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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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

Comfort Inn and Suites Madison North
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DeForest, WI 53532

APPROVED December 4, 2019

Committee Action Items and Motion Items

A. Action Items

- Action Item:** Requests were made for the addition of Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, and Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) and the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care to GCPD's resource list. DHS support staff will add additional websites to the Resource list on GCPD's website.
- Action Item:** The Executive Committee will review website content at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Action Item:** Sandy Popp will continue efforts to invite Secretary Palm to a future GCPD quarterly meeting.
- Action Item:** The Executive Committee will review the content of the GCPD website and make updates where necessary.
- Action Item:** DHS support staff will remove all video links from GCPD's website and provide GCPD with web analytics about user traffic to the GCPD website at the next quarterly meeting.
- Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig and DHS support staff will follow up with Lieutenant Governor's office to provide necessary information on current issues addressed by GCPD.
- Action Item:** Maureen Ryan will send ADA Guide to Wenona Wolf.
- Action Item:** DHS support staff will follow up with Lieutenant Governor's office to provide additional information as necessary on current issues raised by GCPD members.
- Action Item:** GCPD will ensure a timeslot on all future quarterly agendas for updates from the Lieutenant Governor's Office.



10. Action Item: Sandy Popp will follow up with Kimberlee Coronado about absence from quarterly meetings and Policy Committee.

11. Action Item: GCPD will ensure a timeslot on all future quarterly agendas to provide a time for Department of Health Services (DHS) to provide updates on DHS activities, policies and priorities.

B. Motion Items

1. Motion Item: A motion was made by John Hartman to approve the September quarterly meeting agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Maureen Ryan. Motion carried.

2. Motion Item: A motion was made by John Olson to approve the June's Quarterly Meeting minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion Item: Maureen Ryan made a motion to review the 'Additional Links' section on the GCPD website. Dan Idzikowski seconded. Sandy Popp called for a vote, returning six 'ayes' and five 'nays'. Motion carried.

4. Motion Item: A motion was made by John Olson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Motion carried.

C. Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions by Sandy Popp, Committee Chairperson

Committee members present: John Hartman; David Morstad; Nancy Leipzig; John Olson; Sandy Popp; Maureen Ryan; Dan Idzikowski; Ben Barrett; Ramsey Lee; Margaret Kristan; Rhonda Staats; Pearl Fessenden; and Daniel Laatsch (via teleconference); and Wenona Wolf, Legislative Director, Lieutenant Governor's Office, Ex-Officio Member.

Liaisons absent (excused*): Tom O'Conner*, Benjamin Loux, and Kimberlee Coronado.

Liaisons present: Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

Committee members absent (excused*): Sarah Lincoln, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

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

Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) Service Provider: Margo Lucas.

Guest: Karl Kopp, Director, Society Assets Independent Living Center.



II. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Sandy Popp, Chair

The meeting was available via in-person attendance and via teleconference by calling 844-708-2569 (Toll Free) or 646-558-8656 and using participant code 403168542. It was also available via Zoom dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/403168542.

III. Review and Approve the Agenda

- Maureen Ryan noted that review of GCPD membership was not listed on the agenda and requested the item be added; she also requested the working lunch be shortened to 30 minutes to allow for a break.
 - Liaison and Committee Updates and Membership discussion was moved from the 12:00 p.m. timeslot to 12:30 p.m. to allow Committee members a chance to break for lunch.
 - A motion was made by John Hartman to approve the September quarterly meeting agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Maureen Ryan. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve June Meeting Minutes

- The GCPD reviewed the June quarterly meeting minutes.
 - A motion was made by John Olson to approve the June quarterly meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. The motion carried unanimously. See Motion Item 2.
- The GCPD reviewed the list of action items from the June quarterly meeting minutes.
 - Requests were made for the addition of Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, and Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) and the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care to GCPD's resource list. DHS support staff will add additional websites to the Resource list on GCPD's website. See Action Item 1.
 - The Executive Committee will consider any additional submissions for posting to the website at the next Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 2.
 - Sandy Popp to continue efforts of having Secretary Palm attend a GCPD meeting. See Action Item 3.
- Dan Idzikowski noted the 'Additional Links' section of the GCPD website has outdated links.
 - Discussion was had about the removal of these web links.



- Maureen Ryan made a motion to review the 'Additional Links' section from the website. Dan Idzikowski seconded.
 - Nancy Leipzig recommended an amendment to assign this discussion to the Executive Committee.
- Discussion was had and it was agreed that the motion would stand as originally presented.
- Sandy Popp called for a vote, returning six 'ayes' and five 'nays'. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- It was recommended the Executive Committee review the content on the GCPD website for accuracy, and suggested this also include a review of the documents posted for accessibility. The Executive Committee will review the content GCPD's website and make updates where necessary. See Action Item 4.
- Analytics for traffic to the GCPD website was discussed. DHS staff will provide this information to GCPD's at the next quarterly meeting. See Action Item 5.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- No public comment was made.

