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

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**  
**12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**Work Plan Committee Action and Motion Items**

**A. Work Plan Committee Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** DHS Support Staff will send Draft GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan to Work Plan Committee Members for review and final feedback.
2. **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 September 16, 2021.

**B. Work Plan Committee Motion Items**

1. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the August 5, 2021 Work Plan Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

**C. Work Plan Committee Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions, Nancy Leigzig, Committee Chair**

**Work Plan committee members present:** Nancy Leigzig; Ramsey Lee; Rhonda Staats; Maureen Ryan; Daniel Idzikowski and Evelyn Azbell.

**Work Plan committee members absent (excused\*):** Not applicable.

**Guests:** Tom O'Connor.

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



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**II. Nancy Leigzig called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.**

The meeting was made available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 with Meeting ID: 830 1282 6020 and via [Zoom](#).

**III. Review and Approve September 15, 2021 Work Plan Committee Meeting Agenda**

- The GCPD Work Plan Committee unanimously agreed to approve the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

**IV. Review and Approve August 5, 2021 Work Plan Committee Meeting Minutes**

- Rhonda Staats made a motion approve the August 5, 2021 Work Plan Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

**V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities**

- No public comment was received.

**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 reviewed different areas of the section; Policy Recommendations; Monitor and Advise; and Priorities to Support Opportunities and Access.
- The Committee agreed to change the *Equitable Access* title to *Opportunities and Access*.
- Goal and Steps to Achieve this Goal:
  - Goal language changed to: Promote and strengthen policies and initiatives that ensure opportunities and access to services and resources so that all people with disabilities in Wisconsin may experience their highest level of independence and quality of life.



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- Policy Recommendations language changed to read the following bullet points:
  - Create a framework to ensure universal access and inclusion are considered when state statutes or administrative rule changes are being considered.
  - Mandate that all state content, websites, and application forms are accessible for all.
  - Support the reinstatement of the Wisconsin Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Office.
  - Provide the Attorney General of Wisconsin with the authority to pursue civil rights complaints.
  - All Medicaid funded healthcare and long-term care providers comply with the ADA and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, include allowing support and caregivers to accompany people with disabilities to appointments.
- Monitor and Advise:
  - Charge a state agency oversight over all state agencies' websites, communications and forms to ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, 504, and 508.
  - Improve the health and wellbeing for all people with disabilities in Wisconsin by acknowledging and overcoming structural racism and promotion health equity.
  - Seek feedback from individuals throughout Wisconsin on accessibility issues.
- Priorities to Support Opportunities and Access:
  - Promote the value of caregivers and service providers by ensuring a living wage and publicizing/marketing the additional benefits of working as a caregiver and service provider.
  - Host a summit of all the statutory disability committees and councils to promote alignment of priorities and statewide activities.
  - Monitor the quality of Medicaid and long-term care programs throughout the state of Wisconsin.



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**VII. Adjourn**

- Rhonda Staats made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:58 P.M.**