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

Thursday, November 12, 2020

1:00 P.M. to 1:45 P.M.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig will send a complete draft of the letter to the Governor on GCPD's Policy Recommendations by the November 19, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.
2. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee did not get to the Review and Approve GCPD Member Expectations agenda item and it will need to be added to the November 19, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the November 12, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda as amended. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes as amended. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

Executive committee members present: David Morstad; Margaret Kristan; Nancy Leipzig; Pearl Fessenden; and Ben Barrett.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Not applicable.



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Guests: Fred Ludwig, Lieutenant Governor Ex-Officio Member, GCPD; Tom O'Connor, Member-at-Large, GCPD; Evelyn Azbell, Member-at-Large, GCPD; and Dan Idzikowski, Member-at-Large, GCPD.

DHS staff support present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR) and Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR.

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 970 0823 5169 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve November 12, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- David Morstad requested the meeting agenda be revised and that agenda item 6. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations be moved to agenda item 3, as Fred Ludwig was able to join the meeting and provide updated on this agenda item.
 - Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the November 12, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda as amended. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- ***Provide Updates on Letter to Governor's Office on No Visitor Policy Letter***
 - Fred Ludwig Lieutenant Governor Ex-Officio Member, GCPD stated that the Lieutenant Governor's office met with DHS senior leadership on GCPD's No Visitor Policy letter.
 - Fred Ludwig stated the Division of Medicaid Services was also trying to address this issue for people with severe behavioral health issues who need support persons at medical appointments and treatments.



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- Based on the meeting with DHS senior leadership, IRIS and Family Care are going to draft a letter for people with disabilities to take with them to medical appointments and treatments and draft some guidance for providers. These documents will be reviewed by external stakeholders including GCPD before they are finalized.
- The hope is to have these documents completed by mid-December 2020.
- The Executive Committee thanked Fred Ludwig for his work on this issue.
- The Executive Committee also discussed that in some situations, even when a person has guardianship or Power of Attorney papers, they are still being denied the opportunity to attend medical appointments and treatments with the individuals they are caring for.
- The Executive Committee also discussed that accommodations being denied due to the state of emergency in medical settings is leading to increased reliance on a disability support person to accompany a person with a disability so they can effectively communicate and understanding information being provided by medical providers.
 - Margaret Kristan stated that maybe sending the IRIS and Family Care guidance documents along with a reminder about accommodations to providers such as the Hospital Association might be helpful.
 - Fred Ludwig said this is something the Lieutenant Governor's office may be able to do.
 - Fred Ludwig also stated he will be attending the GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting on December 2, 2020 and can provide further updates to the full Committee at that time.



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- ***Review and Approve Draft Letter to Governor on GCPD's Policy Recommendations***

- Nancy Leipzig had to leave the Executive Committee meeting at 1:30 P.M., prior to the Executive Committee getting to this agenda item.
- Nancy Leipzig reported via email that a draft of the letter is in process but that she was unable to complete the letter prior to the November 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.
- Dan Idzikowski asked when the letter might be complete as the Governor's budget listening session are the next two weeks and these might be an opportunity to raise some of the policy recommendations in the letter and possibly get funding if needed to implement these recommendations.
 - Nancy Leipzig will send a complete draft of the letter to the Governor on GCPD's Policy Recommendations by the November 19, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 1.

V. Review and Approve November 5, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Lisa Sobczyk, DHS support staff, noted that Pearl Fessenden should be marked as an excused absence in the meeting minutes.
- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes as amended. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

VI. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment was received.



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VII. Draft December Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee identified the following items for the December Bi-Monthly Meeting agenda:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve December Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve October Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities
 - Executive Committee Updates
 - Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations
 - Review and Approve Revised GCPD Member Expectations Document
 - Liaison Updates
 - Council Updates
 - Adjourn
- The Executive Committee will review and approve the December Bi-Monthly meeting agenda at the November 19, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

VIII. Discuss Revisions to the GCPD Member Expectations Document

- *Review and Approve GCPD Member Expectations*
 - The Executive Committee did not get to this agenda item and it will need to be added to the November 19, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. See Action Item 2.

IX. Adjourn

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 P.M.