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

Thursday, January 28, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

APPROVED FEBRUARY 4, 2021.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will draft an email about the nominations, ballot, and election process to send to GCPD members along with the ballot by February 4, 2021.
- 2. Action Item:** The Executive Committee will review and approve the meeting agenda for the GCPD February Bi-Monthly meeting at the GCPD Executive Committee meeting on February 4, 2021.
- 3. Action Item:** David Morstad will draft a letter related to the Wisconsin State Legislature rules for this session excluding people with disabilities for the Executive Committee to review by the February 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
- 4. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send David Morstad of current cross-disability chairs and their contact information.
- 5. Action Item:** David Morstad will ask current cross-disability chairs if they will be willing to send the survey out to their members, email list serves, and/or post survey information on their social media accounts/websites.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the January 28, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the January 14, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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- 3. Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Kristan 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; Nancy Leipzig; and Ben Barrett.

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

Guests: Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Tom O'Connor, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Evelyn Azbell, Member-at-Large, GCPD; and Lawrence Brown, ADAPT.

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

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

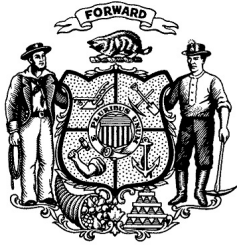
The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 865 4285 8253 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve January 28, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the January 28, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve January 21, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 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

- Ben Barrett mentioned that at the Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) had received testimony at their quarterly meeting related to the Wisconsin Legislature's meeting rules and only accepting testimony in-person. CPD raised concerns about this excluding people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations from the legislative process.

VI. Draft and Approve GCPD February Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- ***Discuss Executive Committee Election Email and Ballot***
 - Margaret Kristan stated there were eight members were nominated to be on the ballot for GCPD's three At-Large Executive Committee vacancies. Four people who were qualified to fill these vacancies accepted the nomination to be on the ballot.
 - Per GCPD's current by-laws members must vote via secret ballot.
 - The Executive Committee decided it will send out the ballot and have GCPD members vote electronically and submit their ballots to DHS support staff by February 15, 2021.
 - Margaret Kristan will draft an email about the nominations, ballot, and election process to send to GCPD members along with the ballot by February 4, 2021. See Action Item 1.
- The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming February Bi-Monthly meeting and drafting the following agenda:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve February Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approval of the December Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities
 - GCPD Executive Committee Election Results
 - GCPD Executive Committee Updates



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- Establishing Work Plan Committee for Development of New Three-Year Plan
- Survey: Right to Have a Support Person/Caregiver at Appointments
- Review and Approve GCPD 2020 Annual Report
- COVID-19 Response Team Updates on Outreach to People with Disabilities
- Update on Unemployment Insurance and Accessibility Issues
- Liaison Updates
- Council Updates
- Adjourn
- The Executive Committee will review and approve the meeting agenda for the GCPD February Bi-Monthly meeting at the GCPD Executive Committee meeting on February 4, 2021. See Action Item 2.

VII. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Discuss Proposed COVID-19 State Legislation***
 - The Executive Committee received updates on proposed state legislation.
 - The Executive Committee discussed the public testimony received during this Executive Committee meeting and the impact the rules of the session of the Wisconsin State Legislature will have on people with disabilities.
 - Margaret Kristan asked if GCPD could send an action alert of call to action to its members.
 - Ramsey Lee felt that GCPD should send a letter with its concerns related to these rules excluding people with disabilities.



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- The Executive Committee discussed drafting a letter and having all the cross-disability Councils and Committees sign the letter jointly with this concern.
 - David Morstad will draft a letter related to the Wisconsin State Legislature rules for this session excluding people with disabilities for the Executive Committee to review by the February 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 3.
 - DHS support staff will send David Morstad of current cross-disability chairs and their contact information. See Action Item 4.
- ***Discuss Distribution of COVID-19 Consumer Survey***
 - The Executive Committee discussed using the introduction of the survey as the website and email text to go with the survey link.
 - David Morstad will ask current cross-disability chairs if they will be willing to send the survey out to their members, email list serves, and/or post survey information on their social media accounts/websites. See Action Item 5.
 - The Executive Committee decided to leave the survey open for responses through February 28, 2021.

VIII. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.