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

**Thursday, December 17, 2020
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

APPROVED JANUARY 7, 2021.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Review and approval of GCPD's 2020 Annual Report will be added as an agenda item for GCPD's February 2021 bi-monthly meeting.
2. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will request copies of Councils work plans who serve on GCPD and send them to Executive Committee members.
3. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee will discuss a timeline and deliverables for the new work plan at the January 7, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
4. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee will discuss creating a survey to collect stories about the impact of the no visitor policies are having on people with disabilities when receiving medical care or treatment during the January 7, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the 2020 annual report as amended and to send it to the full GCPD membership for review and approval at the February 2021 bi-monthly meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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4. **Motion Item:** Pearl Fessenden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

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

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable.

Guests: Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Tom O'Connor, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Evelyn Azbell, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Jeff Fox, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; and Jason Ostrowski, Chair, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities.

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

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 998 5891 2889 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve December 17, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve December 10, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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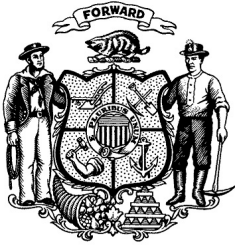
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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Jeff Fox shared that he has a friend who is 74 years old and stuck in a nursing home as his insurance does not want to pay for home-health care and aids. In addition, there are not any agencies who have been able to help thus far because he has too much money at this point.

VI. Discuss GCPD Annual Report

- The Executive Committee discussed a draft of the 2020 GCPD Annual Report that David Morstad drafted and sent to Executive Committee members.
- Revisions made included:
 - Adding sentence to the introduction about GCPD and what Councils serve on GCPD. Also add to the introduction GCPD's appreciation for the collaboration and partnership with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's offices.
 - Page 2, bullet 1, sub-bullet 4 needs to be revised as sentence does not currently make sense.
 - Page 2, bullet 3, add T.R. Williams' title to the sentence.
 - Page 3, add bullet 3 which discusses the need to have more diversity in GCPD's membership.
 - Page 4, keep mental health representative listed but state that they did not attend any meetings in 2020.
 - Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the 2020 annual report as amended and to send it to the full GCPD membership for review and approval at the February 2021 bi-monthly meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3 and Action Item 1.



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- Discussion was also had that once the 2020 Annual Report has been approved by the full Committee it should be posted to GCPD's website and emailed to state legislators.

VII. Discuss GCPD Work Plan

- David Morstad asked Executive Committee members if GCPD should keep the give broad categories of: Employment; Transportation; Health and Long-Term Support; Membership and Committee Structure; and Engagement.
 - Discussion was had about where would health inequities be listed under these categories or should it be its own category.
 - Discussion was also had about poverty and basic needs becoming greater during the pandemic and what category these issues would be listed under.
 - David Morstad also stated he would like to see the Engagement category broadened to include GCPD partnerships and collaboration.
- The Executive Committee discussed whether they should take the lead on drafting the new work plan or create an ad-hoc committee to work on this. There was also discussion about how to engage members that do not always volunteer or engage as often as others.
- The Executive Committee decided they want to review other Councils and Committees plans.
- In addition the Executive Committee will request copies or work plans from each of the Councils that serves on GCPD.
 - DHS support staff will request copies of Councils work plans who serve on GCPD and send them to Executive Committee members. See Action Item 2.



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- The Executive Committee will discuss a timeline and deliverables for the new work plan at the January 7, 2021 Executive Committee meeting, prior to asking for GCPD members to participate on an ad-hoc work plan committee at the February 2021 bi-monthly meeting. See Action Item 3.

VIII. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Next Steps***

- The Executive Committee received updates on the status of their COVID-19 policy recommendations letter.
- Discussion was had about the need to create a survey to collect stories about the impact of the no visitor policies are having on people with disabilities when receiving medical care or treatment. The Executive Committee will discuss this further during the January 7, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 4.

IX. Adjourn

- Pearl Fessenden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 P.M.