreed to provide written information for the council.

5. CPD Liaison Updates

- **Nicholas Zouski, Department of Natural Resources**
 - No Update (not present).
- **Karen Preuss, Department of Workforce Development (DWD)**
 - Karen provided a written report prior to the meeting about Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services. Angela Brenna read the DVR update. Refer to report. (Karen not present)
- **Liza Morrow, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care**

- Liza Morrow shared an overview of the Board's services, including the Ombudsman Program, Medigap Helpline, and Part B Helpline.
 - Liza reported they are operating below national standards due to the lack of budget to have the number of Ombudsmen to fully service the number of state facilities.
 - In 2025, the program received 3,431 complaints. Top complaint areas included care, autonomy/choice/rights, outside agencies, admission/transfer/discharge, and facility policies.
 - Liza will follow up with additional information requested by members.
- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance**
 - No update to report.
 - **Taqwanya Smith, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)**
 - No update to report.
 - **Eva Kubinski, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)**
 - Eva shared a written update that was shared during the meeting. Refer to report.
 - Eva also shared information about DPI's Portrait of a Graduate project and encouraged council members to provide input. She also reported that DPI is working on website and document accessibility and is seeing an increase in special education complaint investigations.
 - **Jeremy Kaukl, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS)**
 - No update to report.
 - **Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System**
 - No Update (not present).
 - **Elizabeth Watson, Universities of Wisconsin**
 - No Update (not present).

6. United Councils Workgroup Update

- Angela Brenna provided an update on the United Councils Engage for Change event, scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Monona Terrace in Madison. Lodging will be available at Hilton Monona Terrace.
- Angela also shared that an ethics, lobbying, and advocacy training will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 2:00 to 2:50 PM. Members should let Angela know if they cannot attend but would like another training opportunity.
- **MOTION ITEM:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to allow CPD members to attend Engage for Change and the related GCPD meeting the day before. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. ABLE Accounts for Wisconsin Workgroup Updates

- Artrell Mason reported that the ABLE workgroup held its first meeting. The group discussed how CPD can help the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions share information about ABLE accounts, especially because eligibility has expanded. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2026.

8. Emergency Preparedness Committee Updates, Karen Secor

- Karen Secor s Karen Secor reported that she and Zachary Davenport worked on the emergency preparedness annual report section. She discussed the need for more outreach to people with different disabilities and more emergency preparedness information for people who travel or commute.
- Charles shared information about the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) conference in June and a fall conference in October. Karen will send remaining emergency preparedness materials for the June event.
- Jackie Gordon shared plans for the Regional Caregiver Conference in New Richmond and discussed using a handout that directs people to CPD emergency preparedness resources online.
- Ben Barrett shared information about the “Right to Be Rescued” video, which may be used as an educational resource. He will send the video to Angela to distribute to members.

9. Review and Vote on 2024-2025 CPD Annual Report

- Members reviewed the draft 2024–2025 CPD Annual Report.

- Ramsey Lee shared positive feedback about the report and its accessibility with JAWS.
- **MOTION ITEM:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the 2024–2025 CPD Annual Report. Mackenzie Wann seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The approved report will be submitted and posted on the CPD website.

10. 2025-2026 CPD Annual Report Planning

- Angela Brenna reviewed the draft sections and assignments for the 2025–2026 CPD Annual Report. Sections already started include:
 - Who We Are
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - ABLE Accounts
 - Work Plan and Advocacy Highlights
- Ben Barrett will draft a chair letter or executive summary.
- Jackie Gordon and the Executive Committee will help review work plan progress and advocacy highlights.

11. Reviewed Action Items from Meeting as Follows:

- Angela will follow up with Don Posh to request written public comment and additional consumer information.
- Angela will try to add the Inclusa/long-term care concern to the next CPD Executive Committee agenda, if possible.
- Angela will look into who CPD should connect with regarding Inclusa and long-term care concerns.
- Angela will share the DHS State Health Improvement Plan with CPD members as Ramsey Lee requested.
- Angela will look into scheduling a Medicaid Purchase Plan update for a future meeting.
- Angela will submit and post the approved 2024–2025 CPD Annual Report.
- Angela will follow up with absent agency liaisons for updates.
- Angela and Jackie will follow up with Liza Morrow about additional Board on Aging and Long Term Care information and a possible future presentation.
- Angela will resend Engage for Change save-the-date information.

- Angela will send information about the GCPD meeting scheduled for the day before Engage for Change.
- Angela will resend the ethics, lobbying, and advocacy training information.
- Angela will follow up with Zachary Davenport about scheduling or adding emergency preparedness discussion to a future meeting.
- Ben Barrett will share the “Right to Be Rescued” video link.

12. Adjournment

- Jason Ostrowski made a motion to adjourn. Artrell Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Meeting Minutes Status

Minutes were Prepared by DHS Staff Support, Angela Brenna on 5/29/2026.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 08/07/2026.

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). To learn more about CPD, visit: dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd

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