VI. Updates on Disability Policy and Legislation - *Wenona Wolf, Legislative Director, Lieutenant Governor's Office*

- Wenona Wolf provided comments on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor's Office.
 - The goal of the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's office is to ensure sustainability and equity to allow everyone to have the opportunity to thrive and to live to their fullest potential.
 - Wenona Wolf also provided a review of the Governor's budget and items as they relate to supports, programs and taskforces for people with disabilities.
- Time was provided after the presentation for questions from GCPD members.
- Discussion was had on current issues, policies and programs GCPD is working to address. GCPD requested the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's Offices be made aware of these issues.
 - Ramsey Lee wanted to ensure the Lieutenant Governor and Governor were aware of AB246 relating to voter registration.



- Dan Idzikowski made comments that the Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC) has looked into this and it cannot be mandated, but it can be interpreted for intent.
- If law is passed with clarifications towards a specific accommodation, it could set a precedence requiring all other accommodations to have specific laws passed.
- The WEC agency recommends education and awareness building in the poll worker training curriculum.
- Nancy Leipzig thanked the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for their work in passing Executive Order (EO) 15 relating to the inclusive language in administrative rules.
 - Nancy Leipzig acknowledged this step towards more inclusive language is greatly appreciated.
 - The GCPD did further research and noted that EO 15 only relates to administrative rule and there are still existing programs and state statutory language that need to adapt inclusive language.
 - The GCPD recommended the Governor and Lieutenant Governor offices continue to expand this inclusive language to all people with disabilities via rule, statutory language with other agencies, programs and policies.
 - Nancy Leipzig and DHS support staff to follow up with Wenona Wolf and provide additional information on EO15. See Action Item 6.
- John Hartman made comments relating to the oversight of the Children's Long-Term Support Treatment and Advisory Council. He is concerned that approvals of services are limited to what is considered a quality service using the Applied Behavior Analysis and the waivers are overseen by a few select providers. He feels this is a single lens and that not all children are appropriately screened, and that individuals should be screened with a person-centered, whole person lens.
- Dan Idzikowski appreciated the comments made by Wenona Wolf about the vision the Lieutenant Governor and Governor have for sustainability and equity. He requested that they also remember to include the disability community in the pursuit for equity. He noted that people with disabilities are overlooked as an underserved population.



- A request was also made to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's Offices to hold the GCPD accountable for equitable practices among the GCPD members.
- Transportation is a major issue across all disabilities communities in Wisconsin.
 - Transportation infrastructure concerns were noted; and the quality of the road systems in parts of Wisconsin affect not only people with disabilities, but are barriers to access for all Wisconsinites.
 - Transportation affects access to health care, and can also be challenging for personal care workers and caregivers.
 - The GCPD recommends that there should be consideration to how funds are dispersed for road maintenance.
 - The GCPD recommends the reformulation and reconvening of the inter-agency transportation council. This work was suspended and it is the recommendation of the GCPD that this council could provide value-add to discussions related to transportation
 - Ben Barret made comments about the current state of the aging population. He drew awareness to the increasing number of aging adults in Wisconsin and the need for access to medical care.
 - He encouraged the Lieutenant Governor and Governor's Offices to explore a joint state program with states like Minnesota relating to transportation.
 - Hudson, Wisconsin is a good example of cross-border transportation programs for veterans who live in Wisconsin, but receive health care in Minnesota.
 - North Country Independent Living Centers (NILC) and Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin (CILWW) also work to support cross-border transportation for people with disabilities.
- Maureen Ryan expressed interest in recreating the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator position.
 - The ADA coordinator position provided awareness and oversight to many of the programmatic services in Wisconsin in relation to disability inclusion and accessibility awareness. This included



accessibility of state buildings and programmatic challenges relating to accessibility.

- Maureen Ryan will send the ADA guide to Wenona Wolf. See Action Item 7.
- GCPD noted discussions surrounding the possibility of a special session to address gun control legislation.
 - GCPD requests that if a special session is called that parties involved consider the rights of people who identify as having a mental health issue.
 - GCPD would like to personally thank the Lieutenant Governor and Governor for their efforts and the efforts of their offices and staff relating to Medicaid expansion.
 - The GCPD offers itself as a resource and encourages a systems advocacy approach should other avenues be explored.
- Wenona Wolf acknowledged these topic areas, thanked GCPD for their efforts, and requested additional information be sent to her for further discussion and comments.
- Amber Mullett, DHS, offer to have the Office on Physical Disabilities and Independent Living (OPDIL) act and the intermediary and provide historical information and current data to encourage ongoing dialogue around these issues. DHS support staff will follow up with Lieutenant Governor's Office to provide necessary information on current issues addressed by GCPD. See Action Item 8.
- Sandy Popp also encouraged the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to turn to the GCPD for guidance on recommendations for issues affecting people with disabilities.
- GCPD requested future GCPD Quarterly meetings include a standing timeslot for updates from the Lieutenant Governor's Office. All future quarterly agendas will include a 15 to 20 minute timeslot for updates. See Action Item 9.

