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

Thursday, March 11, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Approved: March 18, 2021.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will finalize the condensed version of the draft of the Executive Summary, and will have it ready for final review at the next GCPD Executive Committee Meeting on March 18, 2021.
- 2. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will create a list of key players within and outside of DHS; in which to send the Executive Summary and *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint data.
- 3. Action Item:** The Draft agenda for March 25th Executive Committee Meeting will be discussed during March 18th Executive Committee meeting.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the March 11, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve moving forward with the condensed version of the Executive Summary; keeping the key content and COVID-19 Survey highlights. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to accept the current draft of the *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint Presentation. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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- 5. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor 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; Rhonda Staats; Tom O'Connor; 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; Cassy Turco, Graduate Student at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (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: 881 5496 6703 and via [Zoom](#).

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

- Margaret Kristan made a motion approve the March 11, 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

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

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the March 4, 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 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>

VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Review and Approve Executive Summary***
 - The Executive Committee review the draft of the Executive Summary that was created by David Morstad. Margaret Kristan stated that she had condensed David's draft down to 2 pages; still keeping the important content; to keep it simplified for the reader.
 - The Executive Committee discussed moving forward with Margaret Kristan's condensed version of the Executive Summary.
 - Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve moving forward with the condensed version of the Executive Summary; keeping the key content and COVID-19 Survey highlights. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - Margaret Kristan will finalize the condensed version of the draft of the Executive Summary, and will have it ready for final review at the next GCPD Executive Committee Meeting on March 18, 2021. See Action Item 1.
- ***Review and Approve PowerPoint of COVID-19 Survey Results***
 - The Executive Committee discuss the *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint Presentation; with data from 437 Survey Responses.
 - Tom O'Connor made a motion to accept the current draft of the *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint Presentation. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.



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

- The Executive Committee discussed the timeline for GCPD next steps around distributing the survey data. Next step being presenting data to the Full Committee at the March 24, 2021 GCPD Special Meeting and then moving onto sharing Executive Summary and PowerPoint with staff within the Department of Health Services (DHS).
- Amber Mullett shared that Lisa Olson, whom works within the Secretary's Office, had reached out inquiring about the survey data.
- The Executive Committee discussed the timely need to get information out after the Special Full Committee meeting on March 24, 2021.
- Margaret Kristan will create a list of key players within and outside of DHS; in which to send the Executive Summary and *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint data. See Action Item 2.
- Amber Mullett informed Committee about today's Governor briefing. COVID-19 Vaccine eligibility, starting March 29, 2021, will include individuals with medical conditions over the age of 16. This new eligibility criteria will open up eligibility for an estimate 2 million Wisconsin residents.

VII. Update on Motion Item from GCPD's February 17, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting

- The Executive Committee discussed the Motion items from the February 17, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting; that posed questions about the two state level positions that focused on accessibility, and that were vacant and GCPD made a recommendation on filling.
 - Amber Mullett shared that while doing some research on these positions, she found that they were in fact, not DHS funded positions. However, all State agencies are working to develop Equity and Inclusion plans as required per Executive Order #59. In



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addition, the Governor's budget is requesting an Equity and Inclusion position be provided to each State agency to help with this work.

- Rhonda Staats stated that she preferred a broader initiative on Equity and Inclusion, and it would be best to move towards the recommendation of a Taskforce to target accessibility concerns.
- Amber Mullett shared that she was currently part of an Equity and Inclusion Workgroup at DHS, and would be a point of contact for GCPD.
- The Executive Committee discussed moving towards the idea of recommended a taskforce composed of disability related organizations, advocacy groups and state level employees to assist with accessibility concerns across all platforms.
- David Morstad suggested moving this item ahead to the March 18, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting for further discussion.

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

- The Executive Committee agreed on moving agenda items ahead to the upcoming March 18, 2021 meeting that included the following:
 - COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - Review Final Executive Summary and PowerPoint of Survey Results
 - Discuss GCPD Next Steps and Determine Timeline for GCPD Next Steps
 - Special Full Council Meeting
 - Releasing Results to Stakeholders and Partners
 - Discuss Equity and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations
- The Draft agenda for March 25th Executive Committee Meeting will be discussed during March 18th Executive Committee meeting. Action Item 3.



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IX. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 P.M.