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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, September 23, 2021  
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**Approved September 30, 2021.**

### **Executive Committee Action and Motion Items**

#### **A. Executive Committee Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee discussed having Dr. Westergaard review the provider script to ensure language is meaningful and not judgmental or accusatory. DHS Support Staff will connect with Amber Mullett about the potential and availability of Dr. Westergaard.
2. **Action Item:** A final draft of the 2021-2023 Work Plan will be reviewed at the October 20, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting for approval.

#### **B. Executive Committee Motion Items**

1. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the September 23, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the September 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the Opportunities and Access Section (previously named Equitable Access) of the GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan; and move forward to the Full Committee for approval at the October 20, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats 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; Ben Barrett; Rhonda Staats; and Margaret Kristan.

**Executive committee members absent (excused\*):** Tom O'Connor

**Guest:** Ramsey Lee, Member-at-large, GCPD; Jeff Fox, Member-at-large, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD); and Laurence Brown, Community Member.

**DHS support staff present:** Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Laura Plummer, DHS, BADR; and Monica Smith, 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: 837 9599 2010 and via [Zoom](#).

##### III. Review and Approve September 23, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the September 23, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

##### IV. Review and Approve September 16, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the September 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

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

- Ramsey Lee stated that Peoples First just sent out a position paper on the caregiver crisis.



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- Laurence Brown stated that there are still issues with caregivers not being able to accompany consumers to medical appointments and caregivers needing a higher wage.

#### **VII. COVID- 19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations**

- ***Update on Educational Training Video; COVID-19 Consumer Survey***
  - David Morstad updated the Executive Committee on an overview of the creation of an educational training video of first hand interviews and data related to the COVID-19 Consumer Survey findings.
    - David Morstad, Margaret Kristan and Rhonda Staats met virtually this morning, September 23, 2021, and will continue to have regular meetings to work on the educational training video.
    - The Executive Committee discussed next steps being sharing the scripts with DHS Communications, and beginning discussion on production schedule.
    - The Executive Committee discussed having Dr. Westergaard review the provider script to ensure language is meaningful and not judgmental or accusatory. DHS Support Staff will connect with Amber Mullett about the potential and availability of Dr. Westergaard. See Action Item 1.

#### **VIII. Discuss 2021 GCPD Officer Elections**

- The Executive Committee discussed upcoming GCPD Officer Elections in December 2021, and keeping the same virtual format of ballots as the previous election.
  - David Morstad stated that Nancy Leipzig and Sandy Popp are taking the lead on organizing the Officer Elections. The process of elections will be explained at the upcoming October Bi-Monthly meeting.



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#### **IX. Discuss Status of GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan**

- Rhonda Staats shared that the GCPD Work Plan Committee met on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 and completed the Equitable Access Section of the 2021-2023 Work Plan.
- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the Opportunities and Access Section (previously named Equitable Access) of the GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan; and move forward to the Full Committee for approval at the October 20, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See motion item 3.
- A final draft of the 2021-2023 Work Plan will be reviewed at the October 20, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting for approval. See Action Item 2.

#### **X. Discuss GCPD Membership Vacancy**

- The Executive Committee discussed the GCPD Membership Vacancy. Based on promotional language that was drafted by Margaret Kristan and reviewed by the Executive Committee, a Gov-D message was sent out to the DHS list serve soliciting new membership.

#### **XI. Draft September 30, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

- The Executive Committee discussed the following items for the September 30, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda:
  - COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
    - Update on Educational Training Video; COVID-19 Consumer Survey
  - Draft October 20, 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
  - Draft October 7, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda



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#### **XII. Adjourn**

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:41 P.M.**