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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

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020
2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.**

APPROVED 8-5-20.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** David Morstad stated he would now reach out to the current Chair of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health to get a new representative to serve on GCPD on behalf of the Council.
- 2. Action Item:** David Morstad will contact the Chair of Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse as listed on their website and inquiry about a representative to serve on GCPD.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 29, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 22, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

Executive committee members present: David Morstad; Nancy Leipzig; Margaret Kristan; and Ben Barrett.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Pearl Fessenden*.



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Guests: Jeff Fox, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities and Jason Ostrowski, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities.

DHS staff support present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR) and Maia Stitt (DHS) (BADR).

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 996 0193 2768 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve July 29, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 29, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve of July 22, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 22, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Jeff Fox how do you counter the misinformation about COVID 19?
 - David Morstad stated it is more effective to us data that is creditable rather than try to counter misinformation.
 - DHS support staff mentioned that a COVID-19 Response Unit has been created and part of its responsibilities include communications and public messaging.

VI. Discuss Membership and Vacancies

- David Morstad stated he tried to reach out to the representative serving on GCPD on behalf of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health. He has not heard back.



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- David Morstad stated he would now reach out to the current Chair of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health to get a new representative to serve on GCPD on behalf of the Council. See Action Item 1.
- David Morstad noted that there has been a lot of leadership changes noted on the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health's website.
- David Morstad stated that there has not been a representative from Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse in years. David Morstad stated this is concerning as addiction and other related issues are being reported as increasing during the pandemic.
 - David Morstad asked Executive Committee members if they has any contacts for this Council and members did not.
 - David Morstad will contact the Chair of Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse as listed on their website and inquiry about a representative to serve on GCPD. See Action Item 2.
- The Executive Committee also discussed the other member vacancies. GCPD currently has three member-at-large vacancies. A person with a disability must fill two of the three vacancies.
 - David Morstad asked what strategies has GCPD has utilized in the past to recruit members.
 - Executive Committee members and DHS support staff mentioned GCPD's website, email blasts, newsletter articles, and social media.

VII. Discuss Impact of COVID-19 on People with Disabilities

- **Presentation on Food Insecurity During the Pandemic for People with Disabilities**
 - Maia Stitt presented data from the individual survey on food access sent to people with disabilities and the agency survey data



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collected on food access for people with disabilities during the pandemic.

- The Executive Committee stated there is a need to discuss this presentation and the previous presentation on the impact of COVID on people with disabilities and older adults at the next Executive Committee meeting on August 5, 2020.

VIII. Adjourn

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.