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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 27, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

APPROVED June 3, 2021.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff discussed document accessibility including PowerPoint and Word; and offered to assist with setting up dates for training Full GCPD Membership on Accessible Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
2. **Action Item:** David Morstad will revise the GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter so that it can be finalized at the next GCPD Executive Committee meeting on June 3, 2021.
3. **Action Item:** David Morstad will email all Legislative State Representatives the Response Letter to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Biennial Budget on GCPD letterhead.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the May 20, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the May 13, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats 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 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; and Lisa Sobczyk, 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 27, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

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

IV. Review and Approve May 20, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee stated that he has been hearing from individuals with disabilities in his community that a lot of dental providers are no longer accepting Medicaid; which is an ongoing issue.



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- The Executive Committee discussed possible sending an email to find the point of contact in the Department of Medicaid Services to ask questions and find out more information on this topic.

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 or Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint data to stakeholders and partners.
 - David Morstad stated that he received a written letter response from Chuck Warzecha, The Deputy Administrator for the Division of Public Health. The response stated, *At this time, the department is seeking advice from our OLC Civil Rights Compliance section to identify opportunities to strengthen messaging around reasonable accommodations and complaint mechanisms for individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Division of Public Health is aware of these concerns and will ensure that current and future infection prevention protocols, guidance, and best practices, take into account reasonable accommodations and ensure access for people with disabilities.*
- ***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.
 - The following Executive Committee Members volunteered to attend the Forum and assist with presenting; Ben Barrett, Tom O'Connor and Ramsey Lee.



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- **2021 Advancing States Collaborative Workshop Presentation**
 - Margaret Kristin stated that she has drafted a proposal for a workshop at the 2021 Advancing States Conference. Amber Mullett offered some suggestions via email to strengthen the proposal.
 - Margaret Kristan was awaiting feedback from Carrie Molke, Director of the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, DHS before submitting the proposal on the 2021 Advancing States Conference website.

VII. 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.
 - Add the *interested in becoming a member* section under the Membership/Liaison Tab.
 - Adding additional resources and information after the GCPD Work Plan has been completed.



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VIII. Review Draft of GCPD Work Plan

- Rhonda Staats stated that the GCPD Work Plan Committee is still drafting the GCPD 2021-2024 Work Plan, and has a meeting coming up on June 1, 2021. Rhonda Staats will update the Executive Committee on the status of the Work Plan after the meeting.

IX. Discuss Draft of GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter

- The Executive Committee discussed the draft of the GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter.
 - David Morstad will revise the GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter so that it can be finalized at the next GCPD Executive Committee meeting on June 3, 2021. See Action Item 2.

X. 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.
 - DHS Support staff created an email listing of all Legislative State Representatives. David Morstad will email all Legislative State Representatives the Response Letter to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Biennial Budget on GCPD letterhead. See Action Item 3.

XI. Discuss Equity and Inclusion Recommendations

- The Executive Committee did not get to this agenda item.

XII. Draft Agenda for June 3, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting

- The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming June 3, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda to include the following items:
- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approve June 3, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda



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- Review and Approve May 27, 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
 - Feedback and Discussion on the Aging and Disability Network Forum Presentation
 - 2021 Advancing States Collaborative Workshop Presentation
- Review Draft of GCPD Work Plan
- Discuss Draft of GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter
- Discuss GCPD Website
- Draft Agenda for June 16, 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting
- Draft Agenda for June 10, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting
- Adjourn

XIII. Adjourn

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.