



COUNCIL ON  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

**Approved July 27, 2023**

**Action and Motion Items**

**A. Action Items**

- 1. Action Item:** Council members will send out Dan Johnson Advocacy Award Press Release and Nomination Application to their networks to solicit nominations.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS support staff will email out the link to the application to serve on CPD to full membership.

**B. Motion Items**

- 1. Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the April 20, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the January 26, 2023, Quarterly meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions, Jeff Fox, Vice Chairperson**

**Council members present:** Ben Barrett; Jeff Fox; Karen Secor; Roberto Escamilla II; Jackie Gordon; Gabriel Schlieve; Nicole Herda; Ramsey Lee; Charles Vandenplas; and Jason Glozier.

**Council members absent (excused\*):** Ann Belisle; \*Artrell Mason; and \*Michael Conley-Kuhagen.



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**Liaisons present:** Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation; Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services; and Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

**Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas

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

## II. Meeting Called to Order

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

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 160 310 8879 and via [Zoom](#).

## III. Review and Approve April 20, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to approve the April 20, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

## IV. Review and Approve January 26, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the January 26, 2023, Quarterly meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

## V. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024 (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/cpd-state-plan-2022-24.pdf>) or Issues Impacting People with Physical Disabilities (9:15 A.M.–9:25 A.M.)

- No public comment received.

## VI. Update on Dan Johnson Advocacy Award

- The Council discussed the award nominations being extended until the end of April and having the award event during the October 26, 2023, CPD Quarterly meeting luncheon.



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## VII. CPD Liaison Updates

- **Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation (DOT) Liaison:** The Wisconsin Department of Transportation formed the Wisconsin Non-Driver Advisory Committee in Spring 2020 as an advisory forum to discuss transportation mobility, safety, and access for Wisconsin's non-driving populations. Among these groups are people who do not drive due to physical, mental or developmental disabilities, age, financial constraints, or choice. This diverse committee identifies transportation barriers for non-drivers and develops recommendations to reduce these challenges and improve mobility for all travelers in Wisconsin. The committee membership is comprised of government, stakeholder. For more information on the committee, please visit the WINDAC website at <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/who-we-are/committees/windac.aspx>.
- **Jeremy Kaukl, Department of Safety and Professional Services Liaison:** Nothing to report.
- **Kristine Zukrow, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Liaison:** DVR is continuing to focus on outreach and engagement of future and current consumers. Has increased the training grant funding to \$6,000.00 annually for UNMET need beginning in Fall 2023. Is continuing to enroll more individuals in our CPA grant. DVR will cover all unmet need costs for training grants for those eligible for CPA grant
- **Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical College System:** No report.
- **Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction:** No report.
- **Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater:** No report.
- **Sarah Smith, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance:** Last week OCI held two listening sessions related to proposed CMO transactions and received a lot of public comments. We also accepted written comment which closed on Monday earlier this week. The comments received have



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been reviewed by the team at OCI as they consider the filing we've received. Additionally, we continue to work with the OCI DHS Health Care Coverage Partnership stakeholders to expand health care coverage access and share information with the public regarding the PHE unwinding to prevent coverage gaps.

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

- ***Emergency Preparedness***
  - Karen Secor, Chair, provided updates on CPD Emergency Preparedness Toolkit distribution and multiple outreach events. Continues to do outreach through presenting online and in-person and planning on having exhibit booths at conferences. The next meeting will be May 10, 2023.
- ***Housing***
  - Jeff Fox, Chair, the Committee met on March 20, 2023, and will continue to meet bi-monthly and work on strategies and goals linked to the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan.
- ***Transportation***
  - Charles Vandenplas, Chair, reported that the Committee met on March 9, 2023, and will continue to meet bi-monthly and work on strategies and goals linked to the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan.
- ***Employment and Health***
  - Roberto Escamilla II, Chair, reported that the Committee met on March 14, 2023, and will continue to meet bi-monthly and work on strategies and goals linked to the 2022-2024 CPD Work Plan.
- ***Executive Committee***
  - Ben Barrett, Chair, reported that the Executive Committee met on April 3, 2023. It was agreed to move the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award forward with extending the deadline for nominations and focus on pushing out the information to more networks.



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## **IX. Wisconsin State Budget Legislative Initiatives**

- The Council discussed that the proposed Independent Living funding increase (SB71) is moving forward and two initiatives in the state budget for Office for the Promotion of Independent Living (OPIL):
  - Wistech funding increase of funds with two new hires,
  - Telecommunication funding increase and,
  - OPIL funding to hire rehab specialists for low vision/blindness.

## **X. Discuss Membership and Recruitment**

- The council discussed having two vacancies for membership and doing outreach with networks to try to recruit.
  - DHS support staff will email out the link to the application to serve on CPD to full membership. See Action Item 2.

## **XI. Discuss 2023 CPD Quarterly Meeting Schedule, Virtual or Hybrid Option**

- The Council discussed and agreed upon having the next two Quarterly meetings in-person:
  - July 27, 2023, from 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM in Steven's Point area
  - October 26, 2023, from 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM in Madison area

## **XII. Adjourn**

- Roberto Escamilla II made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.**