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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 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 solicit volunteers for Blakeley and Falconer Award Workgroup.
- 2. Action Item:** Dan Laatsch and Margaret Kristan will work with DHS Support on email to solicit topic suggestions from GCPD Committee.
- 3. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will email GCPD Members information on where to submit public comment on the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin draft of Wisconsin's Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) Initial Proposal Volume 2.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the November 2, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion for GCPD Executive Committee Members create a draft of questions about EVV and other Medicaid issues for Kevin Coughlin, Policy Initiative Advisor, DMS, before the GCPD Quarterly meeting on January 17. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made the motion to adjourn the meeting and move into closed session. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Executive committee members present: Rhonda Staats, Margaret Kristan; Ben Barrett; Tiffany Payne and Ramsey Lee.

Executive Committee Members Absent (excused*): None.

Guests: Jeff Fox, Dan Idzikowski, Ashley Mathy, Cindy Bentley, Tom O'Connor, and Dan Laatsch.

DHS Support Staff Present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; Angela Brenna, DHS, BADR; and Zachary Davenport, DHS, BADR.

ASL Interpreters: Carly Bieri and Steve Smart.

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

- The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 640 1752 and via **Zoom:**
<https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/16117861716>
- Margaret Kristan introduced Dan Laatsch as new GCPD Chair starting January 1, 2024.

III. Review and Approve December 7, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve November 2, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes; Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the November 2, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting



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Minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee shared information he learned from the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) meeting on December 7, 2023. Ramsey Lee stated that Veyo will have listening sessions on the new enhancements that are coming with the MTM link platform. Ramsey Lee stated the meetings will be held on December 16, 19 and 20 in 2023. And January 11, 12 and 13, 2024.
- Ramsey Lee stated that the videos from the Self-Determination Conference in October are available online.
- Ashley Mathy stated that she co-hosts the Self-Determination channel on YouTube. She shared the Self-Determination channel link with the Committee:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/SelfDeterminationChannel/featured>

VI. Discuss Follow-Up Items from the November 15, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting

- Discussed soliciting volunteers for Blakeley and Falconer Award Workgroup. Ben Barrett, Rhonda Staats, and Tiffany Payne volunteered to facilitate Workgroup. DHS Support will solicit volunteers by email. See Action Item 1.

VII. Discuss the Development of GCPD's 2024-2027 Work Plan

- **Discussed how GCPD will identify Work Plan Topics or Areas of Concentration (3-5)**
 - Discussed updating GCPD 2-year work plan. The Committee discussed choosing 3-5 topics to focus on.
 - Margaret Kristan stated she will share with Dan Laatsch what she has drafted to email to Committee members to solicit GCPD Work Plan topics.
 - Dan Laatsch stated that the GCPD Work Plan needs to be an agenda item for next Executive Committee Meeting.



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- Dan Laatsch and Margaret Kristan will work with DHS Support on email to solicit topic suggestions from GCPD Committee. See Action Item 2.
- Discussed digital equity as topic for GCPD Work Plan. DHS Support Staff shared that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin released a draft of Wisconsin's Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) Initial Proposal Volume 2 for public comment. The public comment for Volume 2 will be due on December 11. DHS Support Staff will email GCPD information on where to submit public comment. See Action Item 3.

VIII. Update on Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Information Requested by GCPD

- DHS Support Staff shared that Kevin Coughlin, Policy Initiative Advisor, from the WI Department of Medicaid Services (DMS) will be attending the GCPD Quarterly Meeting on January 17, 2024. Kevin Coughlin will be available to answer questions.
- Dan Laatsch suggested GCPD members come up with questions for Kevin Coughlin prior to the GCPD Quarterly meeting. Ben Barrett made a motion for GCPD Executive Committee Members create a draft of questions about EVV and other Medicaid issues for Kevin Coughlin, Policy Initiative Advisor, DMS, before the GCPD Quarterly meeting on January 17. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion item 3.

IX. Draft January 17, 2024, GCPD Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the January 17, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda.

X. Draft January 4, 2024, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the January 4, 2024, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.



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XI. Adjourn

- Rhonda Staats made the motion to adjourn the meeting and move into closed session. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.