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

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Madison Hilton, 9 East Wilson St. Madison, WI 53703

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Committee Action Items and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** The GCPD Transportation Committee will draft a letter to the Governor's office recommending the re-convening the Inter-agency Council on Transportation Coordination (ICTC) to be reviewed and signed by David Morstad, GCPD Chairperson and sent to the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by David Morstad to approve the December quarterly meeting agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by John Olson. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Pearl Fessenden to approve the September's quarterly meeting minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Nancy Leipzig. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** The Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities will submit a letter in the form of a recommendation to the Governor to ensure that a person with a disability is represented on any taskforces focused on employment or increasing accessibility to state building. The motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Ben Barrett to have the transportation committee draft a letter and signed by the GCPD chair to re-convene the inter-agency council on transportation coordination. The motion was seconded by Maureen Ryan. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Pearl Fessenden to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Morstad. Motion carried.

C. Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions by Sandy Popp, Committee Chairperson

Committee members present: John Hartman; David Morstad; Nancy Leipzig; John Olson; Sandy Popp; Maureen Ryan; Dan Idzikowski; Ben Barrett; Ramsey Lee; Margaret Kristan;



Rhonda Staats; Pearl Fessenden; Tom O'Connor, Gail Bovy (via teleconference), and Daniel Laatsch (via teleconference).

Liaisons absent (excused*): Wenona Wolf, Legislative Director, Lieutenant Governor's Office, Ex-Officio Member*.

Liaisons present: Sarah Lincoln, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

Committee members absent (excused*): Benjamin Loux, and Kimberlee Coronado.

DHS staff support present: Maia Stitt, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Sara O'Donnell, DHS BADR; and Cody Michels, DHS.

Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) Service Provider: Margo Lucas.

Guest: Fred Ludwig, Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

II. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Sandy Popp, Chair

The meeting was available in-person and via teleconference on Zoom.

III. Review and Approve the Agenda

- A motion was made by David Morstad to approve the December quarterly meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by John Olson. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve September Meeting Minutes

- The GCPD reviewed the September quarterly meeting minutes.
 - A request was made to correct the misspelling of member name Tom O'Connor.
 - A motion was made by John Olson to approve the September quarterly meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. The motion carried unanimously. See Motion Item 2.
- The GCPD reviewed the list of action items from the September 2019 quarterly meeting minutes.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No comments from the public were made.

VI. Updates on Disability Policy and Legislation – Fred Ludwig, Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Governor's Office



- Fred Ludwig provided comments on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor's Office.
 - The goal of the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's office is to ensure sustainability and equity to allow everyone to have the opportunity to thrive and to live to their fullest potential.
 - Fred Ludwig also provided updates on initiatives as they relate to supports, programs and taskforces for people with disabilities.
 - Pearl Fessenden made a motion that the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities submit a letter in the form of a recommendation to the Governor to ensure that a person with a disability is represented on any taskforces focused on employment and increasing accessibility to state building. The motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- Time was provided after the presentation for questions from GCPD members.
- Fred Ludwig acknowledged the topic areas, thanked GCPD for their efforts, and would bring the follow up items to Wenona Wolf, Legislative Director for the Lieutenant Governor's office for further discussion and comments.

VII. Nominations and Elections

- The GCPD held elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
 - David Morstad was elected Chairperson
 - Margaret Kristan was elected Vice Chairperson.
 - Effective date: January 1, 2020.

VIII. Working Lunch: Liaison and GCPD Committee Updates

- Committees of the GCPD were reviewed. Meeting minutes were provided.
 - Executive Committee met on October 31, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - Executive Committee provided updates and meeting minutes.
 - Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, February 6, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - Nancy Leipzig provided updates on State Use.
 - Sandy Popp provided updates on the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP).
 - Dan Idzikowski provided updates.



- Discussion was had on the benefits of the inter-agency council on transportation coordination previously convened to discuss transportation.
- A motion was made by Ben Barrett to have the transportation committee draft a letter recommending reestablishment the inter-agency council on transportation coordination (ICTC). The motion was seconded by Maureen Ryan. Motion carried. See motion item 4.
- The GCPD Transportation Committee will draft a letter to the Governor's office recommending the re-convening the Inter-agency Council on Transportation Coordination (ICTC) to be reviewed and signed by David Morstad, GCPD Chairperson and sent to the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor. See Action Item 1.
- **Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**
 - Sarah Lincoln provided updates to GCPD members.
- **Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse**
 - Committee does not currently have representative from this Council.
- **Ben Barrett, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)**
 - The Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to do education and outreach through Emergency Preparedness trainings.
 - Dan Johnson Advocacy Award Ceremony will take place on October 24, 2019. The award recipient is John Nousaine.
 - Ben Barrett provided GCPD members with a folder that has the newly approved CPD logo.
- **Tom O'Connor, Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)**
 - Tom O'Connor provided a brief summary of several legislative activities CDHH is monitoring including LRB0403 and LRB0406.
- **Gail Bovy, Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD)**
 - BPDD held a successful Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship training.
- **Kimberlee Coronado, Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**
 - Kimberlee Coronado was not present to provide updates.



- **Membership Review**

- GCPD did a full review of the membership list. It was noted that as of December 2019 the Committee requires two members-at-large, one person with a disability, GCPD still needs a representative from the Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).
- GCPD members were provided with a Committee Assignments document and reminded that Committee business requires a quorum based on committee membership to conduct business.

IX. Discussion on GCPD Identity and Function and Strategic Planning in 2020

- GCPD had a discussion about past activities and future direction.
- GCPD felt it would be beneficial host a retreat or day-long summit and invite other committees and councils to participate.
- GCPD agreed to continue this conversation at the March 2020 quarterly meeting.

X. Discuss Next Steps and Agenda Items for March 2020 Quarterly Meeting

- GCPD discussed the March quarterly meeting agenda. The following suggestions were made:
 - A liaison from DHS could attend future quarterly meetings to provide updates from a DHS perspective.
 - GCPD could continue discussing the direction and activities of the GCPD.
 - Sarah Lincoln from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) could provide more detailed presentation on special education outcome data.
 - It was recommended that an invitation to attend a quarterly meeting be extended to Secretary Andrea Palm in the Department of Health.
 - The GCPD could create and compile a new member orientation binder
- The next quarterly meeting will take place on March 18, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the location has yet to be determined.

XI. Adjourn

- A motion was made by Pearl Fessenden to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Morstad. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.