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**Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)
Work Plan Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, August 6, 2021
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

Approved September 15, 2021

Work Plan Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Work Plan Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will check on possible changing the language from equitable access to a different term based on appropriate legislative language.
2. **Action Item:** DHS Support staff will review information sent from Eva Kubinski regarding Equitable Access in Education.
3. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will send Draft GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan to Work Plan Committee Members for review and feedback prior to the GCPD Executive Committee meeting on August 12, 2021.
4. **Action Item:** Rhonda Staats will provide an update on the progress of the Draft GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan at the GCPD Executive Committee meeting on August 12, 2021.

B. Work Plan Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the August Work Plan Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the May Work Plan Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Work Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Nancy Leigzig, Committee Chair

Work Plan committee members present: Nancy Leigzig; Ramsey Lee; and Rhonda Staats

Work Plan committee members absent (excused*): Maureen Ryan* and Evelyn Azbell*

Guests: Tom O'Connor

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

II. Nancy Leigzig called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 860 4113 0904 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve August 6, 2021 Work Plan Committee Meeting Agenda

- Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the August 6, 2021 Work Plan Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve May 21, 2021 Work Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

- Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the May 21, 2021 Work Plan Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment was received.



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VI. Draft Equitable Access Section of the 2021-2023 GCPD Work Plan

- GCPD Work Plan Committee discussed the Equitable Access Section of the 2021-2023 GCPD Work Plan, and drafted the different areas of the section; Goal and Steps to Achieve this Goal:
 - Goal: Promote and strengthen policies and initiatives that ensure equitable access to services and resources so that all people in Wisconsin may achieve their highest level of independence and quality of life.
 - Policy Recommendations:
 - To ensure that equitable access considerations are administered whenever state legislature makes statutory or administrative rule changes.
 - Committee discussed possible changing the language from equitable access to a different term based on appropriate legislative language.
 - DHS Support Staff will check on possible changing the language from equitable access to a different term based on appropriate legislative language. See Action Item 1.
 - Mandate that all state content, websites and application forms be made available and accessible to all Wisconsin citizens.
 - Advocate for a State Civil Rights Office to monitor Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and 504 compliance.
 - Monitor and Advise:
 - To establish a compliance function so that rules and regulations of the ADA and section 504 are applied throughout Wisconsin.
 - Continue to seek feedback from citizens of Wisconsin on accessibility issues.
 - Committee discussed reaching out to Eva Kubinski regarding Equitable Access in Education.



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- DHS Support staff will review information sent from Eva Kubinski regarding Equitable Access in Education. See Action Item 2.
- Priorities to Support Equitable Access:
 - Continue to seek guidance and policies regarding best practices around access and inclusion from other states.
 - Promoting the value of caregiving; including a living wage as well as other benefits of working as a caregiver.
 - Host a summit of all the statutory consumer committees and councils to promote alignment of priorities and statewide activities.
- DHS Support Staff will send Draft GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan to Work Plan Committee Members for review and feedback prior to the GCPD Executive Committee meeting on August 12, 2021. See Action Item 3.
- Rhonda Staats will provide an update on the progress of the Draft GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan at the GCPD Executive Committee meeting on August 12, 2021. See Action Item 4.

VII. Adjourn

- Rhonda Staats made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.