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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

**Thursday, May 20, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

APPROVED May 27, 2021

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** David Morstad will invite Laura Varriale, staff from the Office of Legal Counsel, to present at the next Bi-Monthly Meeting on June 16, 2021; to speak about the role of the OLC, Civil Rights and the process in which to issue a complaint.
- 2. Action Item:** Margaret Kristin will write a focus summary for a workshop at the 2021 Advancing States Conference; *how state consumer councils and state agencies can create strong collaborative networks, and can drive state policy change.*
- 3. Action Item:** The Executive Committee agreed to move forward with emailing all Legislative State Representatives the Response Letter to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Biennial Budget on GCPD letterhead. DHS Support Staff will assist in gathering email addresses for David Morstad to send on behalf of GCPD.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the May 20, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the May 13, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made the motion to approve the GCPD Response Letter to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Biennial Budget. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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4. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 and Jeff Fox.

DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Monica Smith, DHS, BADR; Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR and Laura Plummer, DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 20, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the May 20, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve May 13, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the May 13, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee stated that the Partners in Policymaking class through the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) is currently seeking individuals who would like to enroll in their 2022 class.

VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- **COVID-19 Consumer Survey Results**
 - ***Discuss Feedback and Next Steps 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.
 - Lisa Sobczyk stated that she had met with Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR and Laura Varriale from the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC); and OLC only stated having one civil rights complaint related to the no visitor policy.
 - David Morstad will invite Laura Varriale, staff from the Office of Legal Counsel, to present at the next Bi-Monthly Meeting on June 16, 2021; to speak about the role of the OLC, Civil Rights and the process in which to issue a complaint. See Action Item 1.
 - ***Aging and Disability Network Forum Presentation***
 - David Morstad and Margaret Kristin will present the Consumer Survey Data Results at the Aging and Disability Forum on June 2, 2021.



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- **2021 Advancing States Collaborative Workshop Presentation**

- Margaret Kristan stated she reached out to Carrie Molke, Director of the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, DHS, and she was interested in presenting at a workshop with GCPD at the Advancing States Conference; which will be held December 2021. Ramsey Lee stated he would also like to be involved in the presentation.
- Margaret Kristin will write a focus summary for a workshop at the 2021 Advancing States Conference; *how state consumer councils and state agencies can create strong collaborative networks, and can drive state policy change*. See Action Item 2.

VII. Discuss Equity and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations

- ***Equitable Access***

- Laura Plummer stated that today is Global Accessibility Awareness Day, and shared an web link;
<https://globalaccessibilityawarenessday.org/>

VIII. Discuss GCPD State Fiscal Year 2021-2023, Biennial Budget Letter

- The Executive Committee discussed the Draft Response Letter concerning the Biennial Budget items that were removed from the State Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Biennial Budget; that would be a benefit for people with disabilities.
 - The Executive Committee agreed to remove the highlighted sentence from the Draft Response Letter: *There is legislation introduced in the Legislature to create dental therapists that is similar to what is being removed from the budget.*
- Ben Barrett made the motion to approve the GCPD Response Letter to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Biennial Budget. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.



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IX. Discuss GCPD Website

- The Executive Committee discussed the GCPD Website content and agreed that the first opening page/paragraph to the GCPD Website needed to be updated since it still had information about completing the COVID-19 Consumer Survey from February 2021.
 - The Executive Committee discussed the following:
 - Adding the COVID-19 Consumer Survey results and the Executive Summary as items on the website.
 - Updating the Resource Section to include information about how to file a complaint with the OLC and advocate information.
 - Adding additional resources and information after the GCPD Work Plan has been completed.

X. Draft Agenda for May 27, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting

- The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming May 27, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda to include the following items:
- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approve May 27, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
- Review and Approve May 20, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)



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- COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - 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
 - 2021 Advancing States Collaborative Workshop Presentation
- Discuss GCPD Website
- Discuss Draft of GCPD Work Plan
- Discuss Draft of GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter
- Discuss Status of GCPD State Fiscal Year 2021-2023, Biennial Budget Letter
- Discuss Equity and Inclusion Recommendations
 - Equitable Access
- Draft Agenda for June 3, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting
- Adjourn

XI. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.