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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Madison
525 West Johnson Street
Madison, WI 53703

Committee Action Items and Motion Items

A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** The Executive Committee will meet on August 22, 2019 to finalize the September Quarterly Meeting Agenda, and will review and follow up on outstanding action items from the previous Quarterly Meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will compose and send a letter of appreciation on behalf of Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) to the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) work group, Secretary Palm, and Governor Evers' office to thank them for their work.
- 3. Action Item:** GCPD State Use Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss GCPD attendance at future State Use Board meetings.
- 4. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will follow up with Pearl Fessenden and Kimberlee Coronado to discuss attendance concerns.
- 5. Action Item:** Ben Barrett will bring a copy of the new Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) logo to the next GCPD Quarterly Meeting in September.
- 6. Action Item:** Department of Health Services (DHS) support staff will post GCPD approved disclaimer language to the Committee's website. The Executive Committee will create a list of resources for consumers to be posted on the website at the next Executive Committee Meeting.
- 7. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will follow up with Kimberlee Coronado for status and meeting dates for the GCPD Policy and Membership Committee.
- 8. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will work with DHS support staff to identify an appropriate DHS liaison and follow up with Director of gubernatorial appointments to request the assignment of a DHS liaison to GCPD.



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9. **Action Item:** Sandy Popp will contact Sarah Lincoln with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to obtain a contact for Oak Hill Correctional Facility for a potential presentation at a future GCPD quarterly meeting.
10. **Action Item:** Dan Idzikowski, Transportation Chair, will follow up with his contacts regarding DXC Technologies to get additional information based on Secretary Palm's response to GCPD's letter related to Non-Emergency Medication Transportation (NEMT) dated 5-1-2019.
11. **Action Item:** Sandy Popp will continue efforts to secure someone from Secretary Palm's office to attend a GCPD meeting this fall or winter.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the Quarterly Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded Nancy Leipzig. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the March Quarterly Meeting Minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by John Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Maureen Ryan to have Sandy Popp compose and send a letter of appreciation on behalf of GCPD to the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) work group, Secretary Palm, and Governor Evers' office to thank them for their work. It was also encouraged this letter include a reminder to continue using 'consumer-friendly' language and vocabulary. The motion was seconded by John Olson. The vote unanimously passed.
4. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by John Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried.

C. Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions by Sandy Popp, Committee Chairperson

Committee members present: John Hartman, Nancy Leipzig, John Olson, Sandy Popp, Maureen Ryan, Dan Idzikowski, Ben Barrett, Ramsey Lee, Margaret Kristan, and Rhonda Staats (via teleconference), and Daniel Laatsch (via teleconference).

Committee members absent (excused*): David Morstad, Benjamin Loux, Kimberlee Coronado, Nicole Everson, and Pearl Fessenden.

Liaisons present: Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Sarah Lincoln, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).



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DHS staff support present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Maia Stitt, DHS, BADR; Sara O'Donnell, DHS BADR; and Gary Roth, DHS.

Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) Service Provider: Margo Lucas.

Guests: Erin Fabrizius, Blumenfeld & Associates and Stephanie Sanna, member of the public.

II. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Sandy Popp, Chair

The meeting was available via in-person attendance and via teleconference by calling (608) 316-9000 and using participant code 2910361. It was also available via [Skype for Business](#).

III. Review and Approve the Agenda

- A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the Quarterly Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Nancy Leipzig. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve March Meeting Minutes

- The Committee reviewed the March Quarterly Meeting Minutes.
 - John Olson requested a revision under Public Comment (page 4, Section V, first bullet) to reflect that the Committee was supplied with a CD of the program materials at the March 2019 meeting.
 - A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the March Quarterly Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by John Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. See Motion Item 2.
- The Committee reviewed the list of action items from the March Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Eva Kubinski made a comment about Canada Transportation Act. This was in recent news due to a suit filed against Air Canada. Plaintiffs argued that Air Canada had failed to honor its responsibilities under the Canada Transportation Act, and that the additional expense of airline tickets for care attendants placed an undue burden on access to transportation and mobility. The court agreed and stated that Air Canada's requirement that passengers with a disability purchase a second ticket was discriminatory. According to a summary: "the court found that the fact that a person must pay for an additional seat because of their disability constituted an undue



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obstacle to their mobility within the meaning of the Canada Transportation Act." Passengers with disabilities traveling wholly within Canada on Air Canada may bring a personal care attendant free of charge. Details on the policy are available on the Air Canada website.

