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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Approved May 17, 2023.

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** The Full Committee discussed putting together a press release for the new GCPD Logo and moving forward with putting together a communication plan during a GCPD Executive Committee meeting.
2. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee will move forward with having the discussion to update the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan and aligning the OPIL strategic plan and policy recommendations and the GCPD Work Plan updates.
3. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will send out an email to Full GCPD Membership asking for input on updating the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan by February 27, 2023.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the GCPD February 15, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Kathy Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the November 16, 2022, GCPD Quarterly Meeting minutes. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with the edits discussed and work within the GCPD Executive Committee for approval. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Kathy Schneider made the motion to approve the GCPD 2022 Annual Report. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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5. **Motion Item:** Kathy Schneider made a motion that the GCPD draft a letter to Joint Finance Committee about the importance of accessibility and virtual access to hearings. John Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, Margaret Kristan, Chairperson

Committee members present: Margaret Kristan; Rhonda Staats; Ben Barrett; Nancy Leipzig; Dan Laatsch; Ramsey Lee; Tiffany Payne; Dan Idzikowski; John Hartman; Julie Blasky; Tom O'Connor; and Katherine Schneider.

Committee members absent (excused*): David Morstad*; Stacy Stone*; Pearl Fessenden; Kimberlee*; Coronado; and Gail Bovy.

Committee liaisons present: Sarah Kuehn, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Guests: Jason Anderson, Program and Policy Analyst, Department of Health Services (DHS) and Jeff Fox, Council on Physical Disabilities.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.

DHS staff support present: Ashley Walker, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Karen Potnek; DHS, BADR; Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; and Amber Mullett, BADR, DHS.

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1(669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 160 667 0038 and via [Zoom](#).



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III. Review and Approve February 15, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the GCPD February 15, 2023, Quarterly meeting agenda. Kathy Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve November 16, 2022, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the November 16, 2022, GCPD Quarterly Meeting minutes. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment received.

VI. Review GCPD Logos and Vote on Final Design

- The Full Committee reviewed and discussed the Draft GCPD Logos that were sent over by Impact Design.
 - Ideas for edits include:
 - Having the entire State of Wisconsin Showing in the Logo
 - Moving GCPD up to the middle of the map in smaller white block font so it fits within the state (between La Crosse and Green Bay).
 - No stars.
 - Ensuring that the Logo is also available as a raised-line graphic for individuals that are blind.
 - Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with the edits discussed and work within the GCPD Executive Committee for approval. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - The Full Committee discussed putting together a press release for the new GCPD Logo and moving forward with putting together a communication plan during a GCPD Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 1.



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VII. Review and Approve the 2022 Annual Report

- The Full Committee reviewed the 2022 Annual Report
 - Kathy Schneider made the motion to approve the GCPD 2022 Annual Report. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

VIII. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- The Executive Committee meets monthly, the first Thursday of the month from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. The next meeting will be March 2, 2023.
- ***Concordia University Collaborative Educational Opportunity***
 - David Morstad is leading an ongoing educational training opportunity between Concordia University and GCPD. The next training will be held in April 2023.
- ***State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget and Policy Initiatives, Margaret Kristan***
 - The Full Committee discussed holding on the discussion of the Biennial Budget and Policy Initiatives until after the Governor has released his budget.
 - Discussed keeping an eye on initiatives that can be moved forward without being in the budget (eg. contract positions, raising mileage reimbursements)
 - Kathy Schneider made a motion that the GCPD draft a letter to Joint Finance Committee about the importance of accessibility and virtual access to hearings. John Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

IX. Discuss Updating the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan

- The Full Committee discussed the current 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan needing revisions based on feedback from the GCPD Sub-Committees. Discussed the possibility of having a GCPD Workgroup centered around policy recommendations.



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- Discussed the difference between an open meeting Sub-Committee meeting vs. a Workgroup meeting. A Workgroup is any meeting with less than quorum. Anything that happens in a workgroup needs to be shared at an Executive Committee or a Quarterly Meeting so that any actions or decisions are discussed at these meetings.
- The Executive Committee will move forward with having the discussion to update the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan and aligning the OPIL strategic plan and the policy recommendations and the GCPD Work Plan updates. See Action Item 2.
- DHS support staff will send out an email to Full GCPD Membership asking for input on updating the 2022-2024 GCPD Work Plan by February 27, 2023. See Action Item 3.

X. Updates from Chairs of GCPD Sub-Committees

- Updates from Chairs of GCPD Sub-Committees.
 - **Opportunities and Access; Katherine Schneider:** The Sub-Committee meets on first Thursday of month from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM. This quarter, the Sub-Committee has been focused on the recommendation of the reinstatement of the ADA Compliance officer/digital access coordinator and on how to give the Attorney General's office the power and capacity to investigate civil rights complaints, particularly those about disability issues. The next Sub-Committee meeting will be March 2, 2023.
 - **Transportation; Rhonda Staats:** The Sub-Committee meets the first Wednesday of month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Ongoing discussion with Veyo and continues to monitor concerns about MTM and Veyo merging. Continues to monitor and discuss transportation concerns and policy recommendations. Discussed the opportunity to collaborate with UW- Extension through local government interactions. The next Sub-Committee meeting will be March 1, 2023.



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- **Employment; Nancy Leipzig:** The Sub-Committee meets the first Monday of month from 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM. Nancy Leipzig stated that she would like to move her Sub-Committee to a Workgroup. The Sub-Committee has been focusing on the State Use Program information and the gathering information on the Wisconsin Promise Grant. The next Sub-Committee will be March 6, 2023.

XI. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** - Sarah Kuehn shared information on the WI Competitive Integrated Employment: Act 178 Plan. [CIE Resources - Act 178 Plan/Agreements/Reports \(wisconsin.gov\)](https://www.wisconsin.gov/CIEResources-Act178Plan/Agreements/Reports). Public comment will be May 22, 2023, and GCPD membership will receive notice when public comment feedback will be open for input.
- **Department of Public Instruction (DPI)** – No Liaison Update to Review.
- **Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)** – No Liaison Update to Review.

XII. Council Updates

- **Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)** – Council Report was submitted for review. Council for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind has had its Executive Meetings on December 7th. Full Council meeting was scheduled for December 2nd. The next Executive Board will meet on January 4th, 2023, and a full Council meeting on March 3rd, 2023, via Zoom.
- **Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)** - No Council Report to review.
- **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)** – Council Report was submitted for review. Council On Physical Disabilities continues outreach work with the Emergency Preparedness manual and documents. Currently taking nominations for the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award. Our next meeting should be in-person for those who can attend on April 19, 2023.



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- ***Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)*** – Council Report was submitted for review. WSCOB met on February 9, 2023. We reviewed data collected by the state of Wisconsin regarding populations, behavioral risk factors, connectiveness and belonging, etc. We will get with the Independent Living Centers (ILC) regarding the SPIL. ILC's traditionally have not served blind folks well. We will connect with ADRC personal and county aging unit personnel to make sure they understand needs of folks who are Blind or visually impaired as they prepare their county aging plans.
- ***Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)*** - No Council Report to review.

XIII. Adjourn

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 P.M.