



State of Wisconsin

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Teleconference Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Meeting is available via [Zoom](#):
<https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/16117861716>

And via phone:
Phone Number: (669) 254-5252
Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Review Communication Etiquette
2. Introductions
3. Review and Approve January 17, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda
4. Review and Approval November 15, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (9:45 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.)
6. Kevin Coughlin, Program Initiative Advisor-Executive, Division of Medicaid Services (DMS)
 - Presentation
 - Questions and Answers
7. Discuss GCPD Work Plan and Policy Initiatives
8. Discuss GCPD Annual Report
9. Updates from Chairs of GCPD Sub-Committees and Workgroups
 - Transportation Workgroup, Rhonda Staats
 - Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee, David Morstad

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- Employment Workgroup, Nancy Leipzig
- Blakeley and Falconer Award Workgroup, Rhonda Staats and Ben Barrett

10. Liaison Updates

- Sarah Kuehn, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
- Colleen Larson, Wisconsin Technical College System
- Eva Kubinski, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

11. Council Updates

- Ben Barrett, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities
- Patty Zallar, Statutory Council on Blindness
- Stacy Stone, Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
- BJ Ermenc, WI Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

12. Adjourn

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the governmental business outlined in the above agenda.

In 1948, a Governor's Committee was established with one goal: To improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The group's mission was broadened in 1976 to cover many aspects of disability in Wisconsin and became the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD). Unlike other disability councils in state government, the



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focus of the Governor's Committee includes all disabilities and six of its members represent specific disability constituencies: alcohol and other drug abuse; blindness and visual impairment; deaf and hard of hearing; developmental disabilities; mental health; and physical disabilities. GCPD is charged with the following duties: Advise the Governor and state agencies on problems faced by people with disabilities. Review legislation affecting people with disabilities. Promote effective operation of publicly-administered or supported programs serving people with disabilities. Promote the collection, dissemination and incorporation of adequate information about people with disabilities for purposes of public planning at all levels of government. Promote public awareness of the needs and abilities of people with disabilities. Encourage the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.

The GCPD is administratively attached to the Department of Health Services. If you need an interpreter, alternate formats, or other accommodations to participate, please contact [Angela Brenna](mailto:angelag.brenna@dhs.wisconsin.gov) at or angelag.brenna@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

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