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

**Thursday, May 5, 2022
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Katherine Schneider will connect with Tia Ledvina, Department of Administration, to find out more details about what aspects of website accessibility she is able to present to the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee.
2. **Action Item:** The Sub-Committee discussed looking at the Opportunities and Access section of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan and assigning leads. Language will also need to be looked at and amended. Sub-Committee members need to send their desired sections to lead to Evelyn Azbell to compile and report at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May 5, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee members present: Evelyn Azbell; Ben Barrett; Katherine Schneider; Ramsey Lee; and David Morstad.

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee members absent (excused*):
Not applicable.

Guest: Colleen Larsen, GCPD Liaison, Wisconsin Technical College System.

DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; and Mikael Snitker, DHS, BADR.

II. Evelyn Azbell Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 161 038 6323 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve May 5, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the May 5, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the April 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.



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VI. Discuss Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- ***Update on Universal Access and Inclusion***

- Katherine Schneider reported on universal access and inclusion.
 - Katherine Schneider stated she researched the health services website in her county to find out the COVID-19 status and was running into issues with access and recommended a search box on the website and had reported it to DHS to be looked at for consideration.
 - Katherine Schneider stated the work around would be connecting to 211 to gain information and resources.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed that Camille Cray attended the last GCPD Bi-Monthly and was looking into the access corrections on the websites.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed the multiple levels at the state level and what seems like an easy website fix is never the case. DHS support staff discussed that internally, all websites are currently going to an upgraded version. The Sub-Committee agreed that issuing a formal complaint is still the best route to go.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed connecting with Tia Ledvina, Department of Administration, a contact that Ramsey Lee had shared, to do a presentation at the next Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting on website accessibility.



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- ***Update on Statewide Accessibility Issues, Evelyn Azbell***
 - Evelyn Azbell reported that she had reached out to the Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers (WCILC) and Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW) and has not been able to obtain a response. Evelyn Azbell forwarded out a link on the WCILC website <https://www.corada.com/> to had comprehensive data on populations, policy and disability rights.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed looking at connecting with ILCW and WCILC regarding the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).
- The Sub-Committee reviewed the Opportunities and Access Support Opportunities and Access section.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed hosting a summit of all statutory disability related committees and councils to promote alignment of priorities and statewide activities. Option of hybrid or virtual.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed the summit being an activity of the Executive Committee and concentrating more on making recommendations.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed looking at the Opportunities and Access section of the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan and assigning leads. Language will also need to be looked at and amended. Sub-Committee members need to send their desired sections to lead to Evelyn Azbell to compile and report at the next Sub-Committee meeting. See Action Item 2.



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VII. Draft June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Sub-Committee discussed the agenda for the next Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting will be June 2, 2022:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve May 5, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (10:10 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.)
 - Presentation on Website Accessibility
 - Tia Ledvina, Department of Administration
 - Discuss Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan
 - Update on Universal Access and Inclusion, Katherine Schneider
 - Opportunities and Access Section, Leads and Recommendations
 - Draft June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Adjourn

VIII. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.