- Ramsey Lee highlighted Assembly Bill AB168, Senate Bill 246. Under current law voters are required to state his or her name and address at the polling place before being permitted to vote. Under the bill, if a voter is unable to state his or her name and address because of a disability, the voter may present his or her identification to the election official who verifies that the identification conforms to current law requirements. The election official, or another person selected by the voter, must then state the voter's name and address. Ramsey would like others to increase awareness about this bill.
 - Sandy Popp mentioned Independent Living Centers (ILCs) as a good resource for this information.
 - It was noted however, that many individuals at voting places are older Americans and follow the current law as written and it might still be difficult for a person with a disability to vote.
 - There was consensus in the room that this lack of awareness might be a liability. It was recommended that Ramsey Lee reach out to Disability Vote Coalition for additional details on how to educate and build awareness.

VI. Updates on GCPD Committees

- **Executive Committee**
 - The Executive Committee continues to meet regularly in-between Quarterly Meetings.
 - The Executive Committee will meet on August 22, 2019 prior to September Quarterly Meeting to finalize the agenda, review action items, and follow up on outstanding action items from previous meeting. See Action Item 1.
- **Transportation Committee**
 - The Committee did not meet prior to Quarterly Meeting.
- **Employment Committee**
 - Sandy Popp (chair) provided updates on the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) stakeholders work group meetings.



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- Sandy Popp noted a change to current premium charges and the move to a unified work requirement verification process.
- It was recommended that the GCPD send a 'Thank you' letter for the hard work.
- A motion was made by Maureen Ryan to have Sandy Popp compose and send a letter of appreciation on behalf of GCPD to the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) work group, Secretary Palm, and Governor Evers' office to thank them for their work. It was also encouraged this letter include a reminder to continue using 'consumer-friendly' language and vocabulary. The motion was seconded by John Olson. The vote was unanimous. See Motion Item 3.
- **State Use Committee**
 - The GCPD State Use Committee has not met recently.
 - Nancy Leipzig noted the State Use Board did not hold their meeting as planned. The State Use Board plans to meet July 17, 2019. Nancy Leipzig will attend.
 - GCPD's State Use Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss GCPD attendance at future State Use Board meetings. See Action Item 3.
- **GCPD Policy Committee**
 - Kimberlee Coronado was not present to provide an update.
 - The Committee did not meet prior to Quarterly Meeting.
- **Membership and Elections Committee**
 - Kimberlee Coronado was not present to provide an update.
 - The Committee did not meet prior to Quarterly Meeting.
 - It was noted that Kimberlee Coronado and Pearl Fessenden have not been present at meetings. Sandy Popp will follow up with Kimberlee and Pearl to check on their availability to attend future Committee meetings. See Action Item 4.

VII. Budget Presentation

- Erin Fabrizius, Blumenfeld & Associates provided a state budget update.
- Time was provided after the presentation for questions from Committee members.



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VIII. Liaison and Council Updates

- **Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**
 - Sarah Lincoln provided DVR updates.
 - The Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Plan and Report are complete and were released. Additional updates will be provided as part of presentation later in agenda.
- **Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse**
 - Committee does not currently have representative from this Council on GCPD.
- **Ben Barrett, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)**
 - The Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to do education and outreach on Emergency Preparedness via trainings, and has recently updated the Emergency Preparedness toolkit.
 - Dan Johnson Advocacy Award ceremony will take place on October 24, 2019. Individuals interested in attending can register at cpd.wisconsin.gov.
 - CPD has approved a new logo for the Council. Ben Barrett will bring a copy to the next GCPD meeting. See Action Item 5.
 - The Council has experienced high turnover in membership; but is almost fully appointed.
- **Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction**
 - Eva Kubinski provided updates in the form of an email that was disseminated to GCPD members prior to the meeting.
- **Tom O'Connor, Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)**
 - A member of the CDHH was not present to provide updates.
- **Ramsey Lee, Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD)**
 - BPDD June Newsletter was shared with the Committee.
- **Kimberlee Coronado, Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**
 - Kimberlee Coronado was not present to provide updates.



