



WI Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, from 2:05 PM to 3:35 PM

Meeting Location [Via Zoom Meeting ID 161 1786 1716](#)

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Approved September 17, 2025

1. Dan Laatsch, Chairperson Called the Meeting to Order at time 2:06 PM. Introductions and roll call were conducted.

- GCPD Executive Committee Members Present: Dan Witt, Dan Laatsch, Ramsey Lee, and Tiffany Payne.
- GCPD Executive Absent: Ben Barrett.
- GCPD Members Present: Ashley Mathy.
- DHS Staff Present: Angela Brenna, Lisa Sobczyk and Zachary Davenport
- ASL Interpreters Present: Kim Barr, and Nicole Keeler.

2. Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the August 20, 2025, GCPD Executive Committee Agenda, Dan Witt seconded. Motion carried.

- Ramsey Lee noted an error in the posted public comment time but recommended proceeding as posted due to the public notice requirements.

3. Dan Witt made a motion to approve the June 18, 2025, GCPD Executive Committee Minutes. Tiffany Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Review Action Items from the Minutes:
 - Dan Laatsch will draft a letter to the Governor and Lt. Governor in support of shifting Medicaid funding from State Institutions to Community-Based Services.

4. Public Comment (Time 2:25 PM to 3:35 PM)

- No public comment received.

5. GCPD United Councils Updates

- Angela Brenna provided an update on DHS hosting and facilitating the United Councils meetings, scheduled monthly on the fourth Thursday, 1:00–2:30 PM.
- Discussion held on ensuring GCPD Executive Committee representation at each meeting.
- Ramsey Lee made a motion for the Executive Committee to provide representation at the United Council Workgroup and have a standing agenda item at the Executive Meetings. Dan Witt seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion from the United Council Workgroup included a bill SB 357 / AB 377 establishing English as the official state language and potential impacts on non-English speakers and ASL users.
- Ramsey Lee raised concerns regarding possible federal executive orders. Members agreed to monitor for verified updates before drafting responses.
- Ramsey Lee reported attending the Home for Everyone conference and recommended inviting some of the presenters to future GCPD meetings.

6. Medicaid Experience Update

- Ramsey Lee, GCPD Member, shared highlights from the Medicaid Member Experience Council including that they are preparing comments for the Medicaid Advisory Committee that will take place on September 9, 2025.

7. GCPD Chair Election

- Upcoming elections in December will include the Chair and one Executive Committee member-at-large.
- Chair Dan Laatsch announced he will not seek re-election.
- Discussion on member capacity, training for leadership roles, and improving engagement.
- Angela Brenna will solicit nominations for open positions ahead of December elections.

8. Review Action Items

- Dan Laatsch will resend the draft letter to the Governor and Lt. Governor.
- DHS staff will solicit nominations for Chair and Executive Committee member-at-large.

9. Plan the Next Meeting

- Next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for September 17, 2025.
- Drafted the agenda for the next GCPD Executive Committee Meeting

10. Adjournment

- Dan Witt made a motion to adjourn at 3:14 PM, leaving DHS Staff to capture any public comment till 3:35 PM. Ramsey Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Notice of Accessibility

If you need an accommodation to take part in this meeting, contact Angela Brenna by phone at 608-266-0128 or email angelag.brenna@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

About the GPCD

The GCPD advises the Governor and state agencies on issues that affect people with disabilities. The GCPD also reviews disability-related legislation, promotes effective programs and increases public awareness about the needs and abilities of people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

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