

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

**Thursday, February 1, 2024  
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 share synopsis of ADA Title II proposed changes.
2. **Action Item:** DHS will send an email requesting volunteers for a Workgroup to develop the Workplan.
3. **Action Item:** DHS Support will continue to work on Annual Report with Dan Laatsch and Margaret Kristan. The Annual Report will be shared at the next in-person quarterly meeting.

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

1. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the February 7, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the January 4, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to have DHS send an email requesting volunteers for a Workgroup to develop the GCPD Workplan. Ben Barrett Seconded. Motion Carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Executive committee members present:** Rhonda Staats, Dan Laatsch, Tiffany Payne, Ben Barrett; and Ramsey Lee.

**Executive committee members absent (excused\*):** None absent.

**GCPD Members-at-Large present:** David Morstad, and Dan Witt.

**Guests:** Lawrence Brown.

**DHS support staff present:** Zachary Davenport, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); and Angela Brenna, DHS, BADR.

**ASL Interpreters:** Nicole Keeler, Chantel Wiedmeyer, and Tanner Fowler.

**II. Dan Laatsch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.**

The meeting was made available via Zoom (<https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/16117861716>) and phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716

**III. Review and Approve February 7, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the February 7, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

**IV. Review and Approve January 4, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

- The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes; Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the January 4, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion item 2.

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

- Larwence Brown expressed concerns about the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) process. He stated that several Caregivers have reported issues to him regarding payment and reimbursement. Lawerence stated that there needs to be an increase in Caregiver wages. He stated that WI should divert funds to caregivers.
- Ben Barrett stated that part of the barrier to transportation for individuals with disabilities is that drivers are not paid a livable wage.

**VI. Update from GCPD Quarterly Meeting held January 17, 2024**

- The Committee discussed the GCPD Quarterly meeting. Members discussed information provided by Kevin Coughlin from DMS on the WisCaregivers Careers program.

**VII. Update from Cross-Council Chair Meeting held January 18, 2024**

- Dan Laatsch requested that members email him questions they would like to ask Kevin Coughlin. Dan Laatsch will put together the list of questions

he receives and email to DHS Staff prior to the GCPD Quarterly Meeting. See Action Item 1.

### **VIII. Update on Current State and Legislative Priorities**

- DHS Support Staff shared information about:
  - The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2024-2027 State Plan Public Comment Opportunity.
  - The Department of Justice (DOJ) proposal to revise regulations in the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II regarding access to Medical Diagnostic Equipment (example MRI, X-rays, CT Scanners.).
  - Proposed changes to ADA Title II Internet Accessibility
- DHS Support Staff will share synopsis of ADA Title II proposed changes. See Action Item 1.
- Ramsey Lee shared that Representative Jimmy Anderson has proposed policies about plain language and website accessibility.
- Rhonda Staats shared that Public Transportation Advocacy Day is February 4, 2024.

### **IX. Discuss GCPD's 2024-2027 Work Workplan Top Priority Areas**

- DHS Support Staff shared a compiled list of responses from GCPD members about top priority areas.
- Ramsey Lee made a motion to have DHS send an email requesting volunteers for a Workgroup to develop the GCPD Workplan. Ben Barrett Seconded. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 3. See Action Item 2.
- The Committee discussed priority items they would prefer to add to the GCPD Workplan. Top areas decided on are:
  - Caregivers
  - Transportation
  - Advocacy and outreach
  - Housing
  - Mental Health

### **X. Review GCPD Drafted Annual Report**

- DHS Support shared the Draft Annual Report with members. DHS Support will continue to work on Annual Report with Dan Laatsch and Margaret Kristan. The Annual Report will be shared at the next in-person quarterly meeting. See Action Item 3.

**XI. Update on Falconer and Blakeley Award Workgroup**

- Tiffany Payne shared that members have submitted nominations. There are only 5 nominations received. Tiffany stated that she will discuss extending the nominations deadline at the next meeting. The next meeting will be February 28, 2024.

**XII. Draft March 7, 2024, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

- The Executive Committee drafted the March 7, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda.

**XIII. Adjourn**

- Ben Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:35 PM**

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