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

**Thursday, April 28, 2022  
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

**APPROVED 07/28/2022.**

**Action and Motion Items**

**A. Action Items**

- 1. Action Item:** The CPD Executive Committee will review and discuss Dan Johnson Advocacy Awards for former members and liaisons John Meisner, and Heather Breummer.
- 2. Action Item:** The CPD will discuss 2022-2024 State Plan revisions and strategy areas in the revisions.
- 3. Action Item:** CPD members can request, and were provided information for accessing Reinventing Organizations related to 2022-2024 State Plan revisions and specific strategy areas.
- 4. Action Item:** DHS support staff will distribute accommodation, vendor, and travel documents/forms for processing for July, 2022 in-person/hybrid meeting.
- 5. Action Item:** CPD Executive Committee will discuss meeting locations and decide on location for July 28, 2022 meeting, to include hybrid option.

**B. Motion Items**

- 1. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the CPD April Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Nicole Herda seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the corrected February Special Full Council Meeting Minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Michael Conley-Kuhagen made a motion to revise the 2022-2024 State Plan. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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4. **Motion Item:** Nicole Herda 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; Artrell Mason; Jeff Fox; Charles Vandenplas; Karen Secor; Roberto Escamilla II; Jackie Gordon; Gabriel Schlieve; Michael Conley-Kuhagen; Nicole Herda.

**Council members absent (excused\*):** \*Noah Roberts

**Liaisons present:** Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation; Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development.

**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; \* Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services; Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater; Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

**Guests:** Courtney Brightharp, Journey of Collaboration (JOFC); Chris Reyes (JOFC, UW Department of Pediatrics); Jaleel Jefferson (JOFC, SC Dept. of Health); Will Hopkins; Jennifer Hoege, Services Manager (public member).

**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; and Mikael Snitker, DHS, BADR.



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

**Ben Barrett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.**

The meeting was available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 161 338 9219 and via [Zoom](#).

## **III. Review and Approve April Quarterly Meeting Agenda**

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the CPD April Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Nicole Herda seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

## **IV. Review and Approve February CPD Special Full Council Meeting Minutes**

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the Special Full Council Meeting Minutes, with amendments in re: AB709, and his prior motion was corrected to read 'with reservation'. Item corrected by DHS staff. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

## **V. Public Comment on the [State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2019-2021](https://cpd.wisconsin.gov/pdffiles/stateplan2019-21.pdf) (<https://cpd.wisconsin.gov/pdffiles/stateplan2019-21.pdf>) or Issues Impacting People with Physical Disabilities (9:10 A.M.–9:20 A.M.)**

- No public comment was received on this topic.

## **VI. Discussion on Revising the CPD State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024 and Related Action Steps**

- Review CPD State Plan Revisions PowerPoint. CPD gathered information regarding 2022-2024 State Plan revisions in light of information presented by DHS staff Lisa Sobczyk regarding organizational development, and Council role, mission, and purpose. The discussion included a focus on 2022-2024 State Plan Strategies more broadly as disability needs shifted rapidly during the pandemic, which the State Plan should reflect.
- Some Council members expressed interest in the information presented on Reinventing Organizations text and obtaining copies of the book to help with the State Plan revisions. See Action Item 3.



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- Michael Conley-Kuhagen made a motion to revise the 2022-2024 State Plan. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

#### **VII. Discussion on When to Return to In-Person Meetings 2022-2023**

- The Council discussed meeting options and potential locations for the July 28, 2022 Full Council Meeting. Location options discussed included hotels and community organizations, with discussion about ensuring accessibility, and other needs such as broadband in order to conduct hybrid meetings, multiple meeting rooms, co-location to hotel room for Council members who need to have ready access for self-care due to disability.
- Concerns about transportation, accessibility, and lodging, and hybrid options were discussed by the Council and DHS Staff. Physical limitations of some sites would rule them out, such as not having enough meeting space, limited broadband.
- DHS Staff will distribute to Council members via email travel, lodging, and disability accommodation forms for July 28, 2022 meeting. See Action Item 4.
- CPD Executive Committee will discuss location possibilities and make decision on location for July Full Council meeting. See Action Item 5.
- Gabriel Schlieve made a motion to return to in-person meetings while expressing reservation and concern regarding travel for some Council members and the need for hybrid meetings to account for all members. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

#### **VIII. CPD Committee Updates**

- Emergency Preparedness, Karen Secor
  - Report on Emergency Preparedness Grant 2021



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- Employment and Health, Roberto Escamilla II

## Report on Employment Data and Survey Next Steps

### IX. CPD Liaison Updates

- Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation (DOT) provided updates on the Milwaukee Intermodal Station and Milwaukee Airport Rail Station (MIS and MARS):

#### **Milwaukee Intermodal Station**

- The Milwaukee Intermodal Station (MIS) serves as the "gateway" to downtown Milwaukee. More than 2.5 million passengers per year use the facility to make connections to the Amtrak Hiawatha Service and Amtrak Empire Builder as well as to Greyhound and other local and regional bus services.
- The Amtrak Empire Builder is a long-distance passenger train that operates daily between Chicago, Illinois and either Seattle, Washington or Portland, Oregon. It is Amtrak's 18th-busiest station nationwide, and the second busiest in the Midwest, behind only Chicago Union Station.
- The facility offers a variety of amenities, including food service through the All-Aboard Café, Travel Mart, and vending machines, as well as an ATM, free Wi-Fi for waiting passengers, Share-ride BublR Bikes stations, and a convenient passenger drop-off lane in the front of the building.
- The passenger concourse was renovated in 2016 to provide easy access for all. Passengers can access any of the three platforms using stairs, escalators or elevators to use the mezzanine to access other platforms. MIS also features the first U.S. state-of-the-art platform hearing loop technology to assist those with hearing loss.

#### **Milwaukee Airport Rail Station**

- WisDOT is making improvements to the Milwaukee Airport Rail Station under a 2017 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant.
- The Milwaukee Airport Railroad Station (MARS) is a passenger rail station serving the state-supported Amtrak Hiawatha Service. MARS serves rail passengers connecting to flights at General Mitchell International Airport,



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- along with rail-only passengers utilizing the Amtrak Hiawatha Service. The Amtrak Hiawatha Service offers seven round trips per day between Chicago Union Station and the Milwaukee Intermodal Station, with two additional intermediate stops at Glenview, Illinois and Sturtevant, Wisconsin.
- The heated facility includes restrooms, vending, and a seating area. Covered walkways lead from the drive-up area and the single passenger boarding/deboarding platform on the east side adjacent to the station. A shuttle meets each train to provide free transport to and from the airport.
  - Current project improvements are in final design with construction start anticipated in the Fall of 2022. These improvements will include:
    - Improving passenger safety, ADA access, travel time reliability and performance, and reducing delays. It will also prepare the corridor for future passenger rail service expansion.
    - A new 800-foot-long concrete platform with a 500' canopy, west of the existing tracks.
    - Elevator towers on the east and west sides of the tracks connect an 81' by 12' wide overhead pedestrian bridge that connects the two platforms.
    - The east tower will be connected to the existing station building and walkway.
    - Improved accessible parking will be included at the facility.
  - Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development, full report deferred due to time limitations.
    - Report deferred due to time constraints.

#### **X. Discuss Council Membership Updates**

- The Council discussed current and upcoming vacancies and recruitment strategies, to include developing an outreach flier.

#### **XI. Adjourn**

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

**The Council adjourned at 11:29 AM for closed session as posted on the CPD Agenda.**