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

Approved December 9, 2021

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** David Morstad will connect with interviewees in the Platteville and Milwaukee areas to set up dates and times for filming the Educational Training Video.
2. **Action Item:** Rhonda Staats will connect with the DHS Multimedia team to set up a time to meet in the La Crosse area for filming the Educational Training Video.
3. **Action Item:** Tom O'Connor will connect with the DHS Multimedia team to set up a time to meet at the DHS Office Building in Madison for filming the Educational Training Video.
4. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will update the Membership List on the GCPD Website.
5. **Action Item:** David Morstad will email out the Sub-Committee Membership list to Full Membership for review.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the December 2, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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3. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the December 9, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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; Ben Barrett; Rhonda Staats; Tom O'Connor; and Margaret Kristan.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable.

Guest: Daniel Idzikowski, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Stacy Stone, GCPD State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Representative; Lawrence Brown, Community Member; Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Andrew Howard, Multimedia Specialist, Department of Health Services (DHS); and Jeremy Gehler, Multimedia Specialist, Department of Health Services (DHS).

DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); 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: 161 242 2896 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve December 2, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the December 2, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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IV. Review and Approve November 18, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee shared that the caregiver crisis has been effecting him first hand, and it has been hard to find caregivers. Caregivers need to be paid a higher wage to keep them in the career field.
- Lawrence Brown stated that other states have asked for extensions for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) and encourages Wisconsin to do the same. Lawrence Brown added that we as a state need to pay caregivers more, offer benefits and encourage people to enter the field of work. Lawrence Brown also added that individuals were still experiencing some issues with caregivers not being able to accompany individuals with disabilities to healthcare appointments.

VII. Discuss Status of Upcoming GCPD Officer Elections

- The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming winter Officer Elections for GCPD Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Sandy Popp and Nancy Leipzig will be collecting ballots and nominations; and moving forward with elections during the upcoming December 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meeting.

VIII. COVID- 19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Update on Educational Training Video; COVID-19 Consumer Survey***
 - David Morstad updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Educational Training Video of first hand interviews and data related to the COVID-19 Consumer Survey findings.



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- Jeremy Gehler and Andrew Howard from the Multimedia Team at DHS, attended the meeting and discussed with the Committee the next steps being setting up interviews at the DHS building in Madison and also traveling to rural locations for filming.
- David Morstad stated he would touch base with two interviewees that lived in the Platteville area to confirm a possible scheduled time before the Christmas holiday.
- Tom O'Connor stated he could travel to Madison for filming, and the DHS Multimedia team agreed to meet Rhonda Staats in La Crosse for her interview.
- The Committee discussed having an interview location also in the Milwaukee area to accommodate individuals.
- David Morstad will connect with interviewees to set up dates and times for filming the Educational Training Video. See Action Item 1.
- Rhonda Staats will connect with the DHS Multimedia team to set up a time to meet in the La Crosse area for filming the Educational Training Video. See Action Item 2.
- Tom O'Connor will connect with the DHS Multimedia team to set up a time to meet at the DHS Office Building in Madison for filming the Educational Training Video. See Action Item 3.

IX. Discuss GCPD Website

- The Executive Committee discussed having the membership list looked at and membership updated on the GCPD Website.
 - DHS Support Staff will update the Membership List on the GCPD Website. See Action Item 4.



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X. Discuss GCPD Ad Hoc Committee Membership Updates

- The Executive Committee discussed the GCPD Sub-Committees and Ad Hoc Committees.
 - David Morstad emailed full membership to inquire about joining at least one Committee to move forward with setting up meetings; Transportation, Employment and Opportunities and Access.
 - David Morstad will email out the Sub-Committee Membership list to Full Membership for review. See Action Item 5.

XI. Draft December 9, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the December 9, 2021 meeting agenda.
 - Discuss Status of Upcoming GCPD Officer Elections
 - COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - Update on Educational Training Video; COVID-19 Consumer Survey
 - Discuss GCPD Website
 - Discuss GCPD Ad Hoc Committee Membership Updates
 - Draft December 16, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Adjourn
- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the December 9, 2021 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

XII. 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 1:37 P.M.