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State of Wisconsin
Statutory Council on Blindness

Statutory Council on Blindness Quarterly Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Via Zoom: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Conference Call Access Information:
USA Toll-Free: 669-254-5252
Meeting ID: 160 201 1541

Action Items and Motion Items

Motion Items:

- 1. Motion Item:** Patty Zallar called for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Kate Coerper motioned to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Kathi Zoern seconded. The motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Patty Zallar called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting. Kate Coerper made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Benda Brunette No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3. Motion Item:** Kate Coerper made a motion to hold an open meeting to have Tyler Willcox provide more information about independent living centers. Connor Kane seconded the motion.
- 4. Motion Item:** Motion to adjourn was made by Kate Coerper. Motion was seconded by Jenny Robinson.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Patty Zellar, Chairperson greeted everyone.

Council members present:

Kate Coerper, Patty Zallar, Kathi Zoern, Aaron Schuh, Connor Kane, Chuck Fehl, Kerry Robinson, Brenda Brunet, Jennifer Marchewka

DHS staff support present:

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

Guests: Jim Dehham, Angie Brenna, Jason Anderson, Zachary Davenport and Tom Wilcox

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Patty Zallar. This meeting was available via zoom link and teleconference.

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

Patty Zallar called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, meeting. Kate Coerper made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brenda Brunette. No discussion. Motion passed.

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

None

IV. Assistive Technology Council Presentation

Jim Denham, Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired spoke on the roles and services provided by Assistive Technology.

V. Updates on the operations and roles of the policy analysts.

Angi Brenna, Jason Anderson and Zachary Davenport explained the roles and responsibilities of OPIL.

VI. Aging Disability and Independent and Living Conference

Amber Mullet provided an enthusiastic overview of the upcoming Aging Disability and Independent Living Conference on April 23, 24, and 25 to be held in La Crosse Wi. There were concerns on how to arrange transportation for council members who would like to attend this conference.

VII. State Independent Living Council Presentation

Tom Wilcox, independent living council of Wisconsin coordinator, provided an overview of the eight independent living centers that are located in Wisconsin

VIII. Hold an open meeting regarding the role of The Independent Living Council

Kate Coerper made a motion to hold an open meeting to have Tyler Willcox provide more information about independent living centers. Connor Kane seconded the motion.

Motion passed

IX. Adjourn

Patty Zallal entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Kate Coerper seconded by Jenny Marshawka. Hearing no discussion, this motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM

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