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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Bi-Monthly Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Approved August 17, 2022.

Action and Motion Items

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will compile information from prior GCPD staff position and email information to the Executive Committee for review.
2. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee will continue to work with the DHS Multimedia staff to put together some policy recommendations for universal access.
3. **Action Item:** The Full Committee agreed to move *Agenda Item VII Review and Approve GCPD Bylaws Revisions* forward to August 2022 Bi-Monthly Meeting so that the Executive Committee has time to address questions or concerns.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD June 15, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD April 20, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to approve moving forward with budget estimates to support a budget amendment through Division of Administration (DOA) to fund a dedicated GCPD staff. The background work to create a staff position will be advanced through the Executive Committee. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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4. **Motion Item:** Katherine Schneider made a motion to hold on approving the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee recommendations until August 2022. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Dan Idzikowski made a motion to advocate for the establishment of a position within state government to ensure accessibility and best practice for all state government websites and social media accessibility. Katherine Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the recommendations shared from the Employment Sub-Committee with the addition of discussion with Department of Administration (DOA) on what has been proposed before moving forward with recommendations and next steps. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats 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; Tom O'Connor; Julie Blasky; Dan Idzikowski; Ramsey Lee; Pearl Fessenden; David Morstad; Fred Ludwig; Julie Blasky; John Hartman; Dan Laatsch; and Katherine Schneider.

Committee members absent (excused*): Gail Bovy; Kimberlee Coronado. Evelyn Azbell.

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

Guests: Lawrence Brown, Community Member; Tiffany Payne, Community Member; Jeff Fox, Member, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Camille Crary, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office and Jordan Anderson, Community Member.

Captioning Services: Margo Lucas.



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

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 160 213 1852 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve June 15, 2022, Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD June 15, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting agenda. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve April 20, 2022, Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Katherine Schneider made a motion to approve the GCPD April 20, 2022, Bi-monthly meeting minutes. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown stated that we need to shape up transportation availability for individuals with special needs and caregivers that also have disabilities.

VI. GCPD Executive Committee Updates

- The Executive Committee continued to meet weekly, Thursdays from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM.
- ***Discuss #Access4All Video Watch Party Recap***
 - #Access4All Video Watch Party was held on May 19, 2022, and was a great success.
 - The Executive Committee discussed some stressful last-minute changes with the Watch Party lead to discussion on the need for more autonomy from DHS and looking into reinstatement funds for GCPD staff and a line item in the state budget.



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- DHS support staff will compile information from prior GCPD staff position and email information to the Executive Committee for review. See Action Item 1.
- ***Next Steps and Strategies for DHS Video Accessibility***
 - The DHS Multimedia team voiced that they would like all media coming from DHS to be fully accessible based on the positive work they did with the Executive Committee for the #Access4All Video Watch Party.
 - The Executive Committee will continue to work with the DHS Multimedia staff to put together some policy recommendations for universal access. See Action Item 2.
- ***Concordia University Collaborative Educational Opportunity***
 - Lois Harrison, Professor at Concordia University, reached out to members of the Executive Committee to assist with presenting at a forum twice a year focusing on people with disabilities and healthcare equity. The Committee agreed that it would be a wonderful opportunity for public awareness in education and possibly write some curriculum modules in the future.
 - The Executive Committee will continue to work with Concordia University on this educational opportunity.



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VII. GCPD 2021-2023 Work Plan

- 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. Katherine Schneider shared recommendations from the Opportunities and Access Committee and discussed the Committee moving forward with more discussion during the Sub-Committee meetings. Katherine Schneider also discussed the Governors Webpage is not accessible and she had filed a complaint, which may take up to 3 months to obtain a response.
 - Katherine Schneider made a motion to hold on approving the Opportunities and Access Sub-Committee recommendations until August 2022. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.
 - Dan Idzikowski made a motion to advocate for the establishment of a position within state government to ensure accessibility and best practice for all state government websites and social media accessibility. Katherine Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.
 - **Transportation; Rhonda Staats:** The Sub-Committee meets the first Wednesday of month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The Sub-Committee has had guest speakers from Veyo attend and active attendance. Concerns about MTM and Veyo merging. Continues to monitor and discuss transportation concerns. Non-Driver Advisory Committee has been looking at expanding transportation options in Wisconsin.



