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

Thursday, October 29, 2020

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

AMENDED AND APPROVED 11-5-2020

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will send Nancy Leipzig Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey respondents contact information. Nancy Leipzig will follow-up with survey respondents who had individual concerns.
2. **Action Item:** David Morstad will draft a general response to thank people who responded to GCPD's ADA survey.
3. **Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig will draft the letter to the Governor outlining GCPD's policy concerns and recommendations related to COVID-19 for people with disabilities by the November 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.
4. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will send weekly Executive Committee meeting calendar invites through the end of 2020.
5. **Action Item:** Executive Committee members will review the GCPD Member Expectations and bring recommended revisions to the November 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the October 29, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the October 1, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the October 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Margaret Kristan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig 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; Ben Barrett; and Pearl Fessenden.

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

Guests: Ramsey Lee, Member-at-large, GCPD; Tom O'Connor, Member-at-large, GCPD; and Evelyn Azbell, 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 1:06 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 917 9001 4326 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve October 29, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the October 29, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve October 1, 2020 and October 8, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the October 1, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.



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- The Executive Committee reviewed the action items from the October 1, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
- Nancy Leipzig asked if any responses had been sent to ADA survey respondents.
- The Executive Committee responded that no correspondence had been sent yet.
 - Nancy Leipzig will follow-up with survey respondents who had individual concerns. See Action Item 1.
 - DHS support staff will send Nancy Leipzig ADA survey respondents contact information. See Action Item 1.
 - David Morstad will draft a general response to thank people who responded to GCPD's ADA survey. See Action Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment was received.

VI. Discuss COVID-19 and GCPD Policy Recommendations

- The Executive Committee reviewed the GCPD Policy Recommendations.
- The Executive Committee also reviewed the additional policy recommendations made at the GCPD Bi-Monthly meeting, which included:
 - Prioritization of COVID-19 vaccinations
 - Rapid COVID testing and false positives – this is delaying surgeries and needed medical treatment for people with disabilities.
 - COVID testing sites and tests not accessible to the majority of people with disabilities, especially if homebound.
 - Information provided by state and others needing to be accessible to all people with disabilities.
 - Ramsey Lee commented that the caregiver shortage has been made worse by the pandemic.



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- After reviewing all the policy recommendations, David Morstad asked Executive Committee members as to what policy recommendations should be included in the letter to the Governor.
- Margaret Kristan stated that she felt the policy recommendation related to COVID-19 should be at the top of list and feel the most urgent.
 - Nancy Leipzig agreed with Margaret Kristan's recommendations.
 - David Morstad summarized the policy concerns and recommendations to be included in the letter to the Governor's office are as follows:
 - Testing accessibility;
 - Information being available in accessible formats; and
 - Plan for homebound people to get access to tests and vaccinations.
 - Nancy Leipzig will draft the letter to the Governor outlining GCPD's policy concerns and recommendations related to COVID-19 for people with disabilities by the November 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 3.
 - The Executive Committee also discussed continuing to meet weekly through the end of the calendar year and then reevaluating this meeting schedule in 2021.
 - DHS support staff will send weekly Executive Committee meeting calendar invites through the end of 2020. See Action Item 4.

VII. Discuss Membership

- *Review and Approve GCPD Member Expectations*
 - David Morstad stated after reviewing the document he did not feel comfortable approving it as he felt it needed further revisions.
 - Margaret Kristan agreed that additional edits were needed.



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- Executive Committee members will review the GCPD Member Expectations and bring recommended revisions to the November 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 5.

VIII. Adjourn

- Margaret Kristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 P.M.