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

Thursday, September 1, 2022
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

APPROVED 10/06/2022

Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff emailed out information on the Public Service Commission (PSC) Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and information on the PSC Wisconsin Broadband Office (WBO).
2. **Action Item:** Katherine Schneider will investigate the accessibility of the Wisconsin Legislator Website and do some research into the contact and lead staff of ensuring website accessibility.

B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the September 1, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the July 7, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee 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*.



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Guest: Lawrence Brown, Community Member; Jaron McCallum, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Public Service Committee (PSC).

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

II. Katherine Schneider, Sub-Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

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

III. Review and Approve September 1, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

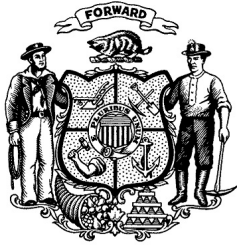
- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the September 1, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

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

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

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown (Community Member) made public comment regarding the concerns on the availability of broadband internet in country and rural areas. Also, stated concerns about access to non-emergency medical transportation and concerns with quality transportation in the Milwaukee and Madison.



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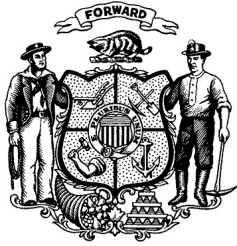
VI. Discuss Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- ***Discuss Statewide Broadband Access, PSC***

- Jaron McCallum, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Public Service Committee (PSC), attended the meeting to discuss with membership the role of PSC, the initiatives to expand broadband across the state and how GCPD membership can advocate to expand broadband statewide.
 - The Sub-Committee membership and Jaron McCallum discussed broadband internet access being an essential service that can no longer be viewed as a luxury, funding and grants for expanding internet access in rural areas and working with local municipalities with partnering on funding and also digital equity, literacy and affordability.
 - Jaron McCallum shared that the PSC has established their Internet & Phone helpline for Wisconsin consumers. Please dial (608) 267-3595 to speak with dedicated PSC staff or leave a voicemail.
 - DHS support staff emailed out information on the Public Service Commission (PSC) Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and information on the PSC Wisconsin Broadband Office (WBO). See Action Item 1.

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

- Ramsey Lee shared that the Wisconsin Legislator Website is not accessible and wondering who to collaborate with to make change happen. The Sub-Committee discussed looking at connecting with the Statutory Council on Blindness to help advocate to make improves the Wisconsin Legislator Website.



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- Katherine Schneider will investigate the accessibility of the Wisconsin Legislator Website and do some research into the contact and lead staff of ensuring website accessibility. See Action Item 2.
- ***Review Opportunities and Access Recommendations Grid***
 - The Sub-Committee discussed the Opportunities and Access Strategies Tracker and discussing what general policy recommendations are done, need to be addressed and what items cannot be accomplished.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed having a resource list linked on the GCPD website.

VII. Draft October 6, 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 October 6, 2022:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve October 6, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve September 1, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (10:10 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.)



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- Discuss Opportunities and Access Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan
 - Update on Universal Access and Inclusion
 - Update on Web Accessibility of Wisconsin Legislative Webpage
 - Opportunities and Access Section Recommendations Tracker Grid
- Draft November 3, 2022, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

VIII. Adjourn

- Ben Barrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.