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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, April 21, 2021  
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**Approved: June 16, 2021**

#### **Action and Motion Items**

##### **A. Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** David Morstad will communicate with the GCPD Full Committee on any updated responses or follow-up next steps to the Consumer Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution.

##### **B. Motion Items**

1. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the GCPD April 21, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the GCPD February 17, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Sandy Popp made a motion to approve the GCPD March 24, 2021 Full Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Popp 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; Daniel Laatsch; Dan Idzikowski; Kimberlee Coronado; and Evelyn Azbell.

**Committee members absent (excused\*):** John Olson\*; Pearl Fessenden\*; Gail Bovy\*.

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

**Guests:** Jeff Fox, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities and Lawrence Brown.

**Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas.

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

##### II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 842 7137 1535 and via [Zoom](#).

##### III. Review and Approve April 21, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the GCPD April 21, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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#### **IV. Review and Approve of February 17, 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes**

- Maureen Ryan made a motion to approve the GCPD February 17, 2021 Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

#### **V. Review and Approve of GCPD March 24, 2021 Full Committee Meeting Minutes**

- Sandy Popp made a motion to approve the GCPD March 24, 2021 Full Committee meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

#### **VI. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities**

- Lawrence Brown stated that many individuals with disabilities are still being denied access to having their caregiver or advocate with them during doctor visits.
- Kimberlee Coronado stated issues with Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) not taking on new cases due to being low staffed, and not having the funds to support the complexity of cases.

#### **VII. GCPD Executive Committee Updates**

- David Morstad shared updated to the Full Committee on what the Executive Committee had completed since February 2021 at the last GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting.
- **Discuss Feedback on Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners.**
  - David Morstad led discussion on feedback and distribution of the Executive Summary and *Right to Have a Support Person of Caregiver at Appointments* PowerPoint data to stakeholders and partners.



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- The Survey Data and Executive Summary were emailed to contacts at the Office of the Governor; Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Secretary's Office; Department of Health Services (DHS) Leadership, Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) and Division of Public Health (DPH) Leadership; Health and Equity Council; Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW); constituent councils and also a vast listing of statewide disability related organizations and advocate groups.
- Amber Mullett shared that she has had conversation with Chuck Warzecha, Deputy Administrator DPH, and Carrie Molke, Director Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, regarding possible actions moving forward which included:
  - Reaching out to the Office of Legal Counsel; Looking into infection protection protocols and language that was used regarding limiting visitors, etc.; Connecting with chief medical officers to identify levels of influence and engagement with disbursing information and training to medical professionals.
- **Discuss Next Steps from Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution to Stakeholders and Partners**
  - David Morstad stated that so far, all the feedback he has received regarding the Executive Summary and Survey Results has been positive, and has stimulated a lot of progressive conversation. Specific actions are still in development.
  - David Morstad will communicate with the GCPD Full Committee on any updated responses or follow-up next steps to the Consumer Survey Data and Executive Summary Distribution. See Action Item 1.



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#### VIII. GCPD Work Plan Committee Updates

- The Work Plan Committee has been meeting and working on the development of GCPD's new three-year plan. GCPD's 2021-2024 Work Plan goals include the following: Transportation, Employment and Equitable Access; which includes access to programs, supports, technology within the state government; Health and Long-Term Supports; Mental Health Services and Housing. The Work Plan Committee will meet again on May 21, 2021.
- A Draft of the new three-year Work Plan will be distributed to the full Committee for review prior to the next Bi-Monthly Meeting in June 2021.

#### IX. Liaison Updates

- ***Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)*** - Sarah Lincoln shared that DVR offices are starting to reopen with only up to 10% occupancy. Face to face meetings can be arranged on an individualized basis. Continuing to provide services from our DVR staff as well as through our contracted Service Providers. Community Integrated Employment (Act 178 Employment First Legislation) SFY 2022-2023 Plan Stakeholder Input Session is scheduled for May 19, 2021 from 11:00 am – 1:00pm. See notice: <https://publicmeetings.wi.gov/view/9dfd9bb5-897d-4309-915b-1c0175007bb2>.
- No other Liaisons submitted a Liaison report.



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#### X. Council Updates

- ***Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)*** – Tom O'Connor shared CDHH's top three goals for 2021: By-laws Revisions; Collaboration – increase input/participation with ODHH, provide more information to Governor's Office and Diversity & Equity – Reach out to minority groups, improve communication and accessibility.
- ***Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)*** – Ben Barrett stated that CPD continues to update the emergency preparedness section of the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit. The council just assigned leads for the following Committees and will be restarting meetings soon; Employment, Long Term Care, Housing, Emergency preparedness and Transportation.
- ***Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)*** – Rhonda Staats shared that SCOB is focused on the following priorities: Equitable access, focusing on the accessibility of state web sites and information, and private sector access such as electronic health information and records; Transportation and The DHS Council Summit, identifying the best mechanism for a joint meeting of all DHS Councils so that we might better coordinate our work and identify a process to more effectively share information, effort, and successes. WSCOB currently has two vacancies for membership and has postponed the election of officers to June 2021.
- No other Councils submitted a Council report.

#### XI. Discuss GCPD Membership Recruitment

- David Morstad shared that GCPD has one opening for membership at this time. Full Committee discussed the need for ethnic diversity and the importance of active membership; as the Committee is very active with disability related policy and guidance.



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#### **XII. Review 2021 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meetings**

- Full Committee confirmed the 2021 Bi-Monthly Meeting on the following dates: June 16, August 18, October 20 and December 15, from 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM.
- Full Committee discussed possible extending the meeting dates or times due to the amount of work that could potentially come out of the new three-year Work Plan. Also discussed the possibility of having a summit with constituent councils. This item will be discussed at future meetings.

#### **XIII. Adjourn**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 2:24 P.M.**