# Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes

**Friday, September 18, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 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, Karen Secor, Jason Glozier, Charles Vandenplas, Sydney Zimmerman, Allen Houston and Mackenzie Wann.

**CPD Members Absent:** Tyler Williams , and Julie Blasky.

**CPD Liaisons Present:** No CPD liaisons were present.

**DHS Staff:** Angela Brenna, Zachary Davenport, and Lisa Sobczyk.

**CART Captioning:** Margo Lucas.

## Opening Business

### Call to Order

CPD Chair Ben Barrett called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Members and staff introduced themselves, including new members Sydney Zimmerman and Allen Houston.

### Agenda

Jason Glozier made a motion to approve the CPD meeting agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Minutes from May 29, 2026

Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the May 29, 2026, CPD meeting minutes. Jason Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Public Comment (Time 1:15)

No public comment was received.

## CPD Liaison Updates

- **Taqwanya Smith, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)**
    - Provided a written report shared prior to the meeting sharing information about the 2026 ADA transition plan and accessible safety rest area improvements, including adult changing stations. Julie Blasky attended a rest area event on CPD's behalf.
- **Karen Preuss, Department of Workforce Development (DWD)**
    - Karen provided a written report prior to the meeting about Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services. DVR reported that all category 1 cases on its waiting list had been activated; activation of category 2 cases was scheduled to begin October 1. DVR projected clearing the waiting list by June 30, 2027. Members were referred to the written report for detailed figures.
- **Liza Morrow, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care**
    - Liza submitted a written report. Jackie Gordon noted a recent board meeting and said she would provide further highlights later.
- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance**
    - Angela will seek clarification with the office about status of CPD liaison after an email was returned undeliverable.
- **Elizabeth Watson, Universities of Wisconsin**
    - Reported there are no new updates.
- The following members were not present and did not provide updates: Nicholas Zouski, Department of Natural Resources; Eva Kubinski, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI); Jeremy Kaukl, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS); and Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System.

## Engage for Change Discussion and Follow-up

- Members discussed topics that came up at Engage for Change including accessible transportation, the direct care workforce, accessible housing, long-term care and community living options.
- Members discussed ways to continue discussions with DHS leadership after the August event.
- **Motion:** Ramsey Lee moved to invite Karen Odegaard of the DHS Office of the Secretary to a future CPD meeting to report on how DHS leadership plans to address challenges identified at Engage for Change and discuss

possible solutions and collaboration with CPD. Allen Houston seconded. Motion carried.

- **Motion:** Ramsey Lee moved to invite Gynger Steele of the Division of Care and Treatment Services to explain the Client Rights Office, its work with community-based service providers and it's relevance to people with disabilities. Allen Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## United Councils Workgroup Update

- Members discussed federal Olmstead enforcement concerns and state community integration protections. Jason Glozier offered to share draft materials comparing state approaches with CPD and the United Councils Workgroup.
- Lisa Sobczyk reported that DHS staff are gathering disability community feedback for FEMA and Wisconsin Emergency Management on accessible emergency warnings and unmet needs after disasters. Members were asked to send suggestions to Zachary Davenport and Lisa Sobczyk for compilation by the end of September.

## ABLE Accounts for Wisconsin Workgroup Updates

- Members discussed expanded ABLE account eligibility, public awareness, and questions about qualified disability expenses and the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) role.
- **Action item:** Mackenzie Wann will contact Artrell Mason to discuss workgroup schedule and update. Angela will reconnect Mackenzie and Jason Ostrowski with DFI.
- **Motion:** Jason Ostrowski moved to invite DFI representative Jessica Wetzel to a future meeting to explain Wisconsin's ABLE outreach and answer members' questions. Mackenzie Wann seconded. Motion carried.

## Emergency Preparedness Committee Updates, Karen Secor

- Karen Secor described upcoming outreach and the availability of toolkit materials online while printed English copies are unavailable.
- Charles Vandenplas asked whether another member could staff a CPD table at the Disabled American Veterans conference in La Crosse on October 30. He will send the event details to Angela Brenna, who send email to members.
- Members discussed emergency response exercises and evacuation plans for people who cannot use stairs. The Emergency Preparedness Committee

will take up building evacuation planning at its next meeting. Angela will let Zach know to add it to the agenda.

- Jackie Gordon will report after the upcoming caregiver conference in New Richmond.

## Discuss and Review the 2025-2026 Annual Report

- Members discussed the draft report to the Legislature and suggested adding clearer recommendations, examples of impact, and plain language that explains CPD's value to lawmakers.
- **Action Items:**
    - Members will review the draft and provide written feedback or stories.
    - Jackie Gordon will resend her previously submitted introduction to Angela.
    - The Executive Committee will continue its review at its next
    - meeting.

## Discuss Dan Johnson Awards

- Members discussed reopening public nominations, restoring the nomination criteria and accessible application to the CPD website, and forming a workgroup to review nominations and plan the awards ceremony.
- Angela will seek workgroup volunteers and circulate nomination information. Members considered presenting the award at an existing event in the future.

## Adjournment

- Jason Ostrowski made a motion to adjourn. Mackenzie  seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes Status**

Minutes were Prepared by DHS Staff Support, Angela Brenna **on 9/21/26.**
These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body **on: 11/06/26.**
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