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# Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Madison  
525 West Johnson Street  
Madison, WI 53703

## Committee Action Items and Motion Items

### A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** All remaining 2019 GCPD quarterly meetings will be determined via a Doodle Poll. DHS staff will provide responses to Sandy Popp.
- 2. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will update and resend a letter to Secretary Palm, which was previously provided to Secretary Seemeyer's Office, outlining GCPD recommendations on the NEMT program.
- 3. Action Item:** GCPD's State Use Subcommittee will meet to discuss GCPD attendance at future State Use Board meetings.
- 4. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will send out details and considerations to subcommittee chairs for scheduling subcommittee meetings and include a copy of GCPD's 2018-2021 Work Plan to guide their subcommittee work.
- 5. Action Item:** Nicole Everson was not present. Sandy Popp will follow up with Nicole and ask her to pick a subcommittee to serve on.
- 6. Action Item:** Sandy will work with Committee members identified to draft a letter on GCPD's state budget priorities to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Joint Finance Committee. Committee members will draft designated sections and send completed versions to Sandy Popp by March 22, 2019.
- 7. Action Item:** Sandy Popp and David Morstad will collaborate on drafting and sending an invitation to Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary Palm to attend a GCPD 2019 quarterly meeting.
- 8. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will ask Sarah Lincoln with DVR to ask who should give a presentation on Competitive Integrated Employment at the June quarterly meeting.



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9. **Action Item:** Ask if Erin Fabrizius or someone from her team would be willing to come to the June quarterly meeting and provide another state budget update closer to the final budget release.
10. **Action Item:** Sandy Popp will follow up with Cassi Fenili, Director of Gubernatorial Appointments to request the assignment of a DHS liaison to GCPD.

### B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the quarterly meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by David Morstad. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the December quarterly meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Motion Item:** John Olson made a motion to approve the state budget priorities outlined by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Dan Idzikowski. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Dan Idzikowski made a motion to have Sandy Popp compile responses into a single letter and send the letter, on behalf of GCPD, to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor with the GCPD's recommendations based on the proposed state budget. The motion was seconded as amended by Nancy Leipzig. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the 2018 GCPD Annual Report. The motion was seconded by John Olson. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by John Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ramsey Lee. Motion carried.

### C. Committee Meeting Minutes

#### I. Welcome and Introductions by Sandy Popp, Committee Chairperson

**Committee members present:** John Hartman, Nancy Leipzig, David Morstad, Sandy Popp, Maureen Ryan, Dan Idzikowski, Ben Barrett, Ramsey Lee, John Olson, and Kimberlee Coronado (via teleconference).

**Committee members absent (excused\*):** Daniel Laatsch, Benjamin Loux, Nicole Everson, and Pearl Fessenden

**Liaisons present:** No liaisons were in attendance.

**DHS staff support present:** Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); Maia Stitt, DHS, BADR, Sara O'Donnell, DHS BADR, and Gary Roth, DHS.



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**Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) Service Provider:** Margo Lucas and Taylor Nirschl, Intern.

**Guests:** Ellie Hartman, Division of Vocation Rehabilitation; Tom O'Connor, Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and Erin Fabrizius, Blumenfeld & Associates.

### II. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by Sandy Popp, Chair

The meeting was available via in-person attendance and via teleconference by calling (608) 316-9000 and using participant code 6744583. It was also available via [Skype for Business](#).

### III. Review and Approve the Agenda

- A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the quarterly meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by David Morstad. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

### IV. Review and Approve December Meeting Minutes

- The Committee reviewed the list of action items from the December quarterly meeting minutes.
  - The State Use Board met in February 2019. GCPD's State Use Subcommittee will review the State Use Board schedule and decide on a representative from GCPD to attend future State Use Board meetings.
    - Discussion followed about the steps taken to contact the State Use Board. Nancy Leipzig contacted Nadine Malm with the Department of Administration. Nadine stated there was website difficulty which impacted the meeting notice, but acknowledged the open meeting requirements need to be met and would ensure meeting notifications are posted properly.
  - DHS gave an update on meeting with appointment staff with the Governor's office. Any membership applications completed under the Walker administration are no longer available. Individuals with interest in applying to GCPD and who was not appointed needs to apply to serve on boards/commissions via [Governor Evers' website](#), and note in their cover letter that they are applying to serve on GCPD. Current members do not need to reapply.
  - All remaining 2019 GCPD quarterly meetings will be determined via a Doodle Poll. DHS staff will provide responses to Sandy Popp. See Action Item 1.



