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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Transportation Sub-Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, February 2, 2022
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

Approved March 2, 2022

Transportation Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Transportation Sub-Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Ramsey Lee and Julie Blasky will be attending an upcoming Transportation Advisory Council meeting on February 17, 2022 and will bring back information to share with the group.
2. **Action Item:** Agenda Items for the March 2, 2022 Transportation Sub-Committee will need to be submitted to Rhonda Staats by February 16, 2022.

B. Transportation Sub-Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Julie Blasky made a motion to approve the February 2, 2022 Transportation Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Daniel Idzikowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Transportation Sub-Committee members present: Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Ramsey Lee; Julie Blasky; Daniel Idzikowski and Dan Laatsch

Transportation Sub-Committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable

Guest: Charles Vandenplas, Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Member; and Jeff Fox, CPD Member.



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DHS support staff present: Mikael Snitker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); and Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR.

II. Rhonda Staats Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 161 514 3235 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve February 2, 2022 Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Julie Blasky made a motion to approve the February 2, 2022 Transportation Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Daniel Idzikowski seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Jeff Fox shared that the signing of the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) is over 25 years old, and there is still a huge need for enforcement; for example, issues with physical public access to bars and restaurants and having steps and not having zero thresholds.
- Julie Blasky stated that she is aware of a company named Zerology that is trying to change a lot of vehicle models to have shallow trucks and lower doors (like Tesla); just wanting people to be aware that accessibility is an issue for wheelchair users and mobility; and may be a bigger issue in the future due to the change of modern vehicles.
- Ramsey Lee stated that Veyo does the non-emergency medical rides for the state of Wisconsin; bringing awareness to the questions they are asking about wheelchairs folding and not folding and may not be getting accurate information when transporting.



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V. Review and Discuss Transportation Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan

- **Goal:** The Sub-Committee reviewed the goal.
- **Strategies to Achieve Goal:** The Sub-Committee reviewed the strategies to achieve the goal.
- **Monitor and Advise:** The Sub-Committee discussed ways to monitor and advise on current transportation issues, policy and quality.
 - Ramsey Lee and Julie Blasky will be attending an upcoming Transportation Advisory Council meeting on February 17, 2022 and will bring back information to share with the group. See Action Item 1.
 - The Sub-Committee discussed other issues related to transportation including lack of volunteer drivers, rural areas not having access, lack of enforcement for accessible parking, and not having a one stop shop listing of options statewide.
- **Support Wisconsin's Non-Drivers:** The Sub-Committee discussed issues with Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT), Veyo, and the language they use to ask about transporting wheelchairs.
 - Julie Blasky stated that it was an issue since the script they use to ask questions is confusing and may lead to issue with transportation for individuals that use a wheelchair in transport vs. transferring to a seat.



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VII. Discuss Ongoing Schedule for Next Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting

- The Sub-Committee made the decision that the ongoing schedule for meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The next Transportation Sub-Committee meeting will be March 2, 2022.
 - Agenda Items for the March 2, 2022 Transportation Sub-Committee will need to be submitted to Rhonda Staats by February 16, 2022. See Action Item 2.

VIII. Adjourn

- Ben Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.