

State of Wisconsin Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Approved November 2, 2022.

Transportation Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Transportation Sub-Committee Action Items

1. Action Item: GCPD's Transportation Sub-Committee will submit recommended changes to Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) forms to Regan Batterman with the Department of Health Services for consideration.

B. Transportation Sub-Committee Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item: Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the October 5, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item: Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the August 3, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **3. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett 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; and Julie Blasky.

Transportation Sub-Committee members absent (excused*): Dan Idzkowski and Dan Laatsch*.

Guest: Regan Batterman, Department of Health Services.



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DHS support staff present: Mikael Snitker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) and Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR

II. Rhonda Staats, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 October 5, 2022 Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

• Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the October 5, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve August 3, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

 Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the August 3, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

• No public comment received.

VI. Update from Veyo, Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Manager

- Veyo's representative was not in attendance.
- Regan Batterman, with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services shared some updates as to where the state was in the contract and implementation process with Veyo for NEMT.



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- Julie Blasky shared that some of the miscommunication about riders needs may be due to the needs assessment form and the way information is communicated to drivers. Julie Blasky stated that if an individual has specialized needs e.g., a sedan versus an accessible van that information comes after all the standard language and legal information in the app to the driver and as a result it is sometimes missed. She recommended moving this information before the standard disclosure language.
 - Regan Batterman stated that this could possible be changed as they are working on forms and other items with Veyo now.
 - Julie Blasky also stated that the definition of foldable versus solid wheelchair used by Veyo by the rest of the disability does not match. So defining those terms on the needs assessment form may allow for clarity as to what type of transport is needed and whether wheelchair can be broken apart for transport.
 - Ramsey Lee also added that some of the questions on the needs assessment form that are yes/no need a notes or explanation section added. For example, the section of can you ambulate. An individual may be able to under certain circumstances or into certain vehicles but may not be able to in all situations.
 - Regan Batterman stated that these feedback was helpful as they are still developing documents and procedures.
 - GCPD's Transportation Sub-Committee will submit recommended changes to NEMT forms to Regan Batterman for consideration. See Action Item 1.



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

- The Transportation Sub-Committee discussed the work plan policy recommendations and discussed the need to broaden some of GCPD's scope beyond NEMT and what some of those policy recommendations might be.
- The Transportation Sub-Committee discussed the possibility of adding a policy recommendation for community members to serve on and engage with local transportation boards as they are required to have older adults and people with disabilities serving on those boards to assist with development of accessible transportation plans and making decisions as to where funds should be spent.

VII. Legislative Updates Related to Transportation Needs of People with Disabilities

• The Transportation Sub-Committee members did not have any updates to share.

VIII. Discuss November 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Sub-Committee drafted the October 5, 2022 Meeting agenda:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve November 2, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve October 5, 2022, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (11:10 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.)



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- Review and Discuss Transportation Section of the GCPD 2022-2024 Work Plan
 - Update from Veyo, Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Manager
 - Responses to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transportation Plan
- Legislative updates related to Transportation for People with Disabilities
- Draft the December Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
- o Adjourn

IX. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.