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- The Committee reviewed the December quarterly meeting minutes.
  - A motion was made by Ben Barrett to approve the December quarterly meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. See Motion Item 2.

### V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- John Olson made a comment about the previous success of the high school high-tech program initially piloted during State Senator Kohl's time in office.
  - Sandy Popp agreed it was a fabulous program that encouraged students with disabilities to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs.
  - John Olson felt Governor Evers administration would be receptive to supporting a program like this.
- Lisa Sobczyk commented that Kathy Johnson provided DHS staff with historical documents some of which related to past GCPD activities, awards, and awardees. Lisa Sobczyk stated she would like to share these documents. The Committee agreed that they would like to see these documents.
- Lisa Sobczyk also shared the decision by Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) ordering Department of Health Service (DHS) to rescind the intent to contract with LogistiCare for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT).
  - The Committee decided to update and resend a letter to Secretary Palm, which was previously provided to Secretary Seemeyer's Office, outlining GCPD recommendations on the NEMT program. See Action Item 2.

### VI. PROMISE Presentation

- Ellie Hartman, Department of Workforce Development gave a presentation on the PROMISE program, including initial outcomes, lessons learned, and plans for sustainability.
- Time was provided after the presentation for questions from Committee members.
  - GCPD has served as a member of the PROMISE advisory group and the Committee asked if this role is complete.
  - Ellie Hartman said there are no additional advisory dates scheduled, but encouraged the GCPD to contact the PROMISE project team with any additional thoughts, comments or advisement. They welcome a variety of



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perspectives as they analyze the findings from this project and how to ensure sustainability in the future.

- The Committee appreciated the update on the PROMISE project, and requested that Ellie, or someone from the PROMISE project provide additional updates at a later quarterly meeting in 2019.

### VII. Severe Disabilities Research Project Presentation

- John Hartman, Committee Member and Neurologic Music Therapist, gave a presentation on his research project including data and initial findings.
- Time was provided after the presentation for questions from Committee members.

### VIII. Updates on GCPD Subcommittees

- **Executive Committee**
  - The Executive Committee continues to meet regularly in-between quarterly meetings.
  - At the meeting in January the Executive Committee finalized the agenda for Quarterly meeting, reviewed action items, and followed up on outstanding action items from previous meeting.
- **State Use**
  - The GCPD State Use Subcommittee has not met recently.
  - Nancy Leipzig noted the State Use Board quarterly meeting dates are now publicly posted.
  - The State Use Board's first quarterly meeting took place in February 2019. The remaining quarterly meetings are scheduled for April, July, and October. GCPD's State Use Subcommittee will meet to discuss GCPD attendance at future State Use Board meetings. See Action Item 3.
- **GCPD Policy**
  - Kimberlee Coronado is the new chair of the GCPD Policy Subcommittee.
  - The subcommittee has not met recently.
- **Membership and Elections**
  - A discussion was had on additional meeting dates and times for subcommittees.



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- A decision was reached that chairs are responsible for scheduling subcommittee meetings. Subcommittee chairs will schedule meeting dates and times with input from subcommittee members and DHS support staff.
- Sandy Popp will send out details and considerations to subcommittee chairs for scheduling subcommittee meetings and include a copy of GCPD's 2018-2021 Work Plan to guide their subcommittee work. See Action Item 4.

