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

Thursday, March 4, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Approved: March 11, 2021.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** David Morstad will draft language for the Executive Summary for the *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* Survey and have ready for review at the March 11 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will complete *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* Survey Results in a PowerPoint Presentation and send via email to Executive Committee prior to March 11 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting.
- 3. Action Item:** GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting Motion Items 4 and 5 need to be discussed at the March 11, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
- 4. Action Item:** The Draft agendas for March 18th and 25th Executive Committee Meetings will be discussed during March 11th Executive Committee meeting.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the March 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor 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; Rhonda Staats; Tom O'Connor; Nancy Leipzig; and Ben Barrett.

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

Guests: Ramsey Lee, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Jeff Fox, Member-at-Large, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Daniel Idzikowski, Member-at-Large; and Kevin Caughlin, Division of Medicaid Services.

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

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

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 863 2811 6753 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve March 4, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Tom O'Connor made a motion approve the March 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February 25, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Ramsey Lee stated that the Wisconsin Board for People with Disabilities and the Disability Vote Coalition along with People First Wisconsin and Disability Rights Wisconsin are putting on a virtual series of Budget Trainings. The sessions will take place Tues. 3/9 from 3 – 5, Wed. 3/10 from 11 – 12:15, Thurs. 3/18 from 6 – 7:30 and Thurs. 3/25 from 12 – 1:30. <https://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-BudgetTrain-FinalFlyer.pdf>
- Ramsey Lee voiced concerns with voting in Wisconsin for people with disabilities; referencing voting bills LRB 428, 1938, 1537, and 2032.

VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- **Review Final COVID-19 Survey Results**
 - The Executive Committee discuss the *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* Survey results. DHS Support Staff shared PowerPoint Presentation with data from 437 Survey Responses; and Executive Committee discussed next steps to address concerns raised by consumers, caregivers, and advocates.
 - Daniel Idzikowski shared information about the *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* being a long standing issues across the country; and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) issued a CARE ACT program that advised Health Care Facilities on related issues including the option for caregivers be listed on consumer healthcare records. Wisconsin has not passed this CARE ACT and it was met with opposition from the Wisconsin Hospital Association. [Link](https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2019/03/the-care-act-implementation-progress-and-promise.pdf) to AARP Explanation: <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2019/03/the-care-act-implementation-progress-and-promise.pdf>



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- ***Determine Timeline for GCPD Next Steps***

- The Executive Committee discussed the timeline for GCPD next steps around distributing the survey data.
- Kevin Caughlin shared that an Executive Summary with GCPD recommendations would be helpful to go along with the PowerPoint; and to include open responses in a separate attachment.
- The Executive Committee agreed that data would not be released at this time and to move forward with drafting the Executive Summary and finalizing the PowerPoint to share with the Division of Medicaid Services; and move forward from there on disseminating.
- David Morstad will draft language for the Executive Summary for the *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* Survey and have ready for review at the March 11 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting. See Action Item 1.
- DHS Support Staff will complete *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* Survey Results in a PowerPoint and send via email to Executive Committee prior to March 11 GCPD Executive Committee Meeting. See Action Item 2.

VII. Discuss Motion Items from GCPD's February 17, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting

- The Executive Committee did not get to this agenda item.
- GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting Motion Items 4 and 5 need to be discussed at the March 11, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. Action Item 3.



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VIII. Draft Agenda Items for March 11th, 18th, and 25th GCPD Executive Committee Meetings

- The Draft agendas for March 18th and 25th Executive Committee Meetings will be discussed during March 11th Executive Committee meeting. Action Item 4.

IX. Adjourn

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.