**VII. Discussion and Updates on Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities
Current Work Plan**

- Time was provided for review of GCPD's work plan.
- Committees of the GCPD were also reviewed. Meeting minutes were provided.



- Executive Committee met on August 22, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - Executive Committee provided updates and meeting minutes.
 - Executive Committee will meet on October 31, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Employment Committee met on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Employment Committee provided updates and meeting minutes.
 - Employment Committee will meet on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Transportation Committee
 - Transportation Committee did not meet between quarterly meetings.
 - Discussion was had on absorbing the Transportation Committee.
 - Maureen Ryan felt it would be a disservice to blend the Transportation Committee work into other established committees, but offered that the Committee could reach out to other Councils and Committees to ensure issues are aligned and GCPD offers input as appropriate.
 - Transportation Committee will meet on Friday, November 22, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Health and Long-Term Care Support Committee
 - Health and Long-Term Care Committee did not meet between quarterly meetings.
 - Health and Long-Term Care Committee will meet on Monday, November 25, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- State Use Committee
 - State Use Committee met on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - State Use Committee provided updates and meeting minutes.
 - It was noted that State Use and Employment Committees overlap.
 - Discussion was had on merging the State Use Committee.



- Nancy Leipzig recommended the State Use Committee meet to create recommendations to be shared at the December quarterly meeting.
- State Use Committee will become part of the Employment Committee in 2020. Consensus was reached for this recommendation.
- State Use Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This will be the final meeting of this committee.
- Membership Committee
 - Membership Committee. This committee did not meet.
 - Sandy Popp will follow up with Kimberlee Coronado about absence from quarterly meetings and about membership and policy committees. See Action Item 10.
 - It was recommended the GCPD Policy and Membership Committees and related work be absorbed by the Executive Committee. There was consensus with this action.

VIII. Set Standing Committee Meeting Dates

- The GCPD used this time to determine the first and second quarterly meetings for 2020.

IX. Liaison and Council Updates/Membership Review

- **Sarah Lincoln, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**
 - Sarah Lincoln was unable to attend the meeting.
 - GCPD received DVR updates via a handout.
- **Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse**
 - Committee does not currently have representative from this Council.
- **Ben Barrett, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)**
 - The Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to do education and outreach through Emergency Preparedness trainings.
 - Dan Johnson Advocacy Award Ceremony will take place on October 24, 2019. The award recipient is John Nousaine.



- Ben Barrett provided GCPD members with a folder that has the newly approved CPD logo.
- **Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction (DPI)**
 - Wisconsin DPI was awarded a “meets requirement” on their focused initiatives.
 - There have been multiple staff changes.
 - DPI is providing new programs to train educators in neurodiversity. To accommodate a change from winter to fall trainings they will be providing a series of webinars for this calendar year and will schedule the next training for fall 2020.
 - The customer response notification process has changed for intake calls. Many teams in the department are undergoing the same change, so customers are experiencing delayed response times. This should be resolved soon.
- **Tom O’Connor, Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)**
 - Tom O’Connor was not present to provide updates.
 - Amber Mullet, DHS, BADR provided a brief summary of several legislative activities CDHH is monitoring including LRB0403 and LRB0406.
- **Ramsey Lee, Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD)**
 - The BPDD liaison has not yet been appointed. Ramsey Lee, member-at-large and member of BPDD provided updates.
 - BPDD held a successful Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship training.
 - The annual Self Determination Conference will be held October 14, 2019 – October 16, 2019.
- **Kimberlee Coronado, Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**
 - Kimberlee Coronado was not present to provide updates.
- **Membership Review**
 - GCPD did a full review of the membership list. It was noted that as of June 2019 the Committee requires two members-at-large, one person with a disability, GCPD still needs a representative from the Statutory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).



- GCPD members were provided with a Committee Assignments document and reminded that Committee business requires a quorum based on committee membership to conduct business.

X. Discussion on GCPD Past Activities and Future Direction

- GCPD had a discussion about past activities and future direction.
- GCPD felt it would be beneficial host a retreat or day-long summit and invite other committees and councils to participate.
- GCPD agreed to continue this conversation at the December quarterly meeting.

XI. Next Steps and Discuss Agenda Items for December 2019 Quarterly Meeting

- GCPD discussed the December quarterly meeting agenda. The following suggestions were made:
 - A liaison from DHS could attend future quarterly meetings to provide updates from a DHS perspective. Sandy Popp to work with Department of Health Services (DHS) support staff to identify an appropriate DHS liaison. See Action Item 11.
 - A representative from Department of Corrections (DOC) could give a presentations on:
 - DOC pilot project with between the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and Oak Hill Correctional Facility.
 - The Disable offender support program (DOES).
 - The Juvenile Detention statewide program focusing on how many in the program have disabilities and accommodation needs.
 - GCPD could continue discussing the direction and activities of the GCPD.
- The next quarterly meeting will take place on December 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace, address: 9 East Wilson St. Madison, WI 53703.

XII. Adjourn

- A motion was made by David Morstad to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Maureen Ryan. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.