



GCPD Annual Report 2017

This report serves as an overview of activity and accomplishments of GCPD during the 2017 calendar year.

Membership

GCPD held its annual elections at the December 2017 quarterly meeting with the following results:

- Chairperson: Sandy Popp
- Vice-Chairperson: David Morstad
- Executive Committee Members-at-Large: Ben Barrett, Ramsey Lee, and Nancy Leipzig.

GCPD by-laws were updated and approved at the March 2018 quarterly meeting.

The GCPD had one council resignation in 2017.

- Denise Johnson (representative from the Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

Membership continued to be a focus for the GCPD in 2017. The Chairperson of GCPD had several phone conferences with the Governor's office to receive updates and share information about Committee membership. The Governor made two appointments GCPD:

- Kimberlee Coronado (parent advocate from Waukesha and representing the Council on Mental Health)
- Benjamin Loux (Member-at-Large from Hudson)

As of December 31, 2017 GCPD has 16 members including Ex-Officio Member, Robert Schlaeger, from Lieutenant Governor Kleefisch's office and representation from four of the six designated disability councils. Currently, GCPD has a vacancy for Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. GCPD also has two at-large member vacancies. Of the current membership, 56% have a self-disclosed disability.

Activities

GCPD held four quarterly general meetings in 2017. All quarterly meetings were held in Madison, including a two-day meeting held in June. GCPD also held five Executive Committee meetings during the course of the year by teleconference. Topics covered during these meetings fell within focus areas of the GCPD work plan. GCPD activities included the following:



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- Advised Wisconsin's federal congressional delegation, the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor about concerns with the American Health Care Act of 2017 and the impact this bill would have on health care coverage and Medicaid services for people with disabilities.
- Advised the Department of Workforce Development to support the Wisconsin Statutory Council on Blindness recommendations for the Business Enterprise Program.
- Implemented a By-laws Committee to review and recommend changes to GCPD By-laws.
- Implemented a State Use Program Committee to review and make recommendations to improve the program. GCPD invited James Langdon with the Department of Administration and Enid Glen with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to discuss history of the State Use Program and options for updating the program.
- Received updates and offered input on implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act in Wisconsin.
- Continued extensive advocacy work on Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) redesign, which included meeting with state legislators, the development of talking points on this very complex topic, and working with DHS fiscal policy representatives to understand policy change implications.
- Continued to monitor and provide input on the non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for Medicaid recipients with MTM. Specifically, GCPD made a recommendation to add a neutral, third-party external advocacy program or ombudsman to evaluate consumer complaints with the program.
- Monitored issues/concerns related to accessible parking for individuals with disabilities.
- Monitored state councils work on various projects such as Emergency Preparedness Toolkits and accessible parking legislation.

Dan Johnson, long-time friend and Department of Health Services (DHS), support staff to GCPD, passed away on March 22, 2017. GCPD developed a committee which worked collaboratively with the DHS to recognize Dan's work and contributions for individuals with disabilities in Wisconsin with a Proclamation from Governor Scott Walker. The Proclamation was presented to his family at his Celebration of Life event. GCPD also formed a Work Group to develop the Dan C. Johnson Award for Advocacy Excellence.

Respectfully submitted:
Nancy Leipzig, GCPD Chair