

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities
Quarterly meeting
March 12, 2015
Crowne Plaza
Madison, WI

DRAFT minutes

Members Present: Lee Young (Kim Young), Patricia Williams, Tom Fell, Nancy Leipzig, Ben Barrett, Sandy Popp, Ramsay Lee, John Olson, Maureen Ryan, Alex Slappey, and John Hartman (via Lync),

Members not present: Dan Laatsch, Robert Schlaeger

Liaisons: Tom Heffron-Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), Mike Bachhuber-Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW)

Staff: Dan Johnson (via Lync), Tammy Hofmeister

Guests: Joe Mielczarek, Ellie Hartman – DWD PROMISE, Kate Moran, Abigail Tessmann, Sashie Misser-Disability Pride Festival, Jim Shriber and Karen Klyczek, Plantables LLC Hudson, WI, Cassandra Lokker and Luke Widowski, Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) (via Lync)

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM by Nancy Leipsig, Chairperson.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the agenda: Young/Popp—approved

Motion to approve the minutes: Ben/Maureen approved

2015-17 Budget Summary Discussion-Maureen Ryan and Mike Bachhuber

Transportation

- 1% increase in elderly and disabled aids to counties (85.21)
- Did not include the allowance of braided funding with programs such as non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) and other programs

Health Care

- Does not include the 8% increase in the Medicaid Personal Care reimbursement rate
- 3 county (Brown, Polk and Racine) demonstration pilot project for an increased reimbursement rate for dental work
- Payments to hospitals that see a high number of MA patients
- Drug testing for some public assistance programs – Badger Care, Foodshare, Unemployment Compensation, which have exemptions for non-able bodied?

- Requires independent assessments/third party determinations for Medical Assistance Personal Care (MA PC).
- Does not include the changes to the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) program that allows individuals with disabilities to work and save money while still maintaining MA eligibility.
- Does not include the acceptance of federal MA expansion funds.

Mental Health

- Funding to assist counties with creating robust crisis services that pair law enforcement with MH professionals
- No funding for Individualized Placement and support (IPS) employment training for individuals with mental illness beyond the one year in the last budget.

Long Term Care

- Merges the Division of Health care Access and Accountability and Division of LTC into new Division of Medicaid Services
- Did not include consolidating Wisconsin's 2 remaining long term Centers for the developmentally Disabled; Central and Southern Centers
- No reduction in the children's wait list
- Expands Family Care statewide by 1/1/17
- Adds acute and primary care to the LTC benefit
- Requires Care Managed Organizations (CMOS) to provide services statewide (unless a waiver for specific geographic areas)
- Eliminates the competitive procurement process and requires CMOs to be licensed/certified as an insurance entity by Office of Insurance Commission (OIC) and have a contract with DHS
- A Family Care participant can only change enrollment 1x/year (unless permitted exceptions)
- Eliminates LTC districts by 6/30/17. This includes 4 current MCOs – Lakeland, Western WI Cares, Community Care Connections, ContinuUs
- No JFC or legislative approval required for approval for CMO counties
- Eliminates IRIS – rolls the self-directed option into Family Care
- ADRCs – DHS can contract with resource centers or private entities for some or all of the ADRC services
- Eliminates ADRC governing boards and long term care advisory committees

Strategies:

1. Nancy Leipzig will send out information to the GCPD distribution list Dan and Sarah as staff maintain for the committee.

2. Sandy Popp suggested all committee members to check with their affiliations to decide what can be sent out to whom.
3. March 17th Disability Advocacy Day-participate
4. Joint Financing hearings:
 - a. March 18th 10-5 PM Brillion Endre's Performing Arts Center (Nancy and Sandy attending)
 - b. March 20th Milwaukee, Bitman Theater (John may attend)
 - c. UW Barron, Rice Lake 23rd (Ben attending)
 - d. Reedsburg 26th 9:30-4 (Lee may attend)
 - e. Bring 25 copies of your testimony when attending these hearings.
 - f. Message is: Expand FC to all 72 counties but leave long-term care programs in tack until further analysis.
 - g. Send your testimony to the committee and your legislator.

Motion Ben/Lee-

GCPD will prepare testimony stating, "GCPD supports the expansion of Family Care state-wide and the retention of the current services in Family Care and IRIS. Also GCPD supports maintaining the existing structure of ADRC's. This testimony will be submitted to Joint Finance prior to the hearings. A copy will be send to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of DHS Kitty Rhodes.

