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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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**Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)
Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 6, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

Approved May 13, 2021

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** David Morstad will reach out to the staff at the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), to invite staff to join the May 13, 2021 GCPD Executive Meeting for Discussion.
2. **Action Item:** Margaret Kristan stated she would submit a proposal to present at the Advancing States Conference; which will be held in December 2021.
3. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will assist with securing a date in June 2021 for David Morstad and Margaret Kristin to present the Consumer Survey Data Results; through the Aging and Disability Forum Planning meeting.
4. **Action Item:** Margaret Kristan and Rhonda Staats will discuss possible next steps or a writing a letter in support of budget items that would be a benefit for people with disabilities, which have been removed from the budget. (eg. Medicaid Expansion and Equity and Inclusion Policy).

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the May 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the April 29, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

Executive committee members present: David Morstad; Margaret Kristan Tom O'Connor; Rhonda Staats and Ben Barrett.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable

Guests: Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large

DHS staff support present: Laura Plummer, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 834 0611 7182 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve May 6, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the May 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve April 29, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the April 29, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee attended the Joint Finance Committee's Public Hearing and he spoke out in opposition to the voting changes. Ramsey Lee suggested that GCPD write a letter stating opposition to the legislation due to the barriers it presents to voting for people with disabilities.
- Tom O'Connor stated that the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is reviewing their bylaws on term limits in order to retain members. Tom O'Connor received a letter from Representative Brostoff, regarding a bill to create a Commission for the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH). The Commission would replace ODHH. Tom O'Connor stated that the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf has been advocating for it.

VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- **COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results**
- **Discuss Feedback from Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners**
 - The Executive Committee discussed feedback and distribution of the Executive Summary and *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint data to stakeholders and partners.
 - David Morstad stated that he received a response letter from the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC); which has been forwarded to Margaret Kristan. The OLC staff offered to meet and discuss policy changes that they are able to facilitate.
 - David Morstad will reach out to the staff at the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), to invite staff to join the May 13, 2021 GCPD Executive Meeting for Discussion.



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- Tom O'Connor stated that he had forwarded feedback he had received from several sources. Jim Laugh, Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and Steve Smart, Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- ***Discuss GCPD Next Steps with Survey Data and Executive Summary***
 - Amber Mullett shared that the Secretary's Office (SO) is drafting a response, and she will be working with OLC and SO to facilitate alignment.
 - The Executive Committee discussed other key players and groups that may benefit from receiving the survey; also the possibility of presenting on a state and national level at conferences.
 - The Executive Committee discussed Curtis Cunningham from Wisconsin DHS currently being the president of Advancing States.
 - Margaret Kristan stated she would submit a proposal to present at the Advancing States Conference; which will be held in December 2021. Action Item 2.
- ***Aging and Disability Network Forum Presentation***
 - The Executive Committee discussed David Morstad and Margaret Kristin presenting Consumer Survey Data Results at the Aging and Disability Network Forum in June 2021.
 - DHS Support Staff will assist with securing a date in June 2021 for David Morstad and Margaret Kristin to present the Consumer Survey Data Results; through the Aging and Disability Forum Planning meeting. See Action Item 3.



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VII. Discuss Equity and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations

- ***Equitable Access***

- The Executive Committee discussed items in the Governor's Biennial Budget that have been removed, and the negative effect it would have on people with disabilities (eg. Medicaid Expansion, Equity and Inclusion Policy).
- Margaret Kristan and Rhonda Staats will discuss possible next steps or a writing a letter in support of budget items that would be a benefit for people with disabilities, which have been removed from the budget. (eg. Medicaid Expansion and Equity and Inclusion Policy). See Action Item 4

VIII. Draft Agenda for May 13, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting

- The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming May 13, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda to include the following items:
- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approve May 13, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
- Review and Approve May 6, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
- COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - Discussion with Wisconsin Office of Legal Counsel Staff
 - COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results
 - Discuss Feedback and Next Steps from Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners
 - Aging and Disability Network Forum Presentation



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- Discuss Equity and Inclusion Recommendations
 - Governor's Health Equity Council
 - Equitable Access
- Draft Agenda for May 20, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting
- Adjourn

IX. Adjourn

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 P.M.