

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Task Force on Caregiving		Attending: Susan Rosa, John Sauer, Todd Costello, Ted Behnke, Laverne Jaros, Lisa Schneider, Lisa Pugh, Jason Endres, Michael Pochowski, Delores Sallis, Jane Bushnell, Rep. Chuck Wichgers, Sen. Patty Schachtner, Beth Swedeen, Helen Marks Dicks, Adien Igoni, Ann Rabin, Rep. Deb Kolste, Elsa Diaz-Bautista, Mo Thao-Lee, Carol Bogda, Stephanie Birmingham, Margie Steinhoff, Sen. Kathleen Bernier, Bill Crowley State Staff: Lynn Gall, Faith Russell, Andrew Guests: Amy Litzer from Consumer Direct; Jolene Plautz from Home Care Association of American; John Zordni with Michael & Best; Sarah Barry; Margaret Schmidt; Carrie Gartzke; WNewville; Ann Gryphan; Colinda Nappa; Erin Fabrizius; Janet Stockhausen; Chris Patterson; Erik; MKonecke; Forbes McIntosh; Kerry; Cindy; Corey Stinebrink; Sean Kirkby; screen name "Creative Solutions"
Date: 8/5/2020	Time Started: 1:00 p.m. Time Ended: 2:20 pm	
Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom		Presiding Officer: Todd Costello and Lisa Pugh
Minutes		

**Governor’s Task Force on Caregiving
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2020**

- I. Welcome & Agenda Overview** – *Faith Russell, DHS Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget*

- II. Approve minutes from previous meetings and public input session**
 - Jan. 30 – Rep. Deb Kolste moved to accept Seconded by Sue Rosa
Approved
 - June 11 – Stephanie Birmingham moved to accept
Seconded by Jason Endres
Approved
 - June 29 – Rep. Deb Kolste moved to accept Seconded by Lisa Schneider
Approved

- III. Decision-Making Process for September 10 Meeting**
 At least one person will not be present for the final vote on proposals in September 10. A process is needed to allow that person to vote. It was proposed that Task Force members be able to submit votes to DHS and the Task Force co-chairs before the meeting.

PROPOSAL

Due to the importance of the votes at the September 10, 2020, meeting of the Task Force on the policy recommendations to include in the final package for the Governor, and to the fact that there will be no further discussion of the proposals at the meeting, the Task Force approves a modification of the general quorum rule as follows:

For the September 10, 2020, meeting of the Task Force on Caregiving, where votes will be taken on policy recommendations for the Governor, a member who is unable to participate in the meeting will be permitted to submit their votes on each of the proposals via email to DHS staff supporting the Task Force. Such votes will be due prior to the meeting at a time to be specified by the Task Force co-chairs. A vote cast on a proposal in this fashion will be announced by staff at the meeting after members participating in the meeting have stated their votes for that proposal.

Discussion:

- Elsa Diaz-Bautista: Given that we will not be discussing the proposals, just voting on that day, she finds it acceptable for Task Force members who are not able to participate on September 10 to vote before the meeting.
- Sue Rosa concurred, saying that it is very important that everyone have a voice.
- Lisa Pugh reminded Task Force members that a supermajority of 19 votes will be needed to include a proposal in recommendations to the Governor.
- Question - Jason Endres: How many proposals will be in the final package to the governor?
Answer – Faith Russell: There are 16 proposals to vote on. All may or may not be included in the Task Force's recommendations depending on September 10 votes.
- There will be no process for submitting amendments to proposals on September 10. Members will only be voting yes or no. Now is the time to speak with sub-groups to offer amendments before the final vote. No amendments or changes will be considered after Aug. 28.
- Lisa Pugh reminded members that they were able to submit comments and suggests via a survey link sent to members after the Task Force meeting on June 11. If members have other points they would like to make, now is the time to send an email to the Task Force co-chairs or contact the members of the subgroup.
- Jane Bushnell moved to approve the proposal to allow a member who has to miss the September 10 Task Force meeting to submit votes on the proposals via email to DHS staff prior to the meeting.
Laverne Jaros seconded.
Approved.

IV. Timeline

- Proposed amendments must be provided to sub-groups before the final version is approved and submitted to co-chairs on Aug. 28.

