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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, June 24, 2021  
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

APPROVED JULY 1, 2021.

### Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

#### A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Add "Discuss Feedback from the June 16, 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting" as an agenda item for the July 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
2. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee approved the draft Gov-D draft message. David Morstad will complete final edits to the Gov-D message and resend to the Executive Committee for review prior to the July 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
3. **Action Item:** Department of Health Services (DHS) support staff will email David Morstad the final version of the GCPD Voting Restrictions letter to email to Governor Evers. A copy of the letter was sent to members of the Wisconsin state legislature, Lieutenant Governor, and GCPD members.
4. **Action Item:** David Morstad will send an email to Curtis Cunningham with GCPD's recommendations for increased Medicaid match funds to expand home and community-based services.
5. **Action Item:** Executive Committee members will review the Council on Physical Disabilities' Emergency Communications Folder PowerPoint prior to the July 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

#### B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion approve the amended June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the June 10, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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3. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the revised GCPD Voting Restrictions letter and for the letter to be sent to Governor Evers and a copy of the letter be sent to members of the Wisconsin state legislature, Lieutenant Governor, and GCPD members. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

##### I. Welcome and Introductions, Margaret Kristan, Vice Chairperson

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

**Executive committee members absent (excused\*):** David Morstad\*.

**Guests:** Jeff Fox, Member, Council on Physical Disabilities.

**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. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:01 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 June 24, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion approve the amended June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion.
  - Discussion was had about moving agenda item 7. Discuss Feedback from June 16, 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting to the Executive Committee's July 1, 2021 meeting agenda.
  - Ben Barrett made a motion approve the amended June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1 and Action Item 1.



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#### **IV. Review and Approve June 10, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the June 10, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

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

- No public comment was received.

#### **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***
    - DHS support staff gave an update on where DHS was with implementing GCPD's recommendations in the Survey Executive Summary document.
    - The Executive Committee also reviewed the draft Gov-D message highlighting the civil rights of people with disabilities in health care settings during the pandemic and in the future.
      - The Executive Committee approved the draft Gov-D draft message. David Morstad will complete final edits to the Gov-D message and resend to the Executive Committee for review prior to the July 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 2.
  - ***2021 Advancing States Collaborative Workshop Presentation***
    - Margaret Kristin stated that she submitted a workshop proposal for a workshop at the 2021 Advancing States Conference. GCPD will receive a workshop approval or denial in September 2021.



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#### **VII. Discuss Feedback from June, 16, 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting**

- The Executive Committee did not discuss this agenda item and moved it to the July 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. See Action Item 1.

#### **VIII. Discuss Draft of GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter**

- The Executive Committee reviewed the most recent draft of the GCPD Voting Restriction letter and discussed who should receive copies of the letter.
  - Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the revised GCPD Voting Restrictions letter and for the letter to be sent to Governor Evers and a copy of the letter be sent to members of the Wisconsin state legislature, Lieutenant Governor, and GCPD members. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
  - DHS support staff will email David Morstad the final version of the GCPD Voting Restrictions Letter to email to Governor Evers. A copy of the letter was sent to members of the Wisconsin state legislature, Lieutenant Governor, and GCPD members. See Action Item 3.

#### **IX. Discuss Feedback from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding**

- Margaret Kristan provided an updated on the email GCPD received from Curtis Cunningham, Division of Medicaid Services, regarding funding opportunities available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); which has a goal to improve the Medicaid home and community-based service system.
  - Curtis Cunningham had requested ideas and insight from GCPD in regards to how to spend the ARPA funding. Margaret Kristan attended the stakeholder call on behalf of GCPD on Friday, June 11, 2021 and shared key points and ideas that were discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting on June 10, 2021.
  - The Executive Committee reviewed GCPD's recommendations and ideas for ARPA funding:
    - Expanding Mental Health services; current issues with social isolation and ongoing Mental Health service shortages.



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- Training youth in transition for the caregiver field of employment; mentoring or training program.
  - Issues with overall caregiver shortages and the need to fund better training programs, paid sick time, employment incentives and hazard pay. Increase Medicaid reimbursements rates for personal care.
  - Promote an increased capitation rate for non-nursing home care for providers to encourage them to continue to provide people with physical disabilities who have complex needs can be served in the community.
  - Transportation- separation of MA funded transportation and regular transportation.
  - The MAPP expansion and cliff benefit for people with disabilities who work is too steep; needs to be more gradual asset limit and increased payments for MAPP benefits.
- The Executive Committee discussed submitting GCPD's recommendations in writing. David Morstad will send an email to Curtis Cunningham with GCPD's recommendations for increased Medicaid match funds to expand home and community-based services. See Action Item 4.

#### **X. Discuss Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Emergency Preparedness Communication Folder**

- The Executive Committee discussed CPD's request in their liaison report to GCPD on the Emergency Preparedness Communication folder. CPD specifically was requesting guidance on how GCPD and CPD can be working jointly on folder outreach and presentations.
- The Executive Committee discussed the importance of continuing to build a strong partnership with CPD and needing to have the GCPD Chair input on the level of collaboration.



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- Rhonda Staats stated that she envisioned GCPD members assisting with presenting on the Emergency Communications Folder.
- The Executive Committee members will review the Council on Physical Disabilities' Emergency Communications Folder PowerPoint prior to the July 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 5.

#### **XI. Draft Agenda for July 1, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting**

- The Executive Committee discussed the following items for the July 1, Executive Committee meeting agenda:
  - COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
    - Discuss Feedback and Next Steps from COVID-19 Consumer Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners
    - GCPD Gov-D Message to the Health Action Network
    - Stakeholder Interview with Office of Emergency Preparedness
  - Discuss Feedback from June 16, 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting
  - Discuss Council on Physical Disabilities Request RE: Emergency Preparedness Communication Folder
  - Draft Agenda for July 8, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting
  - Adjourn

#### **XII. Adjourn**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 1:59 P.M.**