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

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

Transportation Sub-Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Transportation Sub-Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Kyle Kleist will send information regarding the Bill HR7432 Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation to the GCPD Transportation Work Group.
2. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will cancel current Transportation Sub-Committee Zoom links and send out a new Zoom link for a designated bi-monthly workgroup Zoom space. DHS staff support will not be necessary for ongoing workgroups. All other workgroup efforts will be done via email and reported through the GCPD Executive Committee meeting for review and approval. The workgroup will consist of under half of GCPD membership.

B. Transportation Sub-Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the March meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the February Transportation Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Dan Laatsch 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; Dan Laatsch; Julie Blasky; and Ramsey Lee.



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

Guests: Kyle Kleist; Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin (CILWW); Regan Batterman, Division of Medical Services, Department of Health Services (DHS); Kelly Burt, Contract Monitor for Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program (NEMT), DHS; Jonathan Liegeois, Veyo/MTM Employee; and Alena DeGrado, Milwaukee County Aging and Disability Services, Transportation Coordinator.

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

II. Rhonda Staats, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:03 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 March Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the March meeting agenda. Julie Blasky seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve February Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the February 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

- Rhonda Staats stated that the legislative visit season has started and encourages all members to get involved to advocate for transportation for people with disabilities.



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VI. Update on Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)

- Regan Batterman stated that the public health emergency unwinding is set to end on May 11, 2023.
 - Same day NEMT rides for COVID-19 testing, vaccinations and treatments will not happen anymore and will need to be scheduled rides.
 - Complaint Letters communication will be updated with plain language.
 - Level of Need form is the next project to be reviewed for plain language.
- Jonathan Liegeois reported Veyo is looking at focusing on consistency with providers and exploring ways to ensure that assisted transportation is a priority.

VII. Discuss Transportation Initiatives to Increase Existing Access and Attracting New Providers

- The Transportation Sub-Committee discussed legislative updates related to transportation.
 - ***Support and Advocate for Braided Funding for Accessible Transportation***
 - Kyle Kleist stated that there is currently an initiative to start a state level Transportation Coordination Committee, and he will update the group when he knows more.
 - ***Increasing Mileage Reimbursement Rates for Medical Appointments***
 - Kyle Kleist brought up Bill HR7432 Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation that currently has Representative Ryan Style as a co-sponsor. Currently there is no companion senate bill and needing a compliment Senate Bill to the HR7432.



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- Kyle Kleist will send information regarding the Bill HR7432 Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation to the GCPD Transportation Work Group. See Action Item 1.
- Kyle Kleist stated that indiGO currently runs a transportation voucher program and working on coordination transportation programs and a contract with Independent Living Resources (ILR) and Midstate Independent Living Choices (MILC).

VIII. Draft the April 2023, Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Transportation Sub-Committee has made the decision to move forward with having a designated bi-monthly workgroup zoom space available for discussion instead of a Sub-Committee meeting. Any updates will be reported thru the GCPD Executive Committee meetings.
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IX. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 A.M.