



## State of Wisconsin

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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# Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Annual Report 2019

This report serves as an overview of activity and accomplishments of GCPD during the 2019 calendar year.

## Activities

GCPD held four quarterly general meetings in 2019. All quarterly meetings were held in Madison, Wisconsin. GCPD also held four Executive Committee meetings during the course of the year via teleconference. Our activities during the year included the following:

- GCPD worked with Office of the Governor to have Executive Order #150 re-establish GCPD as a viable committee under the new Administration.
- GCPD is pleased to welcome a newly appointed regular representative from the Lt. Governor's Office to attend the Committee's quarterly meetings. This is leading to more regular and productive communication and efforts toward a more positive and unified direction.
- GCPD was able to develop and approve a three-year work plan; however, GCPD looks toward modification of that plan as a result of a number of factors including:
  1. A careful reexamination of our subcommittee structure and function. Subcommittees to this point have included Employment, Transportation, Long-term Support, and Membership. Each of these subcommittees requires DHS staff support, adherence to open meeting requirements, and there is not always a compelling reason to maintain them as permanent subcommittees. GCPD will continue to evaluate them in the coming year.
  2. In September of 2019, discussion was held on the long-term function, purpose, and overall relevance of the GCPD as it currently operates. This was done in view of the on Long Path planning process taking place in DHS. While GCPD has the potential to be a unique, powerful, and necessary cross-disability group, it has not always lived up to that potential. With new and more productive relationships with the Governor's and Lt. Governor's Offices that are emerging will help immeasurably in overall benefit for the GCPD and, more importantly, for people with disabilities.



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- GCPD discussed and proposed new GCPD website language in an effort to have greater engagement with the disability community.
- GCPD sent a letter to the newly elected Governor Evers to introduce GCPD and advise him on the upcoming state budget, which included many programs to benefit people with disabilities and older adults.
- GCPD sent a letter to Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Palm thanking her for rescinding the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) application of Logisticare and offered recommendations to add to the new Request for Proposal for the next NEMT vendor selection process.
- GCPD sent a letter to DHS Marlia Matkke thanking her for the work she and her team have done to bring forth the changes to Wisconsin Medical Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP) due to roll out July 1, 2020.
- GCPD began an evaluation of Wisconsin's State Use Program relative to disability representation, governance, and open meeting compliance. Results of this evaluation are anticipated in early 2020.
- GCPD monitored various Governor-appointed state disability councils' work on various projects.
- GCPD was able to meet with representatives of the Governor's Office for the dual purposes of:
  1. Suggesting changes to Executive Order 15 (Relating to Inclusive Language in Administrative Rules) language regarding terminology used when referring to people with disabilities; and
  2. Beginning to establish a more productive and focused relationship for our shared work ahead.

### Membership

At the December 2019 quarterly meeting, GCPD held officer elections with the following results:

- David Morstad (Chair)
- Margaret Kristan (Vice-Chair)



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As of December 31, 2019, GCPD has 16 (sixteen) members, including representation from 5 (five) of the 6 (six) designated disability councils, and a Representative from the Lt. Governor's Office. Currently, GCPD has a vacancy for Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. GCPD also has three at-large member vacancies. Of the current membership, 75% have a self-disclosed disability.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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