### IX. Liaison and Council Updates

- **Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**
  - Sarah Lincoln was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a written liaison quarterly update.
- **Ben Barrett, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)**
  - CPD continues to work on outreach related to the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit.
    - Received notification on March 13, 2019 of additional grant funding to continue outreach efforts of the Council related to Emergency Preparedness for people with disabilities.
  - CPD membership is low and Ben requested GCPD members to encourage interested individuals to apply.
  - CPD continues to focus efforts on activities related to transportation including revisions to statutory language specific to accessible parking and universal accessibility signage.
- **Tom O'Connor, Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)**
  - CDHH membership is low and Tom requested GCPD members to encourage interested individuals to apply.
- **Ramsey Lee, Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WPDD)**
  - BPDD released a statement on budget priorities including employment, self-advocacy, caregiver work shortage, and others. These policy positions can be found on the [Board's website](#).
  - Presenters are requested for the Self-Determination Conference for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and Wednesday, October 16, 2019. This year's theme is



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- “Powered by Innovation,” which will explore and showcase how technology is helping people with disabilities lead self-determined lives.
- Youth Leadership Forum applications are now being accepted. This is a week-long leadership training and career awareness program for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors with disabilities.
  - BPDD hosted a webinar with The Arc Wisconsin on the Governor's budget, which was very informative. [The webinar is now available.](#)
  - Disability Advocacy Day is March 20, 2019.
  - BPDD has several budget trainings coming up throughout the state for the disability community. [More information on budget trainings is available on the Board's website](#)
- **Kimberlee Coronado, Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**
    - There are two bills focused on Dyslexia.
      - LBR-0382/3
        - Creating a Dyslexia guidebook related to dyslexia and related conditions.
      - LRB-0368-2
        - Employing a Dyslexia specialist through the Department of Public Instruction.
    - Awareness on children's mental health is available in two documentaries.
      - [The Kids We Lose video](#) – Video focuses on school culture and follows four students.
      - Kids in Crisis – In this series with the USA Today Network, Wisconsin explores the causes for teen suicide, and how to assist all youth coping with anxiety, depression and other mental health challenges. More information is available on the [Post Crescent website](#).
    - Community of Practice on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (ASD/DD) met and Hugh Davis from Wisconsin Family Ties, Dan Idzikowski, and a parent representative spoke. It was a whole state webcast on barriers mental health and behavioral health services to folks with ASD/DD. A YouTube link will be available in the future.
    - Wisconsin Child Psychiatry Consultation Program (CPCP) 2017 brief report was provided.



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### X. Working Lunch: State Budget Updates

- Erin Fabrizius, Blumenfeld & Associates provided a state budget update.
- Time was provided after the presentation for questions from Committee members.
  - Maureen Ryan noted there are a lot of new programs included in Governor Ever's proposed biennial budget and the funding for some of these programs are dependent on Medicaid expansion. She noted that it is difficult to advocate for things if the Medicaid expansion does not take place.
    - Nancy Leipzig proposed that the GCPD could broadly support Medicaid expansion as a concise way to support all of these programs.
  - Erin Fabrizius acknowledged that there have been increases in funding in the past without Medicaid expansion, but confirmed that funding increases would be smaller without Medicaid expansion.
  - The Committee asked for recommendations on the best way to raise awareness on GCPD's state budget priorities.
    - Erin Fabrizius reminded the Committee that Joint Finance Committee (JFC) hearings are a great time to advocate for priorities.
    - It was recommended that Committee members select several top priorities and positions as a Committee and present those at JFC hearings. It was also suggested that they can also submit comments and letters via email or they can reach out as individuals of the community.
    - It was also recommended that they could request a meeting with the Governor's office to discuss GCPD state budget priorities.
    - The Committee agreed to discuss GCPD's state budget priorities and Sandy Popp will act as the liaison to the Governor's office.

### XI. Discuss the Formation of Issue Teams and Determine Assignments and Schedules for Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities Work Plan (2018-2021)

- Discussion was had around the creation of subcommittees and assignment of subcommittee chairs with the expectation that these individuals will meet organize meetings based on member availability. It was noted that all committee members should be on at least one subcommittee.





