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

Thursday, July 7, 2022
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Approved September 1, 2022.

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** More members are needed on the GCPD Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee, and this request needs to be sent to full GCPD membership. Ben Barrett will notify Executive Committee that this Sub-Committee needs more members at the next meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send list of final recommendations submitted to Jeremy Gehler related to making DHS videos fully accessible.
- 3. Action Item:** Katherine Schneider will contact OPIL Section Chief and ODHH Director to see if they are aware if American Sign Language will be a communication option for the 988 crisis line.
- 4. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send the updated versions of the GCPD Work Plan and Opportunities and Access Section to Sub-Committee members.
- 5. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send the Opportunities and Access Policy Recommendations Work Plan grid to Sub-Committee members to review prior to the next Sub-Committee meeting.
- 6. Action Item:** Katherine Schneider will share opportunity to participate in Ed Roberts Video Project from Great Lakes ADA Center with GCPD members.



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B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the July 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda as amended. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried
- 2. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Katherine Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to nominate Katherine Schneider as Chair of the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

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

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee members absent (excused*): David Morstad*.

Guest: Jeff Fox, Member, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities.

DHS support staff present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); and Karen Potnek, DHS, BADR.

II. Katherine Schneider, Sub-Committee member called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 038 6323 and via [Zoom](#).



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III. Review and Approve July 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion.
 - Discussion was had about amending the agenda to add ADA celebrations as item 8 to the agenda and moving adjournment to item 9 on the agenda.
 - Ben Barret made a motion to approve the June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda as amended. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve June 2, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

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

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Jeff Fox stated that Wi-Fi on 5G platform is still not fully accessible to most people in the northern part of Wisconsin. This is concerning as Electronic Visit Verification and other assistance require participants to utilize internet. Also, since the state is so far behind, and larger urban areas now have 10G should the state focus on this infrastructure rather than the outdated 5G infrastructure.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed adding 5G Platform discussion to a future meeting agenda.
 - Ramsey Lee recommended the Sub-Committee have a presenter from the Public Service Commission Broadband Taskforce to present on this topic at a future meeting.



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VI. Assign Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Chair

- Katherine Schneider volunteered to Chair the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee.
 - Ramsey Lee made a motion to nominate Katherine Schneider as Chair of the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - Ben Barrett stated that we need more members on the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee and this request needs to be sent to full GCPD membership. Ben Barrett will notify Executive Committee that this Sub-Committee needs more members at the next meeting. See Action Item 1.

VII. 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 shared that she did not have any updated on the complaint filed an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) formal complaint about the inaccessibility of the Governor's contact webpage.
 - DHS support staff shared an email from Jeremy Gehler, DHS Multimedia staff, requesting feedback about making DHS videos fully accessible.
 - DHS support staff will send list of final recommendations submitted to Jeremy Gehler related to making DHS videos fully accessible. See Action Item 2.



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- ***Discuss New 988 Crisis Line***
 - Katherine Schneider stated 988 will have TTY but is unsure if American Sign Language (ASL) will be an option.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed that this might be a barrier to a person in crisis if ASL is your primary mode of communication.
 - Katherine Schneider will contact OPIL Section Chief and ODHH Director to see if they are aware if ASL will be a communication option for the 988 crisis line. See Action Item 3.
- ***Review Opportunities and Access Recommendations***
 - The Sub-Committee discussed policy recommendations in the Opportunities and Access section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan.
 - The Sub-Committee was sent the wrong version of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan.
 - DHS support staff will send the updated versions of the GCPD Work Plan and Opportunities and Access Section to Sub-Committee members. See Action Item 4.
 - During the Sub-Committee's discussion, they realized that some of these policy recommendations or strategies listed in the Work Plan had already been completed.
 - The Sub-Committee requested the policy recommendations be placed in a grid so they can mark which items had already been completed and which ones had not, so the Sub-Committee can assign leads to pursue policy recommendations in the Work Plan which have not been completed.



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- DHS support staff will send the Opportunities and Access Policy Recommendations Work Plan grid to Sub-Committee members to review prior to the next Sub-Committee meeting. See Action Item 5.
 - The Sub-Committee members will send over Opportunities and Access Work Plan recommendations to Evelyn Azbell by Friday June 10, 2022, to compile and present at the upcoming GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting on June 15, 2022. See Action Item 3.

VII. Draft August 4, 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 August 4, 2022:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve August 4, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve July 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (10:10 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.)
 - Discuss Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan
 - Update on Universal Access and Inclusion
 - Review Opportunities and Access Section Recommendations Grid
 - Draft September 1, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Adjourn



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VIII. Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act Celebrations

- The Sub-Committee discussed several opportunities to participate in ADA celebrations on the national and local level as people with disabilities.
- Katherine Schneider will share opportunity to participate in Ed Roberts Video Project from Great Lakes ADA Center with GCPD members. See Action Item 6.

IX. Adjourn

- The Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.