



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

**Thursday, January 4, 2024
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** 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 them to DHS Staff prior to the GCPD Quarterly Meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** Dan Laatsch requested members think about items they would like to prioritize on the work plan, then email items to himself and DHS Staff Support prior to the next meeting.
- 3. Action Item:** DHS Support will continue to work on Annual Report with Dan Laatsch and Margaret Kristan.
- 4. Action Item:** DHS Support shared information regarding the US Department of Transportation bill for improving transportation facilities. DHS Support shared that DOT is accepting public comment and will share the public comment link with members.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the January 4, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried
- 2. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to have DHS staff identify quarterly meeting dates in 2024. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve the October Executive Committee Meeting Agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made the motion to adjourn the meeting and move into closed session. Ben Barrett 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.

Guests: Jeff Fox, Ashley Mathy, David Morstad, Jonathan Petermon, Lawrence Brown

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

ASL Interpreters: Carly Bieri and Chantel Weidmeyer.

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

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 640 1752 and via **Zoom:** <https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/1616401752>.

III. Review and Approve January 4, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the January 4, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve December 7, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes; Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion item 2

Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown, Community Member; stated that he was unable to gain access to an appointment as a caregiver due to hospital protocol with illness and contamination. He expressed concerns about the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) process. He stated that several Caregivers have reported issues to him regarding payment and reimbursement.

V. Update on Falconer and Blakeley Award Workgroup

- DHS Support shared with the Committee that GCPD members have volunteered to be a part of the workgroup and their first meeting will be held on January 10, 2024, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

VI. Finalize Questions for Kevin Coughlin, Department of Medicaid Services (DMS), Policy Initiative Advisor; Q&A Session During GCPD Quarterly

- 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.

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

- The Committee discussed priority items they would prefer to add to the GCPD Work Plan. Members shared interest in the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee continuing collaboration with Concordia University as well as expanding to the University of Wisconsin System and Wisconsin Technical College System. Members discussed adding mental health as a priority issue. Dan Laatsch requested members to think about items they would like to prioritize on the work plan, then email items to himself and DHS Support prior to the next meeting. See Action Item 2.

VIII. 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. See Action Item 3.

IX. Update on Current State and Legislative Priorities

- Ramsey Lee shared that Hudson Wisconsin is working on a shared tax system. Ramsey Lee also shared that Kyle Kleist, the Chair for ILCW,

shared with him updates on legislation affecting Volunteer Driver reimbursement.

- DHS Support shared information regarding the US Department of Transportation bill for improving transportation facilities. DHS Support shared that DOT is accepting public comment and will share the link with members to comment privately. See Action Item 4.

X. Review Draft of GCPD January 17, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- The Committee reviewed the draft of the January 17, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda. They added an item for Updates from the Blakeley and Falconer Award Workgroup.

XI. Draft February 1, 2024, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the February 1, 2024, Executive Committee meeting agenda.

XII. Adjourn

- Ramsey Lee made the motion to adjourn. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:05
