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GCPD Opportunities and Access Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 27, 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Action Items

1. **Action Item:** The Committee will reach out to the AT Council to collaborate on how to address the ADA Title II changes (digital accessibility) with the State Departments.
2. **Action Item:** DHS Staff Support will send the Chair AT Council Contact information to invite them to the next meeting.

Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Dan Witt made a motion to approve the September 27, 2024, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Dan Witt made a Motion to approve the July Meeting Meetings. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attendance:

Committee Member	Attendance
David Morstad, Committee Co-Chair	Present
Cindy Bentley, Committee Co-Chair	Present
Ramsey Lee	Present
Ben Barrett	Present
Dan Witt	Present
Ashley Mathy	Present

DHS Staff Support Present: Zachary Davenport, Angela Brenna, Laura Plummer.

ASL Interpreters Present: Carly Bieri and Sadi Dudley.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- David Morstad, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM The meeting was made available via Zoom Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716.

2. Review and Approve September 27, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Dan Witt made a motion to approve the September 27, 2024, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

3. Review and Approve July 11, 2024, Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Dan Witt made a motion to approve the Minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion item 2.

4. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

5. Discuss Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II Updated Regulations (Digital Accessibility)

- Timeline to Comply with the ADA Rule, There's a phase-in period:
 - April 2026 for entities with populations of 50,000 or more.
 - April 2027 for entities with populations under 50,000.
- Collaboration with AT Council on State Level Digital Accessibility.
 - Laura Plummer shared that many businesses are using accessibility widget as a tool created to allow website visitors to adjust certain aspects of a website, such as text size and background color. Widgets do not serve as a successful accessibility compliance strategy, as they aim to solve only a small portion of accessibility issues and cannot guarantee WCAG compliance – and educating state/local government that this is not compliance is important.
 - [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.1](#) is the technical standard.
 - Members discussed how to ensure state and local government leadership has a digital accessibility plan and accessibility policy statement.

6. Legislative Updates

- DHS Staff Support shared information about the ADA Title II regulation changes. The rule applies to web content and mobile apps that a state or local government provides or makes available, regardless of whether it is created by the government or a third party.
- DHS Staff Support will send the Chair AT Council Contact information to invite them to the next meeting. See Action Item 2.

7. Draft Next Opportunities and Access Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Committee discussed and drafted the agenda for the next Opportunities and Access Committee meeting agenda on November 14, 2024.

8. Adjourn

- The Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

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