

## 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, December 2, 2020  
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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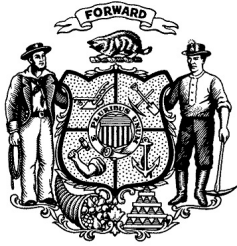
#### Action and Motion Items

##### A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** A Nominating Committee will need to be appointed and nominations for at-large Executive Committee members need to be requested.
2. **Action Item:** GCPD will need to hold an election for at-large Executive Committee members at the GCPD February bi-monthly meeting.
3. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will work with By-laws Committee members (Ramsey Lee, John Olson, and Maureen Ryan) to set-up a meeting.
4. **Action Item:** GCPD will review the subcommittee/issue groups at the February bi-monthly meeting.
5. **Action Item:** GCPD will review its work plan at the February bi-monthly meeting.

##### B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the December bi-monthly meeting agenda. Sandy Popp seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the October bi-monthly meeting minutes as amended. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the Members Expectations document as amended. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Roll call vote, 2 No (Nancy and Rhonda Staats), 6 Yes (Julie Blasky, Ramsey Lee, Sandy Popp, Maureen Ryan, Ben Barrett, Tom O'Conner), and one abstention (John Olson). Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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#### 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; Ben Barrett; Fred Ludwig; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; John Hartman; John Olson; Daniel Laatsch; and Dan Idzikowski.

**Committee members absent (excused\*):** Kimberlee Coronado; Pearl Fessenden\*; and Gail Bovy.

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

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

**Guest:** Ashley Hockers, Job Development Provider, Wausau.

**Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas.

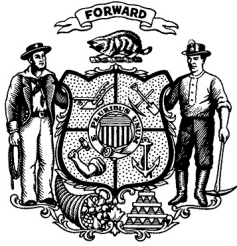
**DHS staff support present:** Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); and Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR.

##### II. Meeting was called to order at 1:04 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 925 2398 3556 and via [Zoom](#).

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

- Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the December bi-monthly meeting agenda. Sandy Popp seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the October bi-monthly meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion.
  - Discussion of minutes was had and John Olson requested to be marked as excused as he did not receive the meeting packet.
    - Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the October bi-monthly meeting minutes as amended. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

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

- No public comment was received.

#### VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- David Morstad stated the items the Executive Committee have been working on including:
  - Possibly need to revise GCPD by-laws as the full Committee is now meeting bi-monthly and Executive Committee is now meeting weekly.
    - Discussed need to possibly change composition of Executive Committee as it is hard to get quorum at times to do business. This is needed as full Committee has delegated more responsibility to Executive Committee and quorum is needed to get the work of the Committee completed.
    - There was also discussion about making sure the Committee officers and Executive Committee at-large members elections were in opposite years so the entire Committee's leadership did not change over at the same time.



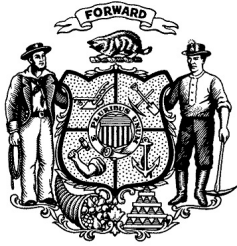
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- John Olson stated that according to Article 8.7.1 on page 7, Election Section 1.A. elections do run in opposite years for officers and Executive Committee at-large elections run in separate years.
- John Olson also stated that at-large Executive Committee members should have been elected at the December bi-monthly meeting.
  - A nominating committee will need to be appointed and nominations for at-large Executive Committee members need to be requested and GCPD will need to hold an election for these positions at the February bi-monthly meeting. See Action Items 1 and 2.
  - Ramsey Lee, John Olson, and Maureen Ryan volunteered to serve on the By-Laws Committee to look into these concerns raised by the Executive Committee related to the current by-laws.
    - DHS support staff will work with By-laws Committee members to set-up a meeting. See Action Item 3.
- GCPD Executive Committee sent a letter to the Governor's Office to address the *No Visitor Policy*.
  - David Morstad had Margaret Kristan provide an update on the status of this letter and related recommendations.
- David Morstad stated that the Executive Committee revised the Members Expectations document, with the full Committee feedback provided at the October bi-monthly meeting. The full Committee will review during this bi-monthly meeting.



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- David Morstad stated that the Executive Committee completed the letter to the Governor on COVID-19 policy recommendations.
    - David Morstad thanked Nancy Leipzig for drafting the letter.
    - GCPD discussed the letter being very comprehensive and it being one of the best letters GCPD has drafted in a long time.
      - Dan Idzikowski stated that GCPD may want to reexamine its subcommittees as members were serving on the various subcommittees that had topical area expertise. These subcommittees may also be helpful to the Executive Committee when working on letters and other items on specific topics. It was recommended that this be discussed at the GCPD February bi-monthly meeting. See Action Item 4.
      - Maureen Ryan also suggested that GCPD review its work plan as some of the COVID-19 work has been related to the work plan and some of it has not been. So the Committee may need to consider revising its three year work plan. See Action Item 5.
      - Maureen Ryan also suggested that GCPD looking at having standing agenda items that are flexible so the Committee can address items or concerns as they occur in real time.

#### VII. GCPD Membership Vacancies Update

- The Committee discussed membership vacancies. In particular, vacancies from the Mental Health Council and stator Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. If we cannot get these councils to send representatives can GCPD look toward partners or other groups as these issues need to be represented on the Committee.
  - John Olson recommend GCPD reach out the Governor's office for a representative.



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- GCPD has and David Morstad has attend meetings of both of these councils requesting representation and GCPD still does not have respective representatives from these councils.
- GCPD also discussed the need for diversity on the Committee and how it can work with the Governor's office to work toward achieving diversity.

#### VIII. Discuss GCPD COVID-19 Policy Recommendations

- **Update from Fred Ludwig, Lt. Governor Ex-Officio Member of GCPD**
  - Fred Ludwig shared that the letter sent to the Governor's office and appreciated the thought that went into it and its style. He thought pointing out intersections between concerns/issues and intersections with policy and legislation was helpful.
  - Fred Ludwig shared that GCPD's No Visitor policy letter with DHS leadership and the Department is working on implementing this recommendation with areas within its prevue including IRIS and Family Care and with stakeholders including MCOs and ICAs.

#### IX. Review and Approve Members Expectations Document

- The Committee discussed the revised Members Expectation document.
  - John Olson stated that the member represent GCPD at the direction of the GCPD Chair, as this is how it is stated in the by-laws.
  - Maureen Ryan asked to remove the 6<sup>th</sup> bullet under general expectations related to requesting accommodations.
  - Discussion was also had about requiring members to have email addresses or a way to connect virtually. Members discussed not wanting this to exclude qualified members from joining GCPD.
  - There was also discussion about clarifying absences being unexcused as outlined in the by-laws.



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#### X. Liaison Updates

- No new liaison updates were provided.

#### XI. Council Updates

- Statutory Council on Blindness submitted a report.
- No other Councils submitted a Council report.

#### XII. Adjourn

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:23 P.M.**