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

Thursday, January 7, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

APPROVED JANUARY 14, 2021.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig and Margaret Kristan offered to create a draft survey for the GCPD Executive Committee to review at the January 14, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** The Executive Committee did not get to the Create Timeline and Deliverables for GCPD Work Plan agenda item will add this agenda item to the Executive Committee meeting agenda on January 14, 2021.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to amend the Executive Committee meeting agenda. Specifically moving agenda item 6 Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations to agenda item 5 and move agenda item 5 Create Timeline and Deliverables for GCPD Work Plan to agenda item 6. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Nancy Leipzig 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.
- 4. Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

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

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

Guests: Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Tom O'Connor, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Jeff Fox, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Fred Ludwig, Lieutenant Governor Ex-Officio Member, GCPD; Melanie Schmidt, COVID-19 Response Team, Department of Health Services (DHS); and Lawrence Brown, ADAPT.

DHS staff support present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR), Katherine Cullinan, DHS, BADR, and Amber Mullett DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

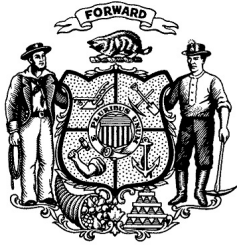
The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 891 2604 7890 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve January 7, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to amend the Executive Committee meeting agenda. Specifically moving agenda item 6 Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations to agenda item 5 and move agenda item 5 Create Timeline and Deliverables for GCPD Work Plan to agenda item 6. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve December 17, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee shared concerns about Wisconsin state legislator hearings and committee meetings not being accessible to members of the public, including people with disabilities, due to the capital being closed. Ramsey shared concerns about bills and hearings being accessible as the state legislature is discussing COVID-19 bills that impact access to vaccine, treatment, and prevention related to COVID-19.

VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- Melanie Schmidt with the COVID-19 Response Team, Department of Health Services (DHS) shared what the COVID-19 Response Team is responsible for and progress they have made in addressing some of the GCPD recommendations related to access and vaccines.
- Fred Ludwig Lieutenant Governor Ex-Officio Member, GCPD shared items the Lieutenant Governor and Governor's office were prioritizing from the GCPD policy recommendations letter.
 - Specifically in relation to the No Visitor Policy letter GCPD sent, there are policy levers within DHS to move this forward with the Governor's office including working with the Wisconsin Hospital Association.
- David Morstad asked Amber Mullett and others what they thought would be the best recommendations for GCPD to move forward with at this time.
 - The three recommendations that were discussed was:
 - Public Health Education;
 - Accessibility of Documents and Information; and
 - No Visitor Policy.
 - Nancy Leipzig asked Melanie Schmidt if DHS has home health agencies to give the COVID-19 vaccine to homebound older adults and people with disabilities.



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- Melanie Schmidt stated she was not sure, but knows there is a need.
- ***Consumer Survey on No Visitor Policy***
 - The Executive Committee discussed the need to collect more information beyond the public testimony and inquiries it has received.
 - Nancy Leipzig and Margaret Kristan offered to create a draft survey for the GCPD Executive Committee to review at the January 14, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 1.
 - Amber Mullett recommended that the draft survey be reviewed by the COVID-19 Response Team.

VII. Create Timeline and Deliverables for GCPD Work Plan

- The Executive Committee did not get to this agenda item.
- The Executive Committee meeting agenda on January 14, 2021. See Action Item 2.

VIII. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.