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

**Thursday, July 6, 2023
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:** DHS support staff will invite Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin System Representative for discussion on possible changes to access to educational services for people with disabilities.

B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to approve the July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to approve the June 1, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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: Katherine Schneider; David Morstad; Ben Barrett; and Ramsey Lee.

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

Guests: Anastasia Heckendorf, DHS D/HH/DB Behavioral Health Initiative Project Coordinator; and Denise Johnson, Statewide Program Coordinator Independence First.



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DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Laura Plummer, DHS, BADR; Angela Brenna, 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 July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- David Morstad made a motion to approve the July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve June 1, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- David Morstad made a motion to approve the June 1, 2023, 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

- Ramsey Lee shared that he was aware of changes and cuts to services for people with disabilities in the University of Wisconsin (UW) System.
 - The Sub-Committee agreed to move forward with having a UW System Representative at a future meeting to discuss this issue.



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VI. 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 and Denise Johnson, Statewide Program Coordinator. Independence First presented on Wisconsin's 988 Crisis Line and accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing services and mental health services.

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

- ***Updates on the Recommendation for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator Position within Government***
 - No current updates.
- ***Updates on the Status of Disability Related Civil Rights Complaints Routing Through Wisconsin Attorney General***
 - No current updates.

VII. Identify Partners, Stakeholders and Other Community Members to Invite to Opportunities and Access Subcommittee Meetings for Policy Discussions

- Discussed for the September 14, 2023, meeting:
 - Update on the Concordia University Project.
 - DHS support staff will invite Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin System Representative for discussion on possible changes to access to educational services for people with disabilities. See Action Item 1.



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- Continuing discussion with the Public Service Commission about the federal broadband funding coming into the state to create digital equity and broadband access for people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

VIII. Draft September 14, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Sub-Committee discussed the agenda for the next Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting on September 14, 2023:
- Review and Approve September 14, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Review and Approve July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
- Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (10:10 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.)
- Discussion on Changes to Services for People with Disabilities in the University of Wisconsin (UW) System.
 - Elizabeth Watson, University of Wisconsin System Representative
- Identify Partners, Stakeholders and Other Committee Members to Invite to Opportunities and Access Subcommittee Meetings for Policy Discussions
- Draft October 12, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

IX. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 A.M.