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## Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Teleconference Full Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

**APPROVED AS AMENDED 04/28/2022.**

### Action and Motion Items

#### A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** The Emergency Preparedness Committee will decide if the *Know Your Rights and Health Care* and the *Americans with Disabilities Act* handouts should be included in the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit at the next Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting on March 9, 2022.
- 2. Action Item:** The Council will further review AB709, Universal Changing Stations, in consultation with Liaison and external stakeholders, to include public comments on AB709, and Universal Changing Station needs.
- 3. Action Item:** The Executive Committee will draft letter with recommendations related to universally designed bathrooms as defined in Assembly Bill 709 (AB 709) to the bill's authors.
- 4. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send a revised draft of the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities, 2022-2024, based on revisions the Council requested related to data and priority areas.

#### B. Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the February Full Council Special Meeting agenda. Michael Conley-Kuhagen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the January quarterly meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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3. **Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to continue CPD State Plan additions and Revisions as presented by the State Plan Committee. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to draft a letter with recommendations related to universally designed bathrooms as defined in Assembly Bill 709 (AB 709) to the bill's authors. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### C. Meeting Minutes

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

**Council members present:** Ben Barrett; Jeff Fox; Charles Vandenplas; Karen Secor; Roberto Escamilla II; Jackie Gordon; Michael Conley-Kuhagen; Gabriel Schlieve; and Nicole Herda.

**Council members absent (excused\*):** Artrell Mason.

**Liaisons present:** Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services; Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development; Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation.

**Liaisons absent (excused\*):** Nicholas Zouski, Department of Natural Resources; Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System; Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction\*; Heather Bruemmer, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care\*; Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance; and Dr. Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater\*.

**Guests:** Not applicable.

**Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas.

**DHS staff support present:** Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Ashley Walker DHS, BADR; Karen Potnek, BADR, DHS; and Mikael Snitker, BADR, DHS.



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

**Ben Barrett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.**

The meeting was available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 161 076 2987 and via [Zoom](#).

## **III. Review and Approve February Special Meeting Agenda**

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the February Full Council Special Meeting agenda. Michael Conley-Kuhagen seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

## **IV. Review and Approve January Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the January quarterly meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

## **V. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities, 2019-2021**

- Jackie Gordon raised the issue of readily available assistive technology health care products, communication services in hospital (e.g., call buttons), and people not being allowed to bring personal disability-related items and medical devices into hospital, as hospitals not universally designed. Further discussion was had on filing complaint and contacting ethics panel with hospital.
  - Discussion was had about whether some the Emergency Preparedness Communication Folder Tools would have been helpful in this situation.
    - The Emergency Preparedness Committee will decide if the Know Your Rights and Health Care and the Americans with Disabilities Act handouts should be included in the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit at the next Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting on March 9, 2022. See Action Item 1.



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## **VI. Discuss Medical Ethics in Healthcare for People with Disabilities**

- As healthcare resources are stretched to capacity, healthcare rationing related to people with disabilities, remains a concern. The topic of medical ethics for people with disabilities will be sent to the CPD State Plan committee to review the topic for potential 2022-2024 State Plan revisions.
- Discussion about making recommendations in the State Plan rather than having priority areas was had. This would provide the Council flexibility to address the changing disability landscape, as was evidenced during pandemic and shifting needs, under the State Plan.

## **VII. Discuss 2021 Assembly Bill 709 (AB709) which requires single-occupant restroom with universal changing station for use by person with disability**

- Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services Liaison, presented details of AB709 to Council members for discussion.
- Discussion was had by the full Council and included:
  - Support for universal changing stations through Administrative Code as technology and disability-community needs change more readily than statute changes and to ensure that Universal Changing Stations are consistent with current, and future building code(s).
  - Include Hoyer Lift in Universal Changing Station area to assist with transfers.
  - Examples of ineffective and problematic changing stations were provided, inconsistent with International Building Code (IBC).
    - The Council will further review AB709, Universal Changing Stations, in consultation with Liaison and external stakeholders, to include public comments on AB709, and Universal Changing Station needs. See Action Item 2 and 3.



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- Jeff Fox made a motion to draft a letter with recommendations related to universally designed bathrooms as defined in Assembly Bill 709 (AB 709 to the bill's authors. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion, with reservation. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

## VIII. CPD Committee Updates

- **Emergency Preparedness Committee**
  - Karen Secor, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair provided updates regarding fillable Emergency Communications forms, survey data, and Emergency Preparedness Toolkit distribution.
  - Charles Vandenplas provided updates for Toolkit promotion and distribution at Disabled American Veterans (DAV) annual event scheduled for June 9-11, 2022.
- **State Plan Committee**
  - State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities, 2022-2024 revisions were discussed and the need to add accessible healthcare services and medical ethics, during time of healthcare rationing and system stresses of pandemic, to the state plan. See Motion Item 3 and Action Item 4.
- **Executive Committee**
  - Ensure the Council and Executive Committee continues to address the use of plain language in Council documents to ensure understanding and get information out to a greater general audience for consumption.

## IX. Discuss CPD Membership and Outreach Strategies

- Membership recruitment and outreach efforts continue, with potential members being asked to attend a Council meeting, and if still interested apply to serve via Governor's Evers website.



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## **X. Adjourn**

- Jeff Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

**The Council meeting adjourned at 11:58 A.M.**