



## State of Wisconsin

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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### Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Bi-Monthly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

AMENDED AND APPROVED DECEMBER 2, 2020.

#### Action and Motion Items

##### A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** GCPD Executive Committee will revise the COVID-19 Policy Recommendations to include suggested policy recommendations from the October 21, 2020 GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting. David Morstad, Chair, requested any additional policy recommendations not discussed today, be emailed to him.

##### B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the October bi-monthly meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Gail Bovy made a motion to approve the August bi-monthly meeting minutes. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Popp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

##### C. Meeting Minutes

###### I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

**Committee members present:** David Morstad; Sandy Popp; Margaret Kristan; Maureen Ryan; Nancy Leipzig; Ramsey Lee; Rhonda Staats; Gail Bovy; Ben Barrett; Fred Ludwig; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; John Hartman; and Dan Idzikowski.

**Committee members absent (excused\*):** Kimberlee Coronado; Pearl Fassenden; Daniel Laatsch; and John Olson\*.



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**Committee liaisons present:** Colleen Larsen, Wisconsin Technical Colleges; and Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction.

**Committee liaisons absent:** Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Guests:** Lawrence Brown; Martha Pings, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS); Dana Raue, DHS; and Thia Hovorka, DHS.

**Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas.

**DHS staff support present:** Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); and Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR.

#### II. Meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 960 4427 2537 and via [Zoom](#).

#### III. Review and Approve October Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the October bi-monthly meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

#### IV. Review and Approve of August Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Gail Bovy made a motion to approve the August bi-monthly meeting minutes. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

#### V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown brought up persons with disabilities attending medical appointments and caregivers not being able to attend with them. David Morstad stated that this is a statewide issue and is an item on the agenda for further discussion.



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#### VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- David Morstad stated the items the Executive Committee have been working on including:
  - Vacancies in membership: GCPD Executive Committee has been focusing on adding new members.
  - David Morstad also stated that he has been continuing to attend meetings of the Board of People with Disabilities (BPDD) and the Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.
  - Survival Coalition: At this time, the Executive Committee will hold off on pursuing membership on the Survival Coalition, and revisit this in the next 6 months. GCPD will continue to collaborate in the public policy sector.
  - Bi-Monthly meetings have been moved to 2.5 hours long. Material submitted by Council representatives and liaisons needs to be in an accessible format prior to distribution to GCPD membership. As a result the Executive Committee created a Council and Liaison Reporting Form. David Morstad thanked Margaret Kristan for drafting the form and DHS for making it accessible.
  - GCPD Executive Committee sent a letter to the Governor's Office to address the *No Visitor Policy*.
    - Maureen Ryan stated issues and concerns with the vaccination process for people with disabilities: GCPD may need to make some recommendations on the vaccination process and ventilators. A disability voice needs to be on the Governor's subcommittees.
    - Maureen Ryan stated concerns with budget cuts to IRIS: restructuring the rate for the IRIS Consulting Agencies (ICA) and Fiscal Employment Agencies (FEA), anticipating a 14-15% cut to agencies across the board. Monday there will be a meeting with the FEAs and ICAs. Brought to the attention of the council.



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- David Morstad brought up an addition issue regarding the current GCPD By-Laws having all Officers being up for election/reelection at the same time. David Morstad stated the Executive Committee will address this possible By-laws change elections so all position are not up for reelection at the same time. Current verbiage: *All officers are set to reelect in December odd years.*

#### VII. Council and Liaison Updates

- **Liaison Updates**
  - **Department of Public Instruction (DPI)** – Eva Kubinski shared PowerPoint on DPI Rule Changes Speech, Emotional Behavioral, and Visual Impairment. PowerPoint will be emailed to DHS support staff and will be made accessible and emailed out to GCPD members.
  - **Governor's Council for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind** – Tom O'Connor shared the last quarterly meeting was September 11, 2020 and that no members were willing to fill vacant officer positions.
  - **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** – Sarah Lincoln sent report via email. Department of Workforce Development has a Transition Director that replaced Secretary Caleb Frostman, her name is Amy Pechacek. DVR is currently recruiting for a new WDA 2 Director for the Milwaukee area. DVR staff are continuing to work remotely. DVR is also in the planning stages for the Statewide Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CSNA) that will be conducted by San Diego State University.
  - **Wisconsin Technical Colleges** – Colleen Larsen shared that the WTCS Disability Services Committee has updated the Accommodations for Students with Disabilities 2020 document (sent to GCPD members) and is now working on updating the Guide for Student Record Confidentiality. The WTCS Disability Services Committee members have also been sharing institutional



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policies and guidance created related to accommodations for wearing masks on campus.

#### VIII. Electronic Visit Verification

- Dana Raue and Martha Pings presented on Electronic Visit Verification (EVV). PowerPoint Presentation included a Background Overview; Guiding Principles; Program Design; and Resources.
  - EVV Soft Implementation date is scheduled for November 2, 2020.

#### IX. Discuss COVID-19 Policy Recommendations Drafted by the Executive Committee Liaison

- GCPD Executive Committee shared the COVID-19 Policy Recommendations the committee drafted.
- GCPD discussed the policy recommendations and adding more policy recommendations to the list.
  - Recommendations on vaccination and ventilator distributions needs to be added.
  - Nancy Leipzig spoke about adding Health Literacy issues. Individuals with disabilities needing more assistance to understand instructions and treatment.
  - Maureen Ryan brought up lack of access to broadband, technology and monthly service plans, and social isolation.
  - Daniel Idzikowski and Maureen Ryan brought up rapid testing and overall lack of access to testing, false positives, and this causing delays in urgent medical care. Access to ongoing healthcare due to COVID-19 is an issue for many people with disabilities as many people also have medical conditions that require ongoing preventative and medical treatment.



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#### X. Adjourn

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Popp seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.**