

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Statutory Council on Blindness			Attending: Doug Tikkanen, Troy Hergert, Rhonda Staats, Amber Mullet, Ann Sievert, Sara O'Donnell, Steven Tikkanen, and Lee Young.
Date: 7/10/2018	Time Started: 9:06 a.m.	Time Ended: 10:24 a.m.	
Location: Conference Call			Presiding Officer: Doug Tikkanen

Minutes

Motion Items:

A. Motion Items:

- 1. Motion Item:** A motion was made by Troy Hergert to approve the January quarterly meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Staats. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** A motion was made by Troy Hergert to suspend the election of the Executive Committee. He is choosing to become a member-at-large on the Executive Committee and Rhonda Staats will assume the role of vice chairperson. Doug Tikkanen will remain chairperson until membership is larger and elections can be made. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Staats. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** A motion was made by Troy Hergert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Tikkanen.

B. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions by Doug Tikkanen, Chairperson

Council Members Present: Rhonda Staats, Doug Tikkanen, and Troy Hergert.

DHS Staff Support Present: Amber Mullett, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Ann Sievert, DHS, BADR; and Sara O'Donnell, DHS, BADR.

Guests: Steven Tikkanen, and Lee Young.

II. Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Doug Tikkanen, Chairperson

The meeting was held via teleconference and made available by calling 1-877-820-7831 and using the participant code of 988055.

III. Review and Approve the Agenda

- The agenda was approved by the Executive Committee prior to the full Council meeting.

IV. Review and Approve January Quarterly Meeting Minutes and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Troy Hergert to approve the January quarterly meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Staats. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.
- The May Executive Committee meeting did not have quorum, therefore there were no meeting minutes to approve.

V. Update from the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired**Amber Mullett, Director, Office for the Promotion of Independent Living**

- Office for the Promotion of Independent Living (OPIL) Strategic Goals Discussion
 - OPIL is working to create initiatives that lay the groundwork for a society that is prepared to meet the needs of future generations of older adults and people with disabilities. Some of OPIL's strategic goals include network collaboration, long path visioning, data collection, and improving the collection system to expand data access.
 - Network collaboration
 - From a leadership perspective, OPIL is striving to facilitate strategic planning through collaboration in order to determine how to best utilize resources throughout the state.
 - The OPIL team is working to establish regional meetings throughout the state in order to gather constructive feedback from consumers to take back to the state office.
 - Start with initiating conversations in order to gain perspective about the local service area (delivery, gaps, needs, and concerns).
 - Use data and current circumstances from the local service area to share with consumers and discuss existing barriers, as well as planning ahead and addressing roadblocks for future populations.
 - Gather information to meet the needs of the local communities throughout the state to develop concrete strategies and create a stronger network.
 - OPIL would like input from the Council on how to appropriately establish regional meetings and further develop network collaboration. Council members are encouraged to engage in conversations and attend the listening sessions in collaboration with OBVI staff.
 - Improve collaboration with other state agencies on employment and independent living services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired.
 - Utilize other agencies on the ground level so that multiple individuals and agencies can serve the target population.

VI. Public Comment on Issues Affecting Wisconsin Residents who are Blind and Visually Impaired

- Individuals in Wisconsin who are blind or visually impaired are not receiving available services and resources as efficiently as possible. All programs and services should be offered through one entity rather than multiple.

VII. Election of the Executive Committee

- Lee Young is willing to serve as ex-officio to the Council until a qualified member is appointed to the Council.
- A motion was made by Troy Hergert to suspend the election of the Executive Committee. He is choosing to become a member-at-large

on the Executive Committee and Rhonda Staats will assume the role of vice chairperson. Doug Tikkanen will remain chairperson until membership is larger and elections can be made. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Staats. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

VIII. Next Steps and Closing Remarks

- The next quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2018.

IX. Adjourn

- A motion was made by Troy Hergert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Tikkanen. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Prepared by: Sara O'Donnell on 11/12/2018.

These minutes were approved by the Statutory Council on Blindness on: 11/13/2018