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- Subcommittee Assignments:
  - Employment – Sandy Popp (chair), Dan Idzikowski, John Olson, and Nancy Leipzig.
  - Transportation – Dan Idzikowski (chair), Ramsey Lee, and Sandy Popp, and Ben Barrett.
  - Health and Long-Term Care Support – Maureen Ryan (chair), Ramsey, John Hartman, and Nancy Leipzig.
  - Membership – Kimberlee Coronado (chair), Pearl Fessenden, David Morstad, and Ramsey Lee.
- Nicole Everson was not present. Sandy Popp will follow up with Nicole and ask her to pick a subcommittee to serve on. See Action Item 5.
- The Committee decided to use remaining time on agenda to identify and discuss GCPD priorities based on the Governor's proposed budget.
  - Discussion was had on crafting a letter outlining the GCPD's state budget priorities and sending hard copies of this letter to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.
  - The Committee agreed that in order to ensure a unified voice the state budget priorities identified by the Committee in GCPD's work plan would be the main focus of the GCPD's recommendations.
  - Additional areas of concern can be addressed by members as individuals of the community.
  - The Committee assigned three individuals to work with Sandy Popp on a letter outlining GCPD's state budget priorities.
  - The Committee decided to focus GPCD recommendations on three areas:
    - Employment
      - Nancy Leipzig will draft this portion of the letter.
    - Transportation
      - Dan Idzikowski will draft this portion of the letter.
    - Health Care and Long-Term Care Support including Mental Health
      - Maureen Ryan will draft this portion of the letter.



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- John Olson made a motion to approve the state budget priorities outlined by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Dan Idzikowski. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- Sandy will work with Committee members identified to draft a letter on GCPD's state budget priorities. Committee members will draft designated sections and send completed versions to Sandy Popp by March 22, 2019. See Action Item 6.
- Dan Idzikowski made a motion to have Sandy Popp compile responses into a single letter and send the letter, on behalf of GCPD, to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor with the GCPD's recommendations based on the proposed state budget. Discussion was had and motion was amended to include sending electronic copies to the Joint Finance Committee. The motion was seconded as amended by Nancy Leipzig. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

### **XII. 2018 GCPD Annual Report**

- Discussion was had on the 2018 GCPD Annual Report.
- A motion was made by Nancy Leipzig to approve the 2018 GCPD Annual Report. The motion was seconded by John Olson. The motion carried unanimously. See Motion Item 5.

### **XIII. Set Standing Subcommittee Meeting Dates**

- This item was discussed during the GCPD Subcommittee updates. See Action Item 4.

### **XIV. Next Steps and Discuss Agenda Items for June 2019 Quarterly Meeting**

- The Committee discussed quarterly meeting agenda items for the June 2019 meeting.
  - Invite the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary Palm to quarterly meeting. It was recommended that all remaining quarterly meeting dates for 2019 be provided as options. Sandy Popp and David Morstad will collaborate on drafting and sending an invitation to Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary Palm to attend a GCPD 2019 quarterly meeting. See Action Item 7.
  - Sandy Popp will ask Sarah Lincoln with DVR to ask who should give a presentation on Competitive Integrated Employment at the June quarterly meeting. Allow 20-60 minutes for this presentation. See Action Item 8.



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- Additional presentations on this topic could include information from DHS on competitive integrated employment as a performance measure in Managed Care Organization's contracts. In 2019, they are collecting baseline data on this performance measure. More information may be available in 2020.
- Ask if Erin Fabrizius or someone from her team would be willing to come to the June quarterly meeting and provide another state budget update closer to the final budget release. See Action Item 9.
- Sandy Popp will follow up with Cassi Fenili, Director of Gubernatorial Appointments to request the assignment of a DHS liaison. See Action Item 10.
- Kimberlee recommended that GCPD consider inviting someone from Department of Instruction (DPI) to discuss Dyslexia.

### **XV. Adjourn**

- A motion was made by John Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ramsey Lee. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.**