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

Thursday, February 11, 2021

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

APPROVED FEBRUARY 25, 2021.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will pull updated COVID-19 Consumer Survey data results for GCPD's Bi-Monthly meeting on February 17, 2021.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion approve the February 11, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the February 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig 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; Margaret Kristan; Nancy Leipzig; Pearl Fessenden; and Ben Barrett.

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

Guests: Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Tom O'Connor, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Lawrence Brown, ADAPT; Jeff Fox, Member-at-Large, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; and Jeff Kaphengt, Disability Service Provider Network (DSPN).



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

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

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 892 0406 3408 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve February 11, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion approve the February 11, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February 4, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the February 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Tom O'Connor shared that the Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is currently working on their 2021 goals.
- Lawrence Brown shared concerns about losing additional FoodShare benefits during the pandemic. He also voiced concerns regarding IRIS Consultants resuming in-home visits with participants amongst COVID-19 safety concerns.
- Ramsey Lee voiced concerns with medical transportation and non-medical transportation options being limited.



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VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Review preliminary responses to COVID-19 Consumer Survey***

- The Executive Committee discussed the preliminary responses to the COVID-19 Consumer Survey. To date, over 300 individuals have responded to the survey; the majority of responses have been people with disabilities.
- The survey will remain open for responses through February 28, 2021.
 - Current survey response data will be sent to GCPD members with the meeting reminder.
 - DHS support staff will pull updated COVID-19 Consumer Survey data results for GCPD's Bi-Monthly meeting on February 17, 2021. See Action Item 1.

- ***Vaccine Distribution***

- The Executive Committee discussed vaccination distribution and the continuing issues with relying solely on internet access or emails for sign-up or distribution of the vaccine.
- The Executive Committee also discussed concerns with internet as it is not accessible to everyone throughout the state or individuals may not have access to devices necessary to access the internet.

- ***Transportation to Get Vaccine***

- The Executive Committee related to concerns with transportation for people to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Local organized transportation options are not available in all areas of the state, and limited transportation funds being available by counties and municipalities.



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- The Executive Committee also discussed moving forward with the draft letter that would be sent by Managed Care Organizations and IRIS Consulting Agencies to participants about getting vaccinated.
 - The Executive Committee discussed the need for plain language to be utilized to make this information accessible for everyone.

VII. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 P.M.