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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 4, 2023  
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

#### Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

##### A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will move forward with sending out the Press Release to the contact list used for the last Press Release that was drafted, and Committee members will send out to networks.

##### B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May 4, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the April 6, 2023, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the GCPD Logo Press Release. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with GCPD having a table at the Disability Pride Festival. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the June 1, 2023, Executive Committee Agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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### C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

**Executive committee members present:** Margaret Kristan; and Ramsey Lee.

**Executive committee members absent (excused\*):** Rhonda Staats; John Hartman and Ben Barrett.

**Guests:** Tom O'Connor, GCPD Member-at-Large; David Morstad, GCPD Member-at-Large; Nancy Leipzig, GCPD Member-at-Large; Lawrence Brown, Community Members; Daniel Idzikowski, GCPD Member-at-Large; and Sarah Valencia, Assistant Deputy Secretary.

**DHS support staff present:** Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR.

#### II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 640 1752 and via [Zoom](#).

#### III. Review and Approve May 4, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May 4, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

#### IV. Review and Approve April 6, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the April 6, 2023, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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

- Lawrence Brown stated that Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) is having issues and billing codes are not always correct or being used correctly. Fearful of loss of aid due to issues with payments and billing, etc. Also stated that there is still a shortage of drivers to provide transportation to people with disabilities and issues with getting to appointments and church on time.

#### VI. Review and Approve GCPD Logo Press Release

- The Executive Committee discussed the draft of the GCPD Logo Press Release and incorporating the black and white logo version for the final draft.
  - Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the GCPD Logo Press Release. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
  - DHS support staff will move forward with sending out the Press Release to the contact list used for the last Press Release that was drafted. See Action Item 1.

#### VII. Feedback from April 26, 2023, Concordia University Educational Presentation

- David Morstad reported that GCPD members presented to an estimated 100 students at Concordia on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.
  - Cohorts from Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and the Physician Assistant Program were in attendance. CPD Emergency Preparedness Toolkits and Wistech information was available on-hand for students and faculty.
  - Discussed needing more engagement from GCPD Membership for future presentations.



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#### VIII. Department of Health Services (DHS) Updates (2:00 P.M.)

- Sarah Valencia, Assistant Deputy Secretary attended the Executive Committee meeting and gave updates on DHS:
  - Budget proposal introduced on February 15, 2023, focusing on equity, and reducing disparities in our state. Examples are: Expanding Medicaid coverage, addressing long-term care staffing and housing.
  - Shared information: [Supporting a Healthy Wisconsin: Resources | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#). Next steps on DHS, continue to advocate on provisions in the budget that effect people with disabilities.
  - No updates on the proposed legislation from the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- DHS support staff reported that there has been a piece of legislation introduced regarding patient and resident rights. Also, interest in hosting a disability summit this fall.
  - Department of Transportation is working on accessible crosswalks and would like GCPD representation to gather feedback.

#### IX. Discuss Outreach/Sponsorship Opportunity

- Executive Committee discussed having an invite to attend the Disability Pride Festival, July 29, 2023, and have an exhibit table about GCPD.
  - Discussed working with the Council on Physical Disabilities to co-manage an exhibit table and share the cost of the table.
  - Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with GCPD having a table at the Disability Pride Festival. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.



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#### X. Draft May 17, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the GCPD Quarterly Meeting agenda.
  - Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

#### XI. Draft June 1, 2023, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the June 1, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda:
  - Welcome and Introductions
  - Review and Approve June 1, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
  - Review and Approve May 4, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
  - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
  - Feedback from the May 17, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting
  - Discuss GCPD Membership and Attendance
  - Update on State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget and Policy Initiatives
  - Draft July 6, 2023, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
  - Adjourn
  - Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the June 1, 2023, Executive Committee Agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.



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### XII. Adjourn

- Ben Barrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 7.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:49 P.M.**

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