- Vote on Sept. 10.
- There will be five hours scheduled on Sept. 10 to vote. Do members want time to make statements during the meeting, such as a comment after the vote to explain why they voted the way they did? This statement cannot be an attempt to influence others or try to make a change to the proposal before the vote.
 - Mo Thao-Lee suggested leaving this time to the very end of the meeting on September 10 if statements are not going to have any impact on the proposals or the votes.
 - Jason Endres agreed. The yes or no vote will tell what we think of the proposal.
 - Susan Rosa has something she would like to say and have in the record, so she's torn.
 - John Sauer would like to state the reasoning behind his vote. The one proposal that has a \$125 million fiscal effect. He thinks it is a good idea to support people at home, but in the context of the overall state budget, once that is in front of the Legislature, he does not know where his support will be because the tax credit will not be in a vacuum anymore. He is not sure of his support as it advances with regard to priorities in the state budget.
 - Helen Marks Dicks agrees with John Sauer, but we have to understand that September 10 is not a time for speeches. She suggested that Task Force members submit a short 1-paragraph explanation to include in the record if they feel strongly about including an explanation of their vote.
 - Lisa Pugh asked if it would it be possible to put those types of statements in the Zoom chat function as they are voting? Or does that complicate things? It would capture members' position exactly as they state it. But we would need to limit the number of times each member's comments to only when it is necessary.
 - Ann Rabin is against making comments on September 10,
 - Bill Crowley supports the ability for members to make comments.
 - The September 10 agenda allows 15 minutes to vote on each proposal. There may be an extra 5-8 minutes after each vote during which members could say something or submit a chat message for the record.
 - Michael Pochowski asked how votes and statements will be recorded. Will statements be packaged for the governor or reflected in the minutes?
Answer: Statements will be included in the official meeting minutes.
 - Stephanie Birmingham preferred that comments be made after a vote on a proposal so that there is not the potential for sway other members before the vote.
 - Lisa Pugh and Todd Costello will consider all comments today and come up with a strategy that will be used.
 - Elsa Diaz-Bautista reminded members that there is not enough time to make the process equitable for everyone to say what they have to say verbally. The process for making comments must be equitable to all.

- It was asked if each member's actual vote will be included in the final report to the Governor, or will it just be stated that a proposal moved forward with a supermajority? Answer: The Task Force will have to decide this.
- There will be a roll call vote for each proposal on Sept. 10 because Zoom polling does not identify who votes which way. We must have a record of individual votes.
- Laverne Jaros expressed concern about the cost of some of the proposals given the economic difficulties and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We might want to consider including an understanding that the final recommendations the Task Force puts forward are not only for this budget year. These recommendations are what we want to see going forward, even if it takes place over several years when our state can afford it.
- Sen. Schachtner believes the Task Force should include "pie in the sky" ideal recommendations in the final report to the Governor, as well as what will happen if the state does nothing. The Task Force should paint the picture of what it will look like related to workforce shortages, nursing home closings, impacts on human beings and quality of life if the State of Wisconsin does nothing. Explain that these are the goals over time, not necessarily for the next budget, but that these recommendations should be alive in future policy discussions.
- Elsa Diaz-Bautista requested that an explanation be included for each proposal of the timeframe envisioned for enactment. The final report should also include language along these lines as an overarching statement, as well as be stated publicly before voting on Sept. 10.
- Final Task Force report to Governor by Sept. 30th
- Question for future discussion: Will there be a Phase II for the Task Force?

V. Final Proposals

- Additions needed:
 - Place the primary "ask" of the proposal at the beginning
 - Be clear of the linkage to caregiving
 - Frame equity issues and considerations, even if you realize there may be gaps
 - Get closer to stating cost, possible funding options and savings expected
 - Summarize the ways that the public input received was used. The Task Force received a lot of useful public input that we do not want to get lost.

VI. Public Comment

- Jolene Plautz asked what the timeframe will be for the September 10 meeting?
Answer: 10 am to 3 pm.
- Will the public have access to advanced copies of final proposals?
Answer: The co-chairs will discuss now to make final proposals available to public before the September 10 meeting. They will likely be posted on the GTFC website

and a notice sent via GovDelivery.

VII. Wrap-Up

- Mo Thao-Lee requested clarification about what is meant by framing health disparities and health equity expectations.

Answer: Lisa Pugh - We know this issue is important to the Governor, especially since the pandemic. Sub-committees should include data or anecdotal information that can be included to explain the complexity of the problem/s being addressed.

- Helen Marks Dicks asked how many proposals are going to be significantly changed.

Answer: The ADRC investment proposal will significantly change. Others will have fine-tuning or consolidation of ideas rather than drastic changes.

- DHS staff is working on providing feedback of a technical nature or identifying feasibility concerns regarding federal provisions. Faith may be able to provide this feedback to Task Force members by end of next week.

VIII. Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Lynn Gall, DHS Office on Aging on 8/10/2020.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 9/10/2020