



## State of Wisconsin

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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### OPEN MEETING NOTICE

#### **Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Teleconference Meeting**

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**Meeting is available via [Zoom](#):**

<https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1610386323>

**And via phone:**

Phone: (669) 254-5252

Meeting ID: 161 038 6323

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approve July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
3. Review and Approve June 1, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (10:10 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.)
5. Presentation on Mental Health Services Access for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Population
  - Anastasia Heckendorf, DHS D/HH/DB Behavioral Health Initiative Project Coordinator
6. Discuss State of Wisconsin Legislative Updates Related to the Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan
  - Follow-up and Next Steps on the Status of Recommendation for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator Position within Government

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- Follow-up and Next Steps on the Status of Recommendation for Disability Related Civil Rights Complaints Routing Through Wisconsin Attorney General
- 7. Identify Partners, Stakeholders and Other Committee Members to Invite to Opportunities and Access Subcommittee Meetings for Policy Discussions
- 8. Draft September 7, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- 9. Adjourn

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the governmental business outlined in the above agenda.

In 1948, a Governor's Committee was established with one goal: To improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The group's mission was broadened in 1976 to cover many aspects of disability in Wisconsin and became the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD). Unlike other disability councils in state government, the focus of the Governor's Committee includes all disabilities and six of its members represent specific disability constituencies: alcohol and other drug abuse; blindness and visual impairment; deaf and hard of hearing; developmental disabilities; mental health; and physical disabilities. GCPD is charged with the following duties: Advise the Governor and state agencies on problems faced by people with disabilities. Review legislation affecting people with disabilities. Promote effective operation of publicly-administered or supported programs serving people with disabilities. Promote the collection, dissemination, and incorporation of adequate information about people with disabilities for purposes of public planning at all levels of government. Promote public awareness of the needs and abilities of people with disabilities. Encourage the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.

The GCPD is administratively attached to the Department of Health Services. If you need an interpreter, alternate formats, or other accommodations to participate, please contact Ashley Walker at 608-266-5364 or by email [ashley.walker@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:ashley.walker@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

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