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## Statutory Council on Blindness Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 25th, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Conference Call Access Information:

USA Toll-Free: 669-254-5252

Meeting ID: 161 557 5873

### Action Items and Motion Items

#### **Motion Items:**

- 1. Motion Item:** Kate Coerper called for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Patty Zallar motioned to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Kathi Zoern seconded. The motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Kate Coerper called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Kathleen Enders made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes. The motion was seconded by Patty Zallar. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3. Motion Item.** Kate Coerper entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Kathi Zoern and seconded by Kathleen Enders. Hearing no discussion, this motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.

#### **Action Items:**

- 1. Action Item:** Kate Coerper and Patty Zallar volunteered to assist Ann Sievert with the making of a recruitment announcement. After the announcement is finished it will be shared with the entire council.
- 2. Action Item:** The recruitment announcement will be sent out to all organizations and networks that the council community conversation invitations were sent.

## Meeting Minutes

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Kate Coerper, Chairperson greeted everyone.

#### **Council members present:**

Rhonda Staats, Kate Coerper, Patty Zallar, Katheen Enders, Kathi Zoern

**Council members absent:** Patty Slaby

#### **DHS staff support present:**

Ann Sievert Department of Health Services, Bureau on Aging and Disability Resources.

**Guests:** Jules Lee, Foodshare Outreach Program Director, Feeding Wisconsin

### **II. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04a.m. by Kate Coerper. This meeting was available via zoom link and teleconference.

Kate Coerper called for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Patty Zallar motioned to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Kathi Zoern seconded. The motion carried.

Kate Coerper called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Kathleen Enders made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes. The motion was seconded by Patty Zallar. No discussion. Motion passed.

### **III. Public Comment on Issues Affecting Wisconsin Residents Who Are Blind and Visually Impaired.**

No public comment was made.

### **IV. Discuss Council Terms**

Several SCOB members terms are up in September. Rhonda Staats and Patty Slaby will not be renewing terms. Kate Coerper and Patty Zallar will renew terms until the council get's more members. Kathleen Enders, Kathi Zoern and Amber Mullet will also continue to serve.

### **V. Discuss Council Member Recruitment**

Ann Sievert gave an update on recruitment efforts. She is working on a new recruitment announcement that is not as lengthy as the current one and uses plain language. Kate Coerper and Patty Zallar volunteered to assist in the making of the announcement. After the announcement is finished it will be shared with the entire council. The announcement will be sent out to all organizations and networks that the council community conversation invitations were sent. Ann Sievert reported that she has asked all Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired staff to reach out to all support groups and other potentially interested individuals to ask them if they would be interested in joining

the council. Ann reported that she already has six names of individuals who are interested and is hoping for more.

## **VI. Community Engagement & Advocacy Presentation**

### **Jason Glozier, Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers**

Jason addressed one of the topics resulting from the council's community conversations, advocacy, and civic engagement. He talked about some advocacy efforts that are happening in the city of Madison focused on digital accessibility. Access Madison is an initiative where businesses are coming together to work on accessibility.

Jason also talked about how Independent Living Centers (ILC's) are trying to increase systems advocacy efforts focused on universal design. Some ILC's are doing fee for service accessibility assessments. He said ILC's are working on having expanded services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired as well as individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. ILC's have already started to collaborate with the Office of Deaf and Hard of hearing on these efforts and would like to work with the Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

## **VII. Discuss Potential Action Items from SCOB February 9<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting and Next Steps**

Following up on an action step from the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Kathleen Enders reached out to her local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to talk about how they provide services to individuals who are blind and visually impaired and ways that SCOB could support them. They are going to reach out to other ADRC's to see what training/resources would be helpful. They were very open to training, putting information on their websites, webinars, and written information.

The next meeting will be on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00AM-12:00PM. The focus will be on recruitment. In addition, Jules Lee the Foodshare Outreach Program Director for Feeding Wisconsin and Christopher Squires from the Department of Transportation will present at the next August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **IX. Adjourn**

Kate Coerper entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Kathi Zoern and seconded by Kathleen Enders. Hearing no discussion, this motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.