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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Quarterly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Approved August 16, 2023

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will be following up with Impact Designs to modify the one-color designs to have GCPD more pronounced.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD May 17, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda with the removal of agenda item 9. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the February 15, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approved submitting for a sponsorship table at the July 29, 2023, Madison Disability Pride Festival and sponsoring additional statewide locations if they become available. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Laatsch seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Margaret Kristan, Chairperson

Committee members present: Margaret Kristan; Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Nancy Leipzig; Dan Laatsch; Ramsey Lee; Tiffany Payne; Julie Blasky; Tom O'Connor; Katherine Schneider; Emma Thelke; Dan Idzikowski; and David Morstad.

Committee members absent (excused*): Stacy Stone; Pearl Fessenden*; Kimberlee Coronado; Gail Bovy; and John Hartman.

Committee liaisons present: N/A

Guests: Grace Franey, Student/Community Member.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

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

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1(669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 160 667 0038 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve May 17, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD May 17, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda with the removal of agenda item 9. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February 15, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the February 15, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting minutes. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- The Executive Committee meets monthly, the first Thursday of the month from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. The next meeting will be June 1, 2023.
- **Feedback and Future Planning on Concordia University Collaborative Educational Opportunity, David Morstad**
 - David Morstad reported that GCPD members presented to an estimated 100 students at Concordia on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.
 - Cohorts from Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and the Physician Assistant Program were in attendance. CPD Emergency Preparedness Toolkits and Wistech information was available on-hand for students and faculty.
 - Discussed needing more engagement from GCPD Membership for future presentations and possibly involving other Constituent Council and Committee members.
 - Tiffany Payne stated that she would like to be a part of any future presentations.
- **Final GCPD Logo Design**
 - The Committee discussed the Final GCPD Logo Design and looked at making the GCPD text more pronounced on the one-color designs.
 - DHS support staff will be following up with Impact Designs to modify the one-color designs to have GCPD more pronounced. See Action Item 1.



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VII. Discuss Outreach Opportunity: Disability Pride Festival

- The Committee discussed having a table at the Disability Pride Festival on July 29, 2023, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM, with collaboration with Council on Physical Disabilities.
 - Ramsey Lee made a motion to approved submitting for a sponsorship table at the July 29, 2023, Madison Disability Pride Festival and sponsoring additional statewide locations if they become available. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - Tiffany Payne stated she would be interested in volunteering at the festival.

VIII. Discuss 2023 Election

- The Committee discussed the 2023 winter election of GCPD Chair and one Executive Committee Member-at-large seat.
 - Discussed moving forward with the election in the later summer/fall of 2023 instead of winter and the need to amend the bylaws as necessary.
 - Rhonda Staats stated she was not interested in serving as Chair.

IX. Updates from Chairs of GCPD Sub-Committees and Workgroups

- ***Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee; Katherine Schneider:***
The Sub-Committee meets on first Thursday of month, bi-monthly from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM. The Sub-Committee is still focused on the recommendation of the reinstatement of the ADA Compliance officer/digital access coordinator and on how to give the Attorney General's office the power and capacity to investigate civil rights complaints, particularly those about disability issues. The next Sub-Committee meeting will be June 1, 2023.



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- **Transportation Workgroup; Rhonda Staats:** The Workgroup has an open meeting the first Wednesday of month, bi-monthly from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Ongoing discussion with Veyo and continues to monitor concerns about MTM and Veyo merging. Continues to monitor and discuss transportation concerns and policy recommendations.
- **Employment Workgroup; Nancy Leipzig:** No Workgroup updates to report.

X. Discuss Department of Health Services (DHS) Updates

- Lisa Sobczyk updated on an all Council and Committee collaborative disability summit scheduled for October 3-5, 2023. The summit will be at the Double Tree East in Madison. More details will be released soon. Hope to gather a lot of collaborative feedback on policy and community needs as well as collaborative efforts to support and align with the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).
 - The BADR Conference will be April 2024.

XI. Update on State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget

- The Joint Finance Committee met recently and added their cuts and edits to the Biennial Budget. DHS support staff are still working on an analysis of the Biennial Budget and no other updates currently.

XII. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** – Liaison report submitted and included with the meeting packet.
- **Department of Public Instruction (DPI)** – No Liaison Update to Review.
- **Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)** – No Liaison Update to Review.



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XIII. Council Updates

- ***Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)*** – Council Report was submitted for review.
- ***Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)*** - No Council Report to review.
- ***Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)*** – Council Report was submitted for review.
- ***Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)*** – No Council Report to review.
- ***Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)*** - No Council Report to review.

XIV. Adjourn

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Laatsch seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.