



## State of Wisconsin

Governor's Task Force on Caregiving

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# Governor's Task Force on Caregiving Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DWD 27th Street Jobs Center, 4201 N. 27th Street, Room 634  
Milwaukee, WI 53216

**Meeting Minutes** (Draft – To be approved at Oct. 25 meeting)

## I. Welcome and introductions by Facilitator Carrie Molke, Task Force Members and State Staff

**Committee members present:** Ted Behncke, St. Coletta of Wisconsin; Senator Kathy Bernier, Legislature; Stephanie Birmingham, Options for Independent Living, Inc.; Carol Bogda, Oneida Nation; Jane Bushnell, Knapp's Development LLC; Sharon Cornell, Caregiver; Todd Costello, Community Living Alliance; William Crowley, Disability Rights Wisconsin; Elsa Diaz Bautista, Alianza Latina Aplicando Soluciones; Jason Endres, Retired; Adien Igoni, Flora Homecare LLC; Laverne Jaros, Kenosha County; Representative Deb Kolste, Legislature; Michael Lauer, Services Employees International Union; Jane Mahoney, GWAAR; Helen Marks Dicks, AARP Wisconsin; Irma Perez, Broadscope Disability Services; Michael Pochowski, WI Assisted Living Association; Lisa Pugh, The Arc Wisconsin; Anne Rabin, Family Caregiver; Susan Rosa, Caregiver Challenge; Delores Sallis, Parent University; John Sauer, LeadingAge Wisconsin; Legislature; Lisa Schneider, Respite Care Association of WI; Margie Steinhoff, TMG/Magellan Health; Beth Swedeen, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities; Mo Thao-Lee, Universal Home Health Care, Inc.; Representative Chuck Wichgers, Legislature

**Committee members absent (excused\*):** Senator Patty Schachtner

**Liaisons present:** Sarah Barry, chief of staff for Senator Patty Schachtner

**State staff support present:** Carrie Molke, DHS Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources; Lynn Gall, DHS Office on Aging; Faith Russell, DHS Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget; Elizabeth Wikler, DHS Office of the Secretary; Andrew Evenson, DWD Policy Initiatives and Budget; John Thomas, Employment & Training Supervisor, DWD Job Service

**Guests:** Tashe Orr-Holmes, Jim Ston, Pam Thewis, Dennis Winters, Michael Blumenfeld, Ann Gryphan, Sean Kirhby, Minday Ochs, Dave Brozovich

**II. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Carrie Molke.**

The meeting was available via video conference using this [Link](#) and passcode 927610179 and by phone conference at: 1-855-282-6330.

**III. Reviewed and Approved the Agenda**

**IV. Review Task Force Charge and Discuss Future Work**

Task Force members reviewed Executive Order 11, which established the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving. Members agreed to operate under a structure that combines periodic in-person full Task Force meetings with simultaneous workgroups meetings, which may take place in person or using remote technology. It was agreed that two workgroups would be formed - One to study and make recommendations related to the paid caregiving workforce, and one to study and make recommendations related to unpaid family caregivers and community supports. Each workgroup will make decisions about how it will operate after workgroup assignments are made during next month's meeting.

The Task Force set a goal of having recommendations ready to submit to the Governor's Office for consideration by October 2020. At that time, it will be decided if a Phase II of the Task Force is needed to continue work toward solutions to the more complex issues that were not able to be completed during Phase I.

**V. Welcome remarks from Governor Tony Evers and DHS Secretary Andrea Palm**

Presentation: *Overview of the State's Labor Force and the Labor Market for Health Care Workers*; Dennis Winters, Chief Economist for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development <https://gtfcdev.wisconsin.gov/gtfcfiles/meetings/direct-care-workforce.pdf>

Presentation: *Direct Support Workforce – Trends and Promising Practices*  
Barbara Kleist, Program Director, Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota; and Steven Campbell, Data and Policy Analyst, PHI  
<https://gtfcdev.wisconsin.gov/gtfcfiles/meetings/wisconsin-workforce-outlook.pdf>

**VI. Closure and next steps**

Next meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Madison. (Location not yet determined). The focus will be to complete the presentation by Barbara Kleist and Steven Campbell on promising practices with the Direct Support Workforce and to also hear about and discuss family caregiving issues.

**VII. Adjourned at 3 p.m.**