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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

The Madison Concourse Hotel
1 W Dayton St.
Madison, WI 53703

AMENDED AND APPROVED JUNE 9, 2017.

Action Items and Motion Items:

A. Action Items:

- 1. Action Item:** GCPD will consider drafting a letter or policy that would identify persons who are able to discuss issues on behalf of GCPD.
- 2. Action Item:** GCPD send a letter to Representative Andre Jaque thanking him for working on MAPP changes for people with disabilities.
- 3. Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig will speak to Robert Schlaeger with the Lieutenant Governor's office about GCPD's budget proposal for staffing.
- 4. Action Item:** GCPD to send a letter of support on SCOB's recommendations to Kathleen Enders and Delora Newton with DVR related to the Blind Enterprise Program (BEP).
- 5. Action Item:** GCPD's Executive Committee will draft the response letter to the proposed Affordable Health Care Act bill.

B. Motion Items:

- 1. Motion Item:** Sandy Popp made a motion to add the Crowne Plaza, Blakely and Falconer Awards, GCPD officer elections, and Liaison Members to the Other Business section of the agenda and to add DHS Council Support be added to the Public Comment section of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Maureen Ryan. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Maureen Ryan made a motion to correct the meeting minutes as ad-hoc was spelled incorrectly. Dan Idzikowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Dan Idzikowski made a motion that GCPD draft a letter or policy that would identify persons who are able to discuss issues on behalf of GCPD or have people authorized to represent GCPD through an action of the full Committee or Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Sandy Popp. Ramsey Lee opposed the motion as he felt sharing contact information versus leaving a business card was not as effective as leaving a business card as a calling card to inform GCPD. Motion carried.



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4. **Motion Item:** John Olson made a motion to move the election of GCPD officers to the September Quarterly Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Doug Tikkanen abstained from voting. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion that GCPD send a letter to Representative Andre Jaque thanking him for working on MAPP changes for people with disabilities. Motion was seconded by John Olson. Motion carried.
6. **Motion Item:** John Olson made a motion for GCPD to send a letter of support on SCOB's recommendations to Kathleen Enders and Delora Newton with DVR related to the Blind Enterprise Program (BEP). Motion was seconded by John Hartman. Motion carried.
7. **Motion Item:** John Olson made a motion for GCPD to send a letter on the proposed Affordable Care Act bill to Wisconsin's federal legislative delegation. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. John Hartman opposed the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Motion Item:** Motion was made by Maureen Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Nancy Leipzig. See Motion Item 8.

C. Meeting Minutes:

I. Welcome and Introductions by Nancy Leipzig, Chairperson

GCPD Members Present: Ben Barrett; John Hartman; Dan Idzikowski; Daniel Laatsch (via teleconference); Ramsey Lee (via teleconference); Nancy Leipzig; John Olson; Sandy Popp; Maureen Ryan; Douglass Tikkanen; and Patricia Williams (via teleconference).

GCPD Liaisons Present: Eva Kubinski; Sarah Lincoln.

GCPD Staff Support Present: Micki Hill, Division of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; and Gary Roth, DHS.

Guests: Amy Devine, Disability Rights Wisconsin; Becky Hebda, IBA Resources; and Chris Green, Wisconsin Department of Administration.

II. Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Nancy Leipzig, Chairperson

The meeting was available via in-person attendance or online via Skype for Business, the professional meetings and communications application formerly known as Lync. GCPD members and guests were also able to join by phone by calling (608) 316-9000 (Madison) (Plus Conference ID: 679038) or Toll-Free at 844-341-6887.



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III. Review and Approval of Agenda

Nancy Leipzig made a recommendation to add the Crowne Plaza, Blakely and Falconer Awards, GCPD officer elections, and Liaison Members to the Other Business section of the agenda. Lisa Sobczyk also requested that DHS Council Support be added to the Public Comment section of the agenda. Sandy Popp made a motion to make both of these changes to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Maureen Ryan. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approval of Agenda

Maureen Ryan made a motion to correct the meeting minutes as ad-hoc was spelled incorrectly. Dan Idzikowski seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Review of Action Items

- It was requested by GCPD members that copies of all letters sent on behalf of GCPD be emailed or distributed at quarterly meetings.
- It was discussed and recommended that letters that need to be drafted are listed in the Action Items section of the meeting minutes.

VI. Public Comment

- Nancy Leipzig shared letters received by GCPD in response to letters the Committee sent.
 - The letter received from Tammy Baldwin dated March 6, 2017, in response to the letter sent by GCPD on the Complex Rehab Technology Act. Her letter acknowledged the concerns GCPD raised related to the Medicare Competitive Bidding Program. She also discussed in her letter that she co-sponsored bill S2196 to exempt wheelchairs and accessories from the bidding program. The letter also mentioned in 2015, Congress passed that patient access and Medicare protection act, which delayed the application of competitive bidding rates to complex rehab wheelchairs and accessories for one year.
 - Maureen Ryan stated that Senator Baldwin is missing the point that exempting wheelchairs does not address the issue and the implementation of the Complex Rehab Act needs to be delayed. Maureen stated that she is meeting with Senator Baldwin in two weeks in Washington DC and will follow-up with the Senator on this issue and report back to GCPD.
 - Discussion was also had about the need for a user-friendly way to report problems related to Medicare and getting medical supplies as a result of competitive bidding program.