Motion approved unanimously

Chairperson Leipsig will prepare testimony and distribute to members. Chairperson Leipsig will testify on behalf of GCPD at the Joint Committee on Finance hearing in Brillion. Members attending the Joint Finance Hearings, should bring 25 copies of the GCPD testimony and introduce it on the record at that hearing. Members, are also encouraged to add their own personal testimony.

Plan B=Proactive approach= Survival Coalition has requested analysis of the other states who were the models for the Gov.'s proposal. Get more info from other states; FL, Kansas CA about integrating acute and primary care. Begin our own analysis. Begin to develop strategies that allow the GCPD to have a place at the table. Being at the table is important to ensure that the needs of people with disabilities continue to be recognized. Everyone agrees that this approach is significantly different from what we have had, so it will be important for GCPD and other organizations of people with disabilities and their representatives and advocates to make sure that they are at the table to make sure that the new model of insurance provided acute, primary, mental health and long-term support services, if adopted are designed so that people with disabilities served by this program have choice of insurance providers, are able to control the choice of service providers (doctors, mental health specialist, personal care providers), and that the benefit package of services provided are able to maintain their ability to live in the community, where they want to live and with whom they want to live and with the supports that they choose.

There should also be a self-directed option based on the principles of the current IRIS model of self-direction and not that of the Family Care model of self-direction.

***AGENDA ITEM for June 18th**

Develop other strategies to address budget concerns.

Motion Lee/Ramsey

Make a formal request for GCPD members to meet with the Governor in regard to the budget and long-term care programs. Motion passed unanimously

Nancy Leipzig will contact Lieutenant Governor's office to establish the process for GCPD to communicate and advise the Governor.

Reviewed Survival Coalition's Resolution

Motion Ramsey Lee/Tom Fell-

GCPD will sign the resolution proposed by the Survival Coalition. Motion passed unanimously

Nancy Leipzig/Maureen Ryan will inform Survival Coalition of the decision to sign on to the resolution.

Disability Pride Festival-Kate Moran, Abigale Tessmann, Sashie Misser

July 25th, 2015

Brittingham Park Madison WI

12 to 5 PM

Awards Luncheon Hosted by Nancy Leipzig, Chairperson

Michael J Falconer Award Presentation to Joe Mielczarek

- The Michael J Falconer award is presented annually to an individual who has distinguished himself or herself by their service to our state on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

Richard Blakely Award Presentation to Plantables LLC Hudson Wisconsin, Jim Shriber and Karen Klyczek

- The Richard Blakeley Award recognizes an organization whose policies, programs and services have decreased attitudinal and architectural barriers confronting people with disabilities.

Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) – Update Cassandra Lokker and Luke Widowski

- Cassandra committed as director for another year
- Staff and delegate recruitment began on Feb. 7, 1015
- Delegates may apply for YLF until May 11. Staff must apply by March 14
- Mandatory staff training on June 20
- Application or delegates:

<http://www.wi-bpdd.org/projects/YouthLeadershipFroum.cfm>

- YLF would like to develop their own website. John Hartman indicated that he may have a resource to assist with the website

MAPP Updates - Sandy Popp

- Discussion of Comments on LRB -0791/P2 MAPP Eligibility and Premiums Handouts



DHS concerns about
MAPP changes - 1-201

*Motion Ben/Lee Motion to approved analysis and talking points for MAPP
Motion passed (2 no votes majority yes)*

- GCPD would like to thank and acknowledge the extensive work of Sandy Popp on MAPP

Promise Grant Update - Ellie Hartman

- 626 enrolled the Promise project
- Initial packets mailed out to all eligible people
- Direct phone calls being done now
 - Called 550 families.
 - Phone numbers that don't work many times
 - Once get people on the phone then there is interest
- Flyers are being sent out by schools now



Promise Enrollment
and Service Stats.ppt

Public Comment- none

ADA Legacy Project-Dan C Johnson

- have agreed on a tentative location at the Philosophers Mall in the park at the beginning of State Street at the square to park the bus and display the materials and exhibits. However, we would still like to confirm a location indoors, just in case of rain in downtown Madison for the stop on Thursday, June 25. Contacting the Historic Society Museum, Veterans Museum which are right next to the park and the library which is one block away.
- Waiting for confirmation of the Governor and the possible use of the Rotunda on June 25th for the announcement of a proclamation.
- Legacy Bus Tour:
 - Madison Event June 25
 - Milwaukee event June 26-27