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IX. Working Lunch: Liaison and Council Updates

- GCPD Committee Roles and Responsibilities document was reviewed.
- Committee members were provided with a draft version of Committee membership and reminded that Committee business requires a quorum based on committee membership to conduct Committee business.
- Committee was provided time to review the response from Secretary Palm's office dated 5-1-19 in response to the GCPD letter sent on NEMT.
- Lisa Sobczyk, DHS support staff, informed the Committee about an increase in consumer mail GCPD has received. Although the letters were answered the individual consumers were referred to other resources and supports because GCPD does not provide individual case management and requests were beyond the scope of GCPD's purview.
 - It was recommended that language be added to website discourage individual requests for resources and supports.
 - It was noted by Maureen Ryan that these requests should still be tracked and that it might also be useful for the Committee to create a list of resources to which individual consumers could be referred.
 - It was agreed that any letters addressed to the GCPD should be brought to the Committee for review and discussion.
 - It was also determined that the Executive Committee will create a list of resources for consumers to be posted on GCPD's website. See Action Item 6.

X. Wisconsin Act 128 – Employment First Initiative: Update on Competitive Integrated Employment

- Sarah Lincoln, DVR, Margaret Kristan, DHS, and Nancy Leipzig, GCPD member, gave a presentation on Wisconsin Act 128.
- Time was provided after the presentation for questions from Committee members.

XI. Set Standing Committee Meeting Dates

- The Committee discussed future Committee meeting dates.
 - Executive Committee will communicate via email and find a time that works for all Executive Committee members. The meeting date and time are to be determined.



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- Employment Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 2 p.m.
- Transportation Committee will meet on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 1 p.m. and determine additional need for meeting times during that call.
- Health and Long-Term Care (HLTC) Committee will meet on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. and Monday, November 25, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.
 - HLTC also provided an update from their past meeting. The Committee focused on the biennial budget and recommended that another letter be sent to show support for all the areas highlighted on the GCPD's initial letter of support.
- State Use Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 31 at 2:30 p.m. and determine additional need for meeting times during that call.
- Kimberlee Coronado, GCPD Policy and Membership Committees' chair was not present to schedule meeting dates. Sandy Popp will follow up with Kimberlee on status of these committees. See Action Item 7.
- Membership Committee. Ramsey Lee, member, noted that both Kimberlee Coronado and Pearl Fessenden have not been present at past two Quarterly Meetings.
 - The Committee did a full membership list review and recommended that when the Membership Committee does meet a targeted membership analysis should be completed to identify positions that still need to be filled. It was noted that as of June 2019, the Committee still needs two members-at-large (one being a person with a disability) and a representative from the Lieutenant Governor's office.
- Newly appointed Committee members joined available Committees.
 - Daniel Laatsch plans to join Transportation and Employment Committees.
 - Rhonda Staats will join Transportation and Health Care and Long-Term Care Committees
 - Sarah Lincoln, DVR Liaison, volunteered to join the State Use Committee.



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XII. Next Steps and Discuss Agenda Items for September 2019 Quarterly Meeting

- The Committee discussed Quarterly Meeting Agenda items for the September 2019 meeting. The following suggestions were made:
 - A liaison from DHS could attend future Quarterly Meetings to provide updates from a DHS perspective. Sandy Popp to work with DHS support staff to identify an appropriate DHS liaison. See Action Item 8.
 - A representative from Department of Corrections (DOC) could give a presentations\ on:
 - DOC pilot project with between the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and Oak Hill Correctional Facility.
 - Sandy Popp to follow up with Sarah Lincoln on contact from the Department of Corrections (DOC) about presenting at a future GCPD quarterly meeting. See Action Item 9.
 - Presentation could be on the Disable Offender Support Program or the Juvenile Detention statewide program with a focus on how many in the program have disabilities and accommodation needs.
 - DXC Technologies invitation to present information as an external resource for NEMT. It was agreed prior to invitation that Dan would first attempt to reach out to his contacts in transportation first and then an invitation would be extended based on his findings. See Action Item 10.
 - Electronic visit verification (EVV) presentation. It was noted that EVV is impacting a lot of people around the state. Sandy Popp commented that this might be a better topic for the December Quarterly Meeting, when more information will be available since the EVV work group is still working on process implementation.
 - It was suggested that the Disability Vote coalition could provide additional information on nonverbal voting to ensure GCPD is aware of new voting requirements prior to November voting.
 - It was suggested that the Committee continue its efforts to have someone from Secretary Palm's office attend a future meeting. Sandy Popp will continue efforts to have someone from Secretary Palm's office attend a GCPD meeting this fall or winter. See Action Item 11.



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- The next Quarterly Meeting will take place on September 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. location to be determined and communicated to Committee members.

XIII. Adjourn

- A motion was made by John Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ramsey Lee. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.