



# GCPD Annual Report 2018

This report serves as an overview of activity and accomplishments of GCPD during the 2018 calendar year.

## Activities

GCPD held four quarterly general meetings in 2018. All quarterly meetings were held in Madison. GCPD also held four Executive Committee meetings during the course of the year by teleconference. Activities for meetings included:

- Planned and approved a three-year work plan.
- Formed four Issue Teams in conjunction with the work plan:
  - Employment
  - Transportation
  - Long-Term Support
  - Engagement

*\* Membership of each issue team will be determined the first meeting of GCPD in March 2019. Every GCPD member will decide which team/s they will serve on.*

- Reviewing and revising the GCPD By-laws
- Advised the Governor and Lt. Governor on the impact of the State Senate and Assembly bills SB 886/AB 1072. These were bills passed in a lame duck session which will add significant bureaucratic requirements into the Department of Health Services' (DHS) routine work and could have a real impact on disability-related waivers like Family Care, IRIS, Children's Long-Term Supports, Medicaid Assistance Purchase Plan, BadgerCare, mental health services and supports and more. Advised the Governor to veto that portion of the bill.
- Sent letters to advise DHS Secretary and Governor on the slow implementation of Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) changes, and the selection of a new Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) provider to replace the current provider with a poor history of service in WI.
- Provided presentations at meetings to members on plan for implementing changes to MAPP, statistics on vouchers utilized by students with disabilities and IDEA requirements, supported decision making, Able Act, and Outcomes for 2016-17 on outreach and review of WIOA 511. Presenters were from DHS, DRW, DPI, Financial Advisor Company, and UW-Whitewater.
- Monitored state councils work on various projects.



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- Developed the Dan C. Johnson Award for Advocacy Excellence. Mr. Johnson's wife made a request to GCPD that the award come from the Council for Physical Disabilities (CPD) as Mr. Johnson was the impetus for the CPD. GCPD voted in favor of honoring this request. Sent a request to CPD to assume authority to manage the Dan C. Johnson Award which was accepted.
- Reviewed current standing subcommittees and "sunsetted" the MAPP subcommittee and By-laws subcommittee, as work has been completed with both committees. Continued the State Use Subcommittee and added a Policy Subcommittee and a Membership and Elections Subcommittee.
- Started work late December to prepare for new Governor and Administration. Executive Order #6, which establishes the GCPD committee, was issued by Governor Evers in January 28, 2019.

## Membership

GCPD held elections for the Executive Committee at the December 2018 quarterly meeting with the following results:

- Officers: Sandy Popp (Chair) and David Morstad (Vice-Chair)
- Members-at-Large: Ben Barrett, Ramsey Lee (until June 30, 2019 then Pearl Fessenden starts as of July 1, 2019), and Nancy Leipzig.

As of December 31, 2018 GCPD has 14 members, including four of the six designated disability councils. Currently, GCPD has a vacancy for Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Statutory Council on Blindness. GCPD also has three at-large member vacancies. Of the current membership, 64 percent have a self-disclosed disability.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sandy Popp, GCPD Chair