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

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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

Approved February 16, 2022

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** The DHS Support Staff will create and distribute a Doodle Poll to set up GCPD Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings based on the Work Plan Section topics; Transportation, Employment and Opportunity and Access.
2. **Action Item:** DHS Support staff will assist with adding 2022 Bi-Monthly meeting dates to the GCPD Website.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the GCPD December 15, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the GCPD October 20, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to fill the open direction position on the Executive Committee by an email election to be held prior to January 14, 2022 and to close nomination by January 7, 2022. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Popp 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; Evelyn Azbell; Dan Laatsch; Nancy Leipzig; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; Dan Idzikowski; Sandy Popp and Ramsey Lee.

Committee members absent (excused*): John Hartman*; Eva Kubinski*; Gail Bovy*; Fred Ludwig*; Kimberlee Coronado*; John Olson*; and Pearl Fessenden*.

Committee liaisons present: Stacy Stone; Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA); Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction.

Guests: Jeff Fox, Member, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Tyler Wilcox, Independent Living

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; and Mikael Snitker, DHS, BADR; Karen Potnek, DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

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

III. Review and Approve December 15, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the GCPD December 15, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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IV. Review and Approve of October 20, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the GCPD October 20, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- David Morstad shared the timeline for the Educational Training Video.
 - The Executive Committee continues to work on putting together Educational Training Videos based on rights and accommodations for individuals with disabilities; two versions of the script; one for people with disabilities and their advocates and one for medical providers.
 - GCPD is working with the DHS Multimedia team to schedule and record interviews. Interviewees are in the midst of being scheduled and recorded. Tom O'Connor and Rhonda Staats have volunteered to do narration for the video.
 - The Full Committee discussed having the script in alternative accessible formats, turning it into a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) script, alternative languages and working on a distribution plan.

VII. GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- The Full Committee discussed the reviewed the sub-committee membership based on the Work Plan Section topics; Transportation, Employment and Opportunity and Access.
 - The DHS Support Staff will create and distribute a Doodle Poll to set up GCPD Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings based on the Work Plan Section topics; Transportation, Employment and Opportunity and Access. See Action Item 1.



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VIII. Officer Elections

- The Full Committee conducted officer elections of the GCPD Chair and Vice Chair of GCPD.
 - The following are the results of the 2021 GCPD Officer Election
 - Chair: Margaret Kristan
 - Vice Chair: Rhonda Staats
- The Full Committee discussed Rhonda Staats moving into the Vice Chair role, and the need to fill the open director position on the Executive Committee via an email nomination and vote.
- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to fill the open director position on the Executive Committee by an email election to be held prior to January 14, 2022 and to close nomination by January 7, 2022. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

IX. Liaison Updates

- ***Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)*** – No Liaison Report to review.
- ***Department of Public Instruction*** – Eva Kubinski shared that update on the Department of Public Instruction.

X. Council Updates

- ***Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)*** – Tom O'Connor reported that the Council for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind had its Quarterly Meeting on September 9, 2021, and December 3, 2021. The Executive Board does try to meet monthly via Zoom for about an hour.
- ***Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)***- Stacy Stone shared that the last SCAODA meeting was on December 3, 2021 and the Division of Medicaid Services launched a new model to improving behavioral health integration and treatment for people with substance use disorders and other co-occurring conditions; Integrated Recovery Support Services were discussed during the meeting.



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- ***Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)*** – Ben Barrett stated that CPD has been active and busy distributing and providing outreach on the Emergency Preparedness Toolkits and related documents, and focusing energy on this effort.
- ***Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)*** - Rhonda Staats shared that the WSCOB is embarking on a year-long project to collect needs assessment data from persons who are visually impaired or blind. The WSCOB Exec Committee recently decided to partner with the DHS WI Health Risk Assessment (HRA) group. This provides the advantage of a validated data collection process, and a format/framework to conduct community conversations. The WSCOB's next meeting is January 13, at which Margarita Northrop from the HRA will provide training regarding the materials and the process.
- ***Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)*** - No Council Report to review.

XI. Discuss GCPD Membership Vacancies Recruitment

- The Full Committee discussed adding 2022 Bi-Monthly meeting dates and times to the GCPD Website.
 - DHS Support staff will assist with adding 2022 Bi-Monthly meeting dates to the GCPD Website. See Action Item 2.
- The Full Committee discussed membership vacancies and recruitment.
 - Sandy Popp stepping down from GCPD as of December 31, 2021.
 - Maureen Ryan will be retiring in March 2022.

XII. Adjourn

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Popp seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 P.M.