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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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### **Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 7, 2020  
1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

**AMENDED AND APPROVED JUNE 15, 2020**

#### **Executive Committee Action and Motion Items**

##### **A. Executive Committee Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig will add member engagement and accommodation language to document and send it to the full Committee to review prior to the May quarterly meeting.

##### **B. Executive Committee Motion Items**

1. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the May Executive Committee meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the April Executive Committee meeting minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Margaret Kristan. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Ben Barrett to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

##### **C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

###### **I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson**

**Executive committee members present:** David Morstad; Nancy Leipzig; Margaret Kristan; Pearl Fessenden; and Ben Barrett.

**Executive committee members absent (excused\*):** None.

**Guests:** Tom O'Connor, GCPD Member-at-large and Stephanie Birmingham, Independent Living Council of Wisconsin.



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

#### **II. Meeting was called to order at 1:04 P.M.**

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 403 137 862 and via [Zoom](#).

#### **III. Review and Approve May Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

- A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the May Executive Committee meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

#### **IV. Review and Approve of April Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

- A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the April Executive Committee meeting minutes.
  - Meeting minutes need to be amended to reflect that Margaret Kristan seconded the motion to approve the February Executive Committee meeting minutes.
  - Motion to approve April Executive Committee meeting minutes as amended by Margaret Kristan. See Motion Item 2.

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

- Stephanie Birmingham, with the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin, state the draft of the State Plan for Independent Living, 2021-2023 is posted for public comment and a virtual public hearing will be held on May 15, 2020. More information is available at: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/ilcs.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/ilcs.htm).

#### **VI. Review Committee Members Roles and Responsibilities Document**

- David Morstad thanked Nancy Leipzig for drafting the GCPD Members Roles and Responsibilities document.
- Nancy Leipzig gave an overview of a draft document which outlined GCPD member's roles and responsibilities.



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- Executive Committee members discussed the document.
  - The Executive Committee requested that active member engagement language be added to the document.
  - The Executive Committee also stated that language related to accommodations for members to fully participate in meetings.
  - Nancy Leipzig will add member engagement and accommodation language to document and send it to the full Committee to review prior to the May quarterly meeting. See Action Item 1.

#### **VII. Discuss Rescheduling June Quarterly Meeting and Meeting Agenda**

- The Executive Committee discussed keeping the quarterly meeting as originally scheduled and holding them via teleconference.
- The next quarterly meeting will be June 17, 2020, but for an abbreviated time period. The meeting will be held from 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
- The meeting agenda will include:
  - Approval of GCPD 2019 Annual Report;
  - Council and Liaison Updates;
  - Discuss COVID-19 and Impact on People with Disabilities;
  - Discussion on Committee's Subcommittees; and
  - Adopt Revised Member Roles and Responsibilities Document.

#### **VIII. Department of Health Services (DHS) Stakeholder Engagement**

- Guest speaker Karen Odegaard, External Affairs Liaison, Wisconsin DHS joined the meeting.
- Karen Odegaard stated that the Secretary's office at DHS wants to align and support all councils and utilize them for their expertise adequately.
- The Secretary's Office also wants to ensure all Councils and Committees supported by DHS have voice and are heard.



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- David Morstad explained that GCPD was going through a period of introspection as to what we should be doing as GCPD?
- David Morstad then asked Karen Odegaard what the Secretary's office would want from GCPD?
- Karen Odegaard stated that even during the current pandemic DHS recognizes it needs to lean in and utilize all the expertise it has through its Councils and Committees to advise the Department.
- David Morstad stated that GCPD needs to have the ability to be more nimble to respond to emerging issues.
- Nancy Leipzig stated looking ahead to the other side of the pandemic that GCPD could possibly collect lessons learned of how people with disabilities have been impacted and make recommendations for the future.
- The Executive Committee discussed possibly creating a clearinghouse for COVID-19 responses and experiences of people with disabilities.

#### **IX. Adjourn**

- A motion was made by Ben Barrett to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. See Motion Item 3.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.**