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

Wednesday, July 15, 2020
2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

APPROVED July 22, 2020.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** GCPD members will send their quotes of what ADA means to them for the press release to DHS support staff by July 20, 2020.
2. **Action Item:** David Morstad will send finalized press release to media contacts the week of July 20, 2020.
3. **Action Item:** The Executive Committee needs to choose a date in early fall for hosting an online forum to share ADA stories and issues.
4. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will secure a presentation/speaker on COVID-19 and its impact on people with disabilities and older adults for the July 22, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 15, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the press release as proposed with the addition of member quotes. Pearl Fessenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Pearl Fessenden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Leipzig seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

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

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

Guests: Ramsey Lee, GCPD Member-at-large and Jeff Fox, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities member.

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

II. Meeting was called to order at 2:03 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 920 8800 4832 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve July 15, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 15, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve of July 8, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the July 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ben Barrett seconded motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Jeff Fox shared that after he broke his back, the most important thing he learned in rehabilitation was how to jump curbs. Although Americans with Disabilities Act has made spaces more accessible this is still an issue today, many sidewalks do not have curb cuts in 2020, so there is still work to be done.



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VI. Discuss Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 30th Anniversary and Related Activities

- The ADA electronic survey to collect ADA surveys in writing, via photo, or video is available on GCPD's website. This information was also sent via email.
- Margaret Kristan asked to whom the email sent.
 - Lisa Sobczyk responded that the ADA email was sent to: GCPD members; Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities; Assistive Technology Advisory Council; Independent Living Council of Wisconsin; Aging and Disability Resource Centers; Area Agencies on Aging; Tribal Units; and Independent Living Centers.
 - Margaret Kristan stated this email should also be send to Managed Care Organizations, Family Care providers, and IRIS providers.
 - This email should be sent to all interested stakeholders. Executive Committee members discussed forwarding this information to their networks.
 - Ramsey Lee also suggested sharing this information with the Self Employment Network.
- David Morstad stated that he submitted GCPD's proposed ADA 30th Anniversary proclamation to the Governor's Office for consideration. David Morstad stated that he received a response the Governor's Office has drafted an ADA 30th Anniversary proclamation. David Morstad shared this proclamation with Executive Committee members.
- The Executive Committee discussed the GCPD draft press release recognizing the 30th Anniversary of ADA.
 - Executive Committee members discussed the press release and decided they want to incorporate quotes from members with disabilities into the press release.



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- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the press release as proposed with the addition of member quotes. Pearl Fessenden seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- GCPD members will send their quotes of what ADA means to them for the press release to DHS support staff by July 20, 2020. See Action Item 1.
- David Morstad will send finalized press release to media contacts the week of July 20, 2020. See Action Item 2.
- David Morstad stated that GCPD celebrate the ADA 30th Anniversary the remainder of the calendar year.
 - The Executive Committee needs to choose a date in early fall for hosting an online forum to share ADA stories and issues. See Action Item 3.
- David Morstad also shared the response he received from Wenona Wolf to the follow-up email he sent on behalf of GCPD the week of July 13, 2020.

VII. Discuss GCPD Response Submitted on Caregiver Task Force Policy Recommendations

- David Morstad thanked members for the feedback they provided on the caregiver task force policy recommendations.
- David Morstad stated that he submitted GCPD members' collective feedback via the online public input form on July 13, 2020.

VIII. Discuss Impact of COVID-19 on People with Disabilities

- The Executive Committee discussed that access to healthcare continues to be an issue for people with disabilities during the pandemic.
- David Morstad stated that there is a need for concrete stories.
 - Executive Committee members discussed creating the repository to collect stories of barriers experienced by people with disabilities during the pandemic.



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- Nancy Leipzig stated that at a recent Wisconsin Department of Health Services meeting it was shared that Managed Care Organizations members impacted by pandemic and related statistics: 904 positive cases, 193 hospitalized members, and 157 members have died. This has gone up significantly this week (7/13/2020).
- Executive Committee members discussed the need to spend more time on this agenda item at the next Executive Committee meeting on July 22, 2020.
 - Executive Committee members requested a presentation on COVID-19 and its impact on people with disabilities and older adults.
 - DHS support staff will secure a presentation/speaker on COVID-19 and its impact on people with disabilities and older adults for the July 22, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting. See Action Item 4.

IX. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 P.M.