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

Wednesday, August 12, 2020
2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

There were no action items from this meeting.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

- Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the August 12, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Motion Item:** Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions, David Morstad, Chairperson

Executive committee members present: David Morstad; Nancy Leipzig; and Ben Barrett.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Pearl Fessenden and Margaret Kristan.

Guest: Jason Ostrowski, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities.

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

II. David Morstad, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M.

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 999 5279 3834 and via [Zoom](#).



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III. Review and Approve August 12, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the August 12, 2020 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve of August 5, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to approve the August 5, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
 - Ben Barrett stated he was not in attendance at the August 5, 2020 meeting so he could not vote. He needed to abstain from voting.
 - Since other Executive Committee members were not in attendance to make a second to the motion, approval of the August 5, 2020 meeting minutes will be delayed until the August 26, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment was received.

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

- **Discuss GCPD Recommendations Based on COVID Presentations**
 - David Morstad shared that he had two thoughts based on the COVID presentations. Where is the Wisconsin data? What data do we have on people with disabilities in relation to COVID? David Morstad also stated that health care disparity and access is another issue that was apparent based on the COVID presentations.
 - Nancy Leipzig shared Managed Care Organization data shared by the Department of Health Services: 1,079 members have tested positive; 425 members have been hospitalized; and 172



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members have died. Nancy Leipzig also reminded Executive Committee members that people do not generally disclose disability status in the emergency room.

- Additional recommendations Executive Committee members discussed included:
 - Addressing health disparities in health care for people with disabilities.
 - Financial and health literacy.
 - Support person being allowed to be with a person with a disabilities in emergency room and at medical appointments.
 - A person with a disability serving on emergency services panels on issues that pertain to these populations, such as ventilator prioritization.
 - Access to telehealth care.
 - GCPD may need to collaborate with organizations to implement some of these recommendations including the State Medical Association and the Hospital Association.
 - Nancy Leipzig stated that there is a group doing health literacy for older adults and maybe this group could do a presentation at a future Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Adjourn

- Nancy Leipzig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.