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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, March 3, 2022
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

Approved March 10, 2022.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Ramsey Lee and Margaret Kristan will work with DHS support staff to review and complete discussed edits to the draft Educational Video Press Release so that a final draft can be ready to publish after the video screening and feedback has taken place.
- 2. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will move forward with drafting an email to go along with dissemination of the Educational Training Video to key players and contacts.
- 3. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will work with DHS support staff to send communication out to the chairs of each Sub-Committee and ask to identify or recommend one or two specific policy issues that will, in turn, be discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting and ongoing. These policy issues and ideas can then be organized to become future Biennial Budget recommendations from GCPD.
- 4. Action Item:** DHS support staff will connect with the appointments office to obtain email addresses and phone numbers to invite potential members to the upcoming GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting in April 2022.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion approve the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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2. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to move forward with approving the draft Educational Video Press Release with discussed edits and final review from DHS support staff. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett Made a motion to approve the draft letter to the Governor regarding GCPD's stance on the following bills: AB-934 / SB-905. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

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

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

Guests: Jeff Fox, Vice-Chair, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) and Lawrence Brown, Community Member.

DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Karen Potnek DHS, BADR; Laura Plummer, DHS, BADR; and Mikael Snitker, 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: 161 640 1752 and via [Zoom](#).



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III. Review and Approve March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion approve the March 3, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February 24, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown shared his concerns with passenger safety vs. standard operating policy through Transit Plus in Milwaukee County. Shared a story about refusing to make accommodations. Also, reliability of drivers and timeliness to get to church and appointments.

VI. COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Discuss Educational Training Video Updates***
 - DHS Multimedia team confirmed that they would the Educational Training Video ready for screening at the March 10, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting.
 - The Committee discussed the Draft Press Release and adding more language about the content on the video to the first paragraph, as well as shortening the title and double-checking punctuation and grammar.
 - Ramsey Lee and Margaret Kristan will work with DHS support staff to review and complete discussed edits to the draft Educational Video Press Release so that a final draft can be ready to publish after the video screening and feedback has taken place. See Action Item 1.



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- Ramsey Lee made a motion to move forward with approving the draft Educational Video Press Release with discussed edits and final review from DHS support staff. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See motion item 3.
- A Committee discussed the Educational Video dissemination list of key players. Committee members agreed that any additional contacts that need to be added to the list be routed through DHS support staff and changes will be made.
 - Margaret Kristan will move forward with drafting an email to go along with dissemination of the Educational Training Video to key players and contacts. See Action Item 2.
- ***Review and Discuss strategies for Advancing GCPD COVID-19 Recommendations***
 - The Committee reviewed a letter that was drafted by Margaret Kristan to the Governor regarding GCPD's stance on the following bills: AB-934 / SB-905 Public Benefit Reform - eligibility for the Medical Assistance program and database confirmation for public assistance program eligibility and AB-936 / SB-912 Public Benefit Report - Relating to failure to accept employment to remain eligible for Medical Assistance.
 - The Committee moved forward with the following changes to the letter:
 - *Rewriting the first paragraph to read: I am writing on behalf of the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD), a Committee charged with advising the Governor and state agencies on matters affecting people with disabilities. We urge you to veto Senate Bill 905 and Senate Bill 912 as both of these bills would negatively impact people with disabilities.*



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- Change the following language: *anti-people to detrimental*
- *Adding the letter to GCPD letterhead and adding the GCPD Chair's signature.*
 - Ben Barrett Made a motion to approve the draft letter to the Governor regarding GCPD's stance on the following bills: AB-934 / SB-905. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.
- The Committee discussed adding updates from Sub-Committees to the March 10, 2022, agenda to discuss strategies in advancing other policy recommendations based on the Work Plan and Sub-Committee work.
 - Margaret Kristan will work with DHS support staff to send communication out to the chairs of each Sub-Committee and ask to identify or recommend one or two specific policy issues that will, in turn, be discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting and ongoing. These policy issues and ideas can then be organized to become future Biennial Budget recommendations from GCPD. Action Item 3.

VII. Discuss GCPD Membership Updates

- The Executive Committee reviewed the membership application list that was sent over by the Appointment's Office. Discussed the need for potential members to attend an upcoming GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting.
 - DHS support staff will connect with the appointments office to obtain email addresses and phone numbers to invite potential members to the upcoming GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting in April 2022. See Action Item 4.



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- Rhonda Staats and Ramsey Lee volunteered to make the phone calls to potential members as needed.

VIII. Draft March 10, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the March 10, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda.
 - Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.
- Draft agenda is as follows:
 - Welcome and Introductions 2.
 - Review and Approve March 10, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
 - COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - Educational Video Screening and Feedback
 - Updates from GCPD Sub-Committees
 - Transportation
 - Bylaws
 - Opportunities and Access
 - Employment



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- Review and Discuss Strategies for Advancing GCPD Policy Recommendations
- Draft March 17, 2022, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

IX. Adjourn

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.