- July 7 Superior event
- Judy Blasky has been selected as an event coordinator volunteer and is coordinating the Madison Bus tour
- GCPD Donated \$500 to ADA event

Election of Officers-Tom Fell Presiding

- John/Lee Nominate **Nancy Leipzig** for Chair unanimously approved
- John/Lee Nominate **Sandy Popp** Vice Chair unanimously approved
- Sandy nominated Ben for Vice Chair, he declined
- Present Executive Committee: John Hartman, Patricia Williams Sandy Popp, and Nancy Leipzig
- Nominations for Executive committee: John Hartman, Ben Barrett, Lee Young unanimously consented
- Newly elected Executive Committee: **Immediate past Chairperson-John Olson, John Hartman, Sandy Popp, Nancy Leipzig, Ben Barrett and Lee Young**

Discussion:

- There are many vacancies on the council including membership from:
 - Mental Health Council
 - State Council of AODA
- The GCPD may have up to 22 members
- Need to follow up with Dan Lastch to see if he wants to continue on the Council
- GCPD sends thank you plaques to members resigning from the council at large

Reports from Councils:

- **Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Alex Slappey**
 - Id card to indicate a person is deaf or hard of hearing is available on line
 - This card may help many people with disabilities
 - Alex announced that he will be retiring June 12th 2015 and will be resigning from the council
 - GCPD Thanks you for your service
- **Council on Physical Disabilities - Ben Barrett**
 - Chairperson Barrett handed out the 2013-2014 Annual Report
 - The Council continues to look for support to introduce a budget amendment or legislation that will provide staff support (2 positions) and increased operating funding for CPD.
 - The Council's legislative breakfast will be April 23, 2014 At the Crowne Plaza Hotel, as will be next quarterly meeting.

- CPD supports the Survival Coalition proclamation.
- **Statutory Council on Blindness - Lee Young**
 - Lee wanted to know how to establish a Council for Blind/deaf.
 - Need to go directly to Governor's Office and need legislator to sponsor a bill for a council.
 - Talking to Jan and Tom bureau directors
 - Alex indicated that his meetings are posted and if Lee wants to come she can. Tomorrow, 1 West Wilson St Rm 751 10 AM
 - Council on the Blind is updating their web site with bio's.
 - Council is looking at Business Enterprise for the Blind program. There are inconsistencies in the program it needs to function more efficiently. 26 operators in WI, small number comparatively to other states. There are \$180,000 management fees for the Business Enterprise organization. Council on Blindness wants to know why it is not put out for bid. The council is seeking further clarification in regard to this matter. Dan indicated he would check on the state bidding process. Business Enterprise is monitored by DWD.

***AGENDA ITEM for June 18th**

Business Enterprise for the Blind Contract

- Service Animals need more clarification
- White Cane law awareness needed 10 feet away rule
- New MTM Transportation issues when people 18 and over who have a guardian and need escorts, they are not being provided the same transportation option available to them and the Guardian.
- GCPD Recommend guardian requirement like when under 18.
- MTM implementing training for sighted guide assistance. Discuss with Shawn and Tim. Need hands on training component for certification process. This is not required presently.
- **Board for People with Developmental Disabilities - Ramsey Lee**
 - Employment 1st conference April 9th
 - ADA legacy work
 - Disability Pride Festival
 - BPPD Resolution
 - Sandy Popp asked if Ramsey could verify if BPDD has contributed to the Bus trip

New Business

- Tammy Hofmeister announced that Managed Care Integrated Employment Planning for Members with Physical Disabilities will be posted on the Integrated employment DHS web site <https://connect.wisconsin.gov/p2eug5nuxfy/>
- A Mentoring Campaign has been developed for people with physical disabilities www.greatpeoplegreatmentors.org provides resources for school counselors and others who want to explore mentoring as a way of achieving employment outcomes for people with physical disabilities

Announcements:

- Disability Advocacy Day – March 17th at the State Capital
- Employment First Conference – April 13th in WI Dells at the Kalahari

Next meetings:

- June 11 – Crowne Plaza
- Sept. 10 - Green Bay Options for Independent Living
- Dec. 10 – Crowne Plaza

Agenda Items:

- Develop strategies to address budget concerns
- MAPP Update
- ADA Legacy
- PROMISE
- Business Enterprise for the Blind Contracts

Motion to adjourn: Sandy/lee

Adjourn – 4:15