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- **Employment; Nancy Leipzig:** The next Sub-Committee meeting will be on May 2, 2022. The Sub-Committee has been focusing on the State Use Program information and Nancy Leipzig shared recommendations made by the Sub-Committee.
 - Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the recommendations shared from the Employment Sub-Committee with the addition of discussion with Department of Administration (DOA) on what has been proposed before moving forward with recommendations and next steps. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.
- **Bylaws; Tom O'Connor:** The Sub-Committee was meeting the first Friday of the month from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The Sub-Committee has wrapped up their work on updating the GCPD Bylaws, and now is taking additional questions and discussion on clarification from the Full Committee.
 - Tom O'Connor went over GCPD Bylaw revisions and changes with the Full Committee. The Full Committee agreed to move this item forward to August 2022 Bi-Monthly Meeting so that the Executive Committee has time to address any questions or concerns.

VIII. Review and Approve GCPD Bylaws Revisions

- The Full Committee agreed to move Agenda Item *VII Review and Approve GCPD Bylaws Revisions* forward to August 2022 Bi-Monthly Meeting so that the Executive Committee has time to address questions or concerns. See Action Item 3.

IX. Liaison Updates

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** - Sarah Kuehn shared the Competitive integrated Employment (CIE) Report for State Fiscal Year 2022 will be published to the CIE Website by June, 30, 2022, <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/cie/lact-178.htm>.



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- **Department of Public Instruction (DPI)** – No Liaison Update to Review.
- **Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)** – No Liaison Update to Review.

X. Council Updates

- **Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind (CDHH)** - Tom O'Connor reported the Council for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind had its last Council meeting was on March 4, 2022, and the next full Council meeting will be held toward the end of June 2022. The membership has been decreasing due to members terming off and discussion has begun about a plan for outreach for membership.
- **Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)** - No Council Report to review.
- **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)** - Ben Barrett stated that The Council on Physical Disabilities continues to update the Emergency Preparedness toolkit, our committees are back up and working on the issues once again. The Council is discussing the possibility of exploring their bylaws and creating an umbrella model for their standing committees. Our July meeting will be both face to face and a zoom meeting. If members have comments about our state plan or other issues pertaining to Wisconsin's residents with physical disabilities. Please consider attending our July meeting.
- **Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)** - Rhonda Staats shared that WSCOB has finished its community conversations collecting data phase. We have moved this forward to the WI HRA team to aggregate and incorporate it as they believe appropriate. WSCOB will be focusing on voting rights and joining VI folks in advocacy for an accessible online ballot. The Disability Vote Coalition will be featured in our next meeting on June 16, 2022.



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- **Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)** - No Council Report to review.
 - The Committee discussed recruitment and membership being an issue with all Councils and Committees and discussed potential outlets for recruitment: outreach to universities, technical colleges, Wisconsin Facets, long-term care providers, disability-based publications and statewide conferences, exhibits and breakout sessions.

XI. Discuss GCPD Marketing and Branding

- The Full Committee discussed marketing and branding GCPD. Specifically, creating an official GCPD logo, which may take 6-9 months to organize and decided on an official logo.
 - The Full Committee was in agreement to move forward with allowing the Executive Committee to begin discussing and organizing GCPD marketing and branding through the creation of an official logo.

XII. Review 2022 GCPD Bi-Monthly Meetings

- The Committee reviewed the structure of the GCPD Full Committee meetings. Discussed keeping Bi-Monthly or having Quarterly meetings; in-person vs virtual or hybrid option. The 2022 Bi-Monthly meetings are scheduled for the months of August, October and December.
 - The Committee discussed moving forward with continuing with a Bi-Monthly meeting schedule.
 - The GCPD Full Committee will move forward with planning to meet hybrid (in-person and virtual) in August 2022.

XIII. Adjourn

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Staats seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 7.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 A.M.