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- Nancy Leipzig asked if anyone was present to provide public comment. Hearing there was none, Nancy allowed Lisa Sobczyk with DHS to present to GCPD on the support DHS will be providing to all Councils the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) provides staff support to.
- After the presentation, GCPD recommended that BADR create recommendations for the use council/committee letterhead or business cards.
 - Eva Kubinski stated that if someone is representing GCPD they could leave GCPD business card with which they were meeting with and they could notify Nancy Leipzig, GCPD Chairperson as the time.
 - Sandy Popp recommended that if a Committee member is representing GCPD it should be decided on by the full Committee or Executive Committee and that the person should also report back to the Committee on that meeting/event at the next Committee Quarterly Meeting.
 - Dan Idzikowski made a motion that GCPD draft a letter or policy that would identify persons who are able to discuss issues on behalf of GCPD or have people authorized to represent GCPD through an action of the full Committee or Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Sandy Popp. Ramsey Lee opposed the motion as he felt sharing contact information versus leaving a business card was not as effective as leaving a business card as a calling card to inform GCPD. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- John Olson also recommended that BADR may want to develop a conflict of interest statement for council/committee members.
- Eva Kubinski also recommended that DHS provide parking maps for meeting and mark where handicap parking spots are located.
- Maureen Ryan recommended GCPD review liaisons. Eva Kubinski said it would also be helpful if GCPD would outline what it would like liaisons to share.

VII. National Governor's Committee Representation

- Nancy Leipzig stated that she is no longer on this Committee and if anyone was interested in serving on the Committee to contact her. She also stated the time commitment is approximately one hour per month.

VIII. State Update and Budget Discussion

- Maureen Ryan provided an update to GCPD members on the State budget.
 - Specifically, Maureen stated that the Governor's budget providing funding to eliminate the waitlists for children on long-term care.



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- Maureen also stated that the included a 2% increase for medical assistance personal care (increased from \$16.08 to \$16.40 in year 1 and \$16.72 in year 2). Maureen made a point that this is what the agency is reimbursed not what workers are paid.
- The budget included the creation of an ombudsman for people over 60 years old on IRIS (this request has been made for three budget cycles).
- The budget includes 3 FTE IRIS Ombudsman positions.
- The budget increases the number of beds for children in crisis. Also includes an expansion of child health psychologists for clinical tele-consulting.
- In Year 2 of the state budget, there is \$458,000 in peer run respite care for veterans for Milwaukee Veterans Services. There are three other peer run respites in Appleton, Madison, and Menominee, but they are not specific to veterans.

IX. Liaison and Council Updates

- GCPD MAPP Committee
 - Sandy Popp provided the GCPD MAPP Committee update.
 - Sandy stated the medically needy rate is a huge issue as it hasn't been increased in over 20 years.
 - The MAPP expansion proposed in the Governor's budget would allow in-kind work. However, implementation and verification of that may be difficult for HEC counselor in relation to 9 months of pre-employment.
 - The implementation manual can be updated to reflect exemptions for mental health episodes as these do not require a rule or legislative change.
 - Ben Barrett made a motion that GCPD send a letter to Representative Andre Jaque thanking him for working on MAPP changes for people with disabilities. Motion was seconded by John Olson. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.
- GCPD Executive Committee
 - Nancy Leipzig will speak to Robert Schlaeger with the Lieutenant Governor's office about GCPD's budget proposal for staffing. See Action Item 3.
- Department of Public Instruction
 - Eva Kubinski stated that DPI hired an autism liaison.
 - On July 1, 2017 reporting on DVR indicators to the Special Education Council begins. Met PRE-ETS 2016 15% spending requirement.
 - Senate Resolution 25 and Senate Resolution 57 being proposed would rescind regulations of the IDEA Act.



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- Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)
 - Doug Tikkanen provided an update on SCOB. He requested that GCPD send a letter of support on SCOB's recommendations to Kathleen Enders and Delora Newton with DVR related to the Blind Enterprise Program (BEP).
 - John Olson made a motion for GCPD to send a letter of support for the BEP to DVR. Motion was seconded by John Hartman. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.

X. Open Records Training

- GCPD Committee members participated in the State of Wisconsin Open Records Training.
- Nancy Leipzig asked DHS legal counsel when the Committee receives a letter is a public record. Chris with DHS responded it would be.

XI. Update from the By-laws Committee

- An updated on the revision of GCPD's by-laws was given by the committee chair, John Olson.
- John Olson state that there was discussion about the phrasing "dedicated to the health and well-being of people of all disabilities. GCPD needs an updated statement of purpose.
- Other areas the committee is working on include number of members, clarification on member appointment, resignation, and removal.
- Maureen Ryan commented that some items the Committee should be addressing through policies and procedures versus by-laws.
- John Hartman also stated that GCPD should define any and all acronyms referenced in the by-laws.
- As a result of the revisions to the by-laws still being completed, a motion was made by John Olson to move the election of GCPD officers to the September Quarterly Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ben Barrett. Doug Tikkanen abstained from voting. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

XII. Federal Updates – Affordable Health Care Act (AHCA)

- Dan Idzikowski provided an updated on the AHCA to GCPD members.
- As a result of the presentation, John Olson made a motion for GCPD to send a letter on the proposed AHCA bill to Wisconsin's federal legislative delegation. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. John Hartman opposed the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 7.



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- Nancy Leipzig stated that GCPD's Executive Committee would draft the letter on Friday at 1 pm.
- Dan Idzikowski also provided updates on several resolutions being considered by Congress that would have detrimental impacts on individuals with disabilities.

XIII. Adjourn

- Motion was made by Maureen Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Nancy Leipzig. See Motion Item 8.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.