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

**Thursday, November 9, 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.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS Staff will send David Morstad Governor Tony Evers Communications Staff contact information.
- 3. Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will send out calendar invites for 2024.

B. Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. David Morstad 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; Colleen Larsen and Ramsey Lee.

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



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Guests: Ashley Mathy, Member-at-Large.



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DHS support staff present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Zachary Davenport, DHS, BADR; Angela Brenna, DHS, BADR.

ASL Interpreters present: Carly Bieri and Chantel Wiedmeyer.

II. Katherine Schneider, Sub-Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 November 9, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- David Morstad made a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the July 6, 2023, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting minutes. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

VI. Discussion on Changes to Services for People with Disabilities in the University of WI (UW) System

- Elizabeth Watson, UW System Representative: DHS Support did not send an invitation to this meeting. DHS will send an invitation for Elizabeth Watson to attend the next meeting.



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VII. Take aways from the United Voices Summit for Those Who Attended

- Committee discussed their experiences. Members agreed that they appreciated the opportunity to meet other Councils/Committees members.
- Committee Members said they enjoyed seeing each other face to face.
- Committee members agreed that they would like to see this event continue annually.

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

- ***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

- 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.
- David Morstad shared a story about his experience on Governor Tony Evers social media page. He stated that there were no picture descriptions on any of his photos. The Committee discussed the need for accessibility in social media. DHS Staff shared that the committee could reach out to the Comms in the Secretary's office to bring awareness to Governor Evers social media page. DHS Staff will send David Morstad Governor Tony Evers Communications Staff contact information. See Action Item 2.

VIII. Discuss Opportunities and Access Priorities for the next GCPD Work Plan

- The Committee discussed adding post-secondary education services and access to broadband.



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IX. Review 2024 GCPD Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Dates

- Bi-Monthly, Second Thursday from 10:00- 11:00 AM
 - The committee agreed to continue meeting. DHS Support Staff will send out calendar invites for 2024. See Action Item 3.

X. Draft January 11, 2024, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Sub-Committee discussed and drafted the agenda for the next Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting on January 10, 2024
- David Morstad agreed to facilitate the next meeting due to Kathie Schneider, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Chair, resignation. Kathie Schneider shared that she is resigning from GCPD. The Committee will assign a Chair at the next meeting.

XI. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.