

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)

Work Plan July 1, 2018– June 30, 2021

Purpose of the Committee

The Governor's Committee was established per Wisconsin Statute 14.019, and pursuant to Executive Orders No. 37 (12/2/1983), No. 241 (1/20/1995), and No. 150 (1/26/2015). The Governor's Committee is dedicated to enhancing the health and general well-being of people of all ages with disabilities in Wisconsin. The Governor's Committee shall consult with and advise our Governor and state agencies on legislation, programs, policies, and issues affecting people with disabilities in all aspects of our society.

The Governor's Committee shall encourage local, state, and federal agencies to improve the following for people with disabilities: educational and employment opportunities; increase access to appropriate healthcare, transportation, and housing; and eliminate any and all barriers that preclude equal opportunity and full inclusion. In order to promote a more open dialogue between Wisconsin citizens and their government, the Governor's Committee shall provide an opportunity at each meeting for the public to comment on issues affecting people with disabilities.

About the Work Plan

GCPD has developed a three year work plan that will cover July 1, 2018- June 30, 2021. GCPD's work plan is focusing on the following areas and has a goal for each area:

- Employment
- Transportation
- Health and Long-Term Support
- Membership and Committee Structure
- Engagement



Employment

Goal: Promote programs and services and align policies and legislation so people with disabilities can work to their fullest potential.

Steps to achieve this goal:

- Make recommendations to the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) reform implementation stakeholder group through Department of Health Services.
- Recommend reforms to the State Use Program (State Use Subcommittee).
- Monitor and advise the Competitive Integrated Employment workgroup led by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).
- Receive updates and information on outcomes of the PROMISE Grant (GCPD acts as Advisory Committee for the grant).
- Receive updates on the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.
- Receive updates on transportation barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities and support programs and legislation to assist with removal of barriers.



Transportation

Goal: Promote policies and programs that allow people with disabilities to get where they want to go, when they want to go, safely, and without barriers.

Steps to achieve this goal:

- Continue to monitor and advise DHS regarding Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) system for quality and performance.
- Continue to monitor issues related to transportation for individuals with disabilities (e.g. public transit and paratransit issues, accessible parking, and NEMT Request for Proposal).



Health and Long-Term Support

Goal: Promote affordable, equitable access to quality health care and long-term support services for people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

Steps to achieve this goal:

- Continue to monitor the quality of long-term care programs throughout the state for adults and children with disabilities. Advise DHS as needed.
- Monitor potential changes to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid.



Membership and Committee Structure

Goal: Develop policy, funding, and structure so the Committee can carry out its charge as stated in the by-laws and work goals.

Steps to achieve this goal:

- Establish policies so committee members understand their roles and responsibilities and can function efficiently with a structure that allows GCPD to carry out its purpose.
 - Develop GCPD policies (GCPD Policy Subcommittee).
 - Membership responsibilities (e.g. attendance, behavior)
 - Orientation of new members
 - Role of the executive committee
 - Process of elections
 - Define role of GCPD liaisons.
- Travel, transportation, and accommodations for committee members and guests
- Develop an Awards Subcommittee for Blakeley and Falconer awards.
- Secure committee membership from the Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. Identify two to four candidates to apply for GCPD and to fill at-large member vacancies

Engagement

- Monitor any changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Gather information on the ABLE Act and what is available for Wisconsin residents.
- Monitor and request updates on legislation that impacts individuals with disabilities.
- Request updates on housing issues facing people with disabilities in Wisconsin.
- Request updates on educational issues facing people with disabilities in Wisconsin.
- Invite speakers to GCPD meetings to cover topics related to any items covered in the work plan.

- Write letters of support as needed and agreed upon by the committee for any of the topics covered in the work plan or any other disability related topic brought to the attention of the committee.
- Secure funds in the state budget to adequately staff and support the activities of GCPD to enable the committee to fulfill its mission.

For More Information

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