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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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### Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Bi-Monthly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

#### Action and Motion Items

##### A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** David Morstad will send an email to Full Committee Membership requesting members to have an active role in at least one sub-committees and/or chair, and inquire about which sub-committee they would like to serve on.
2. **Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig and Sandy Popp will take the lead on organizing December 2021 GCPD Officer Elections, and will send the ballot with instructions to the Full Committee.

##### B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** John Olson made a motion to approve the GCPD October 20, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Pearl Fessenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the GCPD August 18, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the final version of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Dan Laatsch made a motion to approve the 2022 meeting dates and change meeting times to 9:00-12:00 P.M. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Dan Laatsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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### C. Meeting Minutes

#### I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

**Committee members present:** David Morstad; Margaret Kristan; Maureen Ryan; Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Fred Ludwig; Kimberlee Coronado; John Olson; Evelyn Azbell; Pearl Fessenden; Dan Laatsch.

**Committee members absent (excused\*):** John Hartman\*; Eva Kubinski\*; Julie Blasky\*; Tom O'Connor\*; Dan Idzikowski\*; Gail Bovy\*; Sandy Popp\*; Nancy Leipzig\*; Ramsey Lee\*.

**Committee liaisons present:** Sarah Kuehn, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Guests:** Jeff Fox, Member, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Brook Walser, Nursing Student at Alverno College; Brenna Oleson, Nursing Student at Alverno College; Alyssa Nesa; Nursing Student at Alverno College; Roselyn Baldera, Nursing Student at Alverno College; Kara Henderlight, Community Member; Kelsey Crews, Nursing Student at Alverno College; Jonathan Liegeois, Veyo Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT); Ryan Smith, Veyo NEMT; Nick Di Meo, Department of Health Services, Health Policy Advisor.

**Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas.

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

#### II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 837 1667 2234 and via [Zoom](#).



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#### **III. Review and Approve October 20, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda**

- John Olson made a motion to approve the GCPD October 20, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Pearl Fessenden seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

#### **IV. Review and Approve of August 18, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes**

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the GCPD August 18, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

#### **V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities**

- Kimberlee Coronado shared information regarding the Road to Reading Readiness SB 454 and will be having a committee vote tomorrow, October 21, 2021. <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/raw/cid/1641825>

#### **VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates**

- David Morstad shared Executive Committee continues to work on putting together Educational Training Videos based on rights and accommodations for individuals with disabilities. Originally David Morstad had emailed the two versions of the script; one for people with disabilities and their advocates and one for medical providers, to DHS Communications Staff and Fred Ludwig; and still awaiting feedback.

#### **VII. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Presentation**

- Nicholas Di Meo, Department of Health Services, Healthy Policy Advisor, Adam Thomas, Veyo Staff; and Jonathan Liegeois, Veyo Staff, presented an overview of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) contract with Veyo that will start November, 1, 2021.



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#### VIII. Review and Approve Draft GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- The Full Committee reviewed the draft of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan.
  - Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the final version of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- The Full Committee discussed next steps being to resume the sub-committees based on the Work Plan Section topics; Transportation, Employment and Opportunity and Access.
- David Morstad will send an email to Full Committee Membership requesting members to have an active role in at least one sub-committees and/or chair, and inquire about which sub-committee they would like to serve on. Action Item 1.

#### IX. Discuss Upcoming Officer Elections

- The Full Committee discussed officer elections happening in December 2021 for the Chair and Vice Chair of GCPD.
  - Elections will be electronic since meetings continue to be virtual.
  - Nancy Leipzig and Sandy Popp will take the lead on organizing December 2021 GCPD Officer Elections, and will send the ballot with instructions to the Full Committee. See Action Item 2.

#### X. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** - Sarah Lincoln shared that DVR has been awarded a \$14 million dollar Federal Disability Innovation Grant; <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/press/211015-dvr-disability-grant.htm>. The 5 year grant starts October 1, 2021.
- **Department of Public Instruction** – No Liaison Report to review.



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#### XI. Council Updates

- **Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)** – No Council Report to review.
- **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)** – Ben Barrett stated that CPD has been active and busy distributing the Emergency Preparedness Toolkits and related documents, and focusing energy on this effort.
- **Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)** - Rhonda Staats shared that the 2022 Plan of Work for the Wisconsin Statutory Council on Blindness (WSCOB) will be conducting a needs assessment survey for consumers. Currently in the literature review phase, trying to determine what similar efforts came before, and extrapolating data from those efforts. WSCOB will use this data to establish priorities and speak to key state personnel and Wisconsin legislators regarding the needs of Wisconsin residents who live with sight loss.
- **Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)** - Kimberlee Coronado shared that she was currently working on Mental Health Block Grant applications and creating strategic plans and priorities. WCMH is working on Equity and Access with Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).

#### XII. Discuss GCPD Membership Recruitment

- David Morstad shared that the Executive Committee will be reviewing Bylaws and recommending updates at an upcoming Bi-Monthly Meeting, to ensure membership compliance.
- The Full membership discussed the fact that there are currently no term limits for GCPD membership, and the importance of all members to re-evaluating membership and participation capacity; and being ok with stepping up or stepping down from GCPD.



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#### **XIII. Review GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting Dates for 2022**

- The Committee discussed continuing to meet virtual for the remainder of 2021 and moving forward with virtual 2022 meetings.
  - The Committee spoke about it being too early to move forward with in-person meetings; and the importance of being able to continue to meet Bi-Monthly.
  - The Committee agree to continue to meet the third Wednesday of the month in 2022; following the same monthly rotation: February, April, June, August, October, and December, from 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM.
  - Dan Laatsch made a motion to approve the 2022 meeting dates and change meeting times to 9:00-12:00 P.M. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

#### **XIV. Adjourn**

- Dan Laatsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.**