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# Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) State Plan Committee Meeting

Friday, September 4, 2020 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

### **APPROVED 10-26-20.**

### State Plan Committee Action and Motion Items

#### A. State Plan Committee Action Items

**1. Action Item:** DHS support staff will determine meeting dates/times for the remainder of the State Plan Committee meetings, as decided by CPD committee member availability.

#### B. State Plan Committee Motion Items

- **1. Motion Item:** Karen Secor made a motion to approve the September 4, 2020 State Plan Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **2. Motion Item:** Jeff Fox made a motion to keep the Work Plan separate from the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **3. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### C. State Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Kathy Johnson, Chairperson, State Plan Committee

**State plan committee members present:** Kathy Johnson; Karen Secor; Jeff Fox; Gabriel Schlieve; and Ben Barrett.

State plan committee members absent (excused\*): None.

**Council Members and Liaisons present:** Jason Ostrowski, Chair, Council on Physical Disabilities and Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin System Liaison, Council on Physical Disabilities.

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



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# II. Kathy Johnson, Chairperson, State Plan Committee called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 971 5831 4025 and via Zoom.

### III. Review and Approve September 4, 2020 State Plan Committee Meeting Agenda

• Karen Secor made a motion to approve the September 4, 2020 State Plan Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

# IV. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities, 2019 to 2021

No public comment was received.

# V. Define and Discuss CPD Work Plan and Integration into CPD State Plan, 2022 to 2024

- State Plan Committee members discussed the work plan and whether or not it should be incorporated into the State Plan.
- Jeff Fox made a motion to keep the Work Plan separate from the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

### VI. Review and Discuss Results from Request Sent to CPD Members for Input

- Review and Discuss Input Received from CPD Members
  - The State Plan Committee discussed the feedback Karen Secor submitted related to Emergency Preparedness and decided it best fits within the work plan.
- Request and Discuss Additional Ideas, Topics, or Areas of Focus from CPD Members
  - The State Plan Committee discussed additional ideas and topics including:
    - Voting Accessibility and Desire to Vote
      - Jason Ostrowski stated a lot of groups are working on this issue so CPD should support those groups' initiatives rather than including it in the state plan.



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- The State Plan Committee discussed possibly having Disability Rights Wisconsin and the Independent Living Centers come to a future State Plan Committee meeting to discuss how they are working on voting issues.
- The State Plan Committee also discussed accessibility of voting locations.
  - Gabriel Schlieve stated he has worked at three voting locations in Eau Claire as a poll worker and accessibility has not been an issue.
- Ombudsman and need for nursing home reform so people are not forced to remain institutionalized.
- More work opportunities for people with disabilities as a result of COVID if they have proper accommodations, access to internet, and income does not cause them to lose needed long-term care support.
- Accommodations being denied to people with disabilities in emergency rooms and health care settings as a result of the pandemic.
- Education and students with disabilities not having access to accommodations and resources during the pandemic in remote/virtual learning environment.
  - The State Plan Committee stated that the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities should be the lead on these issues as they have several parents of children with disabilities and they have council representatives from several Governor appointed disability councils/committees which can discuss this issue in detail.
  - The State Plan Committee also discussed that the Department of Public Instruction liaison to CPD could provide updates to CPD on these issues at quarterly meetings.

### VII. Review Current CPD State Plan 2019 to 2021

- The State Plan Committee discussed current priority areas; they are not in order of priority.
- The State Plan Committee discussed although housing, employment, and transportation are vital for people with physical disabilities CPD has not completed work in these areas due to CPD's member vacancies.



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- Discussion was had that housing, transportation, and long-term care could be classified under a broader category such as Living Independently and Choice.
- The State Plan Committee also discussed possibly assigning a CPD member to follow and share issues with CPD related to identified priority areas.

#### VIII. Create Outline for CPD State Plan 2022 – 2024

- Determine Sections for State Plan 2022 2024
  - Living Independently
    - Nursing Home Reform/Olmstead Education/Nursing Home Ombudsman
    - Accessible Housing
    - Long-Term Care Support
  - Employment
    - Medicaid Assistance Purchase Program (MAPP)
    - Possible need for reviving Community Options Program or a program which allows people with disabilities to earn more income
    - Able Accounts
  - Emergency Preparedness
    - Education/awareness on people with disabilities being denied accommodations in health care settings/people's rights in health care setting
    - A person with a physical disability serving on advisory board during state emergency operations
  - Transportation
    - CPD Participation on Wisconsin Non-Drivers Advisory Committee (WiNDAC)
    - Submit public comment on Department of Transportation's American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) plan



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The State Plan Committee discussed a framework for priority areas to be included in the 2022 – 2024 State Plan. The State Plan Committee agreed the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted long-standing systemic issues for people with physical disabilities, but has also created opportunities to address some of these issues for people with disabilities.

### Assign Sections of State Plan 2022-2024

 The State Plan Committee deferred this agenda item to the next meeting of the committee.

### IX. Schedule Additional CPD State Plan Committee Meeting Dates

- The State Plan Committee decided they need additional meetings to complete a draft of the State Plan by CPD's January 2021 quarterly meeting. A proposed timeline for these meetings is as follows:
  - o 1 meeting late September 2020;
  - 2 meetings in October 2020;
  - 2 meetings in November 2020;
  - 1 meeting in December 2020; and
  - 1 meeting in January 2021.
- DHS support staff will send out Doodle polls to determine meeting dates/times for the remainder of the State Plan Committee meetings, as decided by CPD committee member availability. See Action Item 1.

## X. Adjourn

• Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.