



State of Wisconsin  
Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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**Executive Committee Conference Call  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 3, 2017  
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Action Items and Motion Items:**

**A. Executive Committee Action Items:**

- 1. Action Item:** Honoring Dan Johnson will be added as an agenda item for the Committee's June quarterly meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** GCPD will email representatives from other Councils to see what they think about ideas to honor Dan.
- 3. Action Item:** Sandy Popp will draft a letter from the Committee thanking Andre Jacque for his work on the Medicaid Purchase Plan changes and expansion.
- 4. Action Item:** Nancy Leipzig will draft a letter from the Committee in support of SCOB's recommendations to Kathleen Enders and Delora Newton with DVR related to the Blind Enterprise Program (BEP).

**B. Executive Committee Motion Items:**

- 1. Motion Item:** Sandy Popp made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Honoring Dan Johnson agenda item after approval of the agenda. John Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Sandy Popp made a motion that the Committee will not send letters to liaisons thanking them for their service. Motion was seconded by John Olson. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** John Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:**

**I. Welcome and Introductions by Nancy Leipzig, Chairperson**

**GCPD Executive Committee Members Present:** Ben Barrett; John Olson; Nancy Leipzig; Ramsey Lee; Maureen Ryan; and Sandy Popp.

**GCPD Staff Support Present:** Lisa Sobczyk, Division of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) and Mason Aumanstal, DHS, BADR.

**II. Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Nancy Leipzig, Chairperson.**

The meeting was available via conference call at 1-877-820-7831 with participant code 725384.



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### III. Review and Approve the Agenda

Sandy Popp made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Honoring Dan Johnson agenda item after approval of the agenda. John Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

### IV. Honoring Dan Johnson

- Nancy Leipzig stated that GCPD did not do anything formal.
- Nancy Leipzig also stated that a proclamation from the Governor's Office was presented to Dan's family at his celebration of life by her, Ben Barrett, and Carrie Molke.
- Maureen Ryan said that Dan's family was getting technical assistance on items from skilled providers.
- Maureen Ryan also stated that a Go Fund Me account has been setup for Kathy. Kathy is hoping to raise enough money to give Drake money to go to Mongolia as Drake used money saved for this trip to help pay for the celebration of life for Dan.
- John Olson suggested that an award be created in Dan's name from all councils/committees which is focused on cross-disability advocacy. The award would only be given when earned/deserved, not necessarily on an annual basis.
  - Ramsey Lee responded that this is a great idea and suggested that maybe the Committee should present an award to the family.
  - Discussion was had among Committee Members and the Dan C. Johnson Excellence in Advocacy was recommended as a name for the award.
- Nancy Leipzig also said that the Committee could make a donation to Indigo Wings.
  - Maureen Ryan stated that Indigo Wings was being dissolved.
- Nancy Leipzig said they will add this as an agenda item for the Committee's June quarterly meeting. Action Item 1.
- Nancy Leipzig said that the Committee should send emails to representative of other Councils to see what they think. Action Item 2.
- Lisa Sobczyk shared an idea from the Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities about having a plaque outside a conference room at the Department of Health Services near Dan's old office. The plaque could include information about Dan, the award, and names of those who are given the award.
- Discussion was also had about posting memorial information on the GCPD website.

### V. Public Comment

- There were no comments provided by members of the public.



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- However, during this time, the Committee discussed that if they receive public comment in the future via written correspondence that the Committee should respond in writing and thanking you for their comments. Committee members discussed that this could be addressed in the by-laws or through a policy.

### **VI. Follow-up on Action and Motion Items from March Meeting**

- The Committee still needs to send a thank you letter to Andre Jacque for his work on the Medicaid Purchase Plan changes and expansion. Sandy Popp offered to draft the letter on behalf of the Committee. See Action Item 3.
- The Committee still needs letter of support of SCOB's recommendations to Kathleen Enders and Delora Newton with DVR related to the Blind Enterprise Program (BEP). Nancy Leipzig offered to draft these letters on behalf of the Committee. See Action Item 4.
- Discussion was had about Eva's request to send the previous Department of Public Instruction's liaison for her service on the Committee. Committee members stated that they never sent liaisons in the past and do not think they will start now. Sandy Popp made a motion that the Committee will not send letters to liaisons thanking them for their service. Motion was seconded by John Olson. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

### **VII. Agenda for June 8-9, 2017 Meeting/Logistics**

- John Olson provided an update on the by-laws. John Olson stated that he will send an email and let Committee members know where the By-laws Subcommittee is in the process. The Subcommittee has had two calls and will have a draft completed by May 29, 2017.
- The agenda for the quarterly meeting June 8, 2017 was discussed and outlined as follows:
  - The meeting will be from 10:30 am – 4:00 pm.
  - 10:30 am Welcome and Introductions
  - 10:45 am Review and Approve the Agenda
  - 11:00 am By-Laws Review and Revisions
  - 12:15 pm BREAK
  - 12:30 pm Working Lunch – Lt. Governor's Office Updates and Discussion (Employment /Workforce and Initiatives to Address Homelessness in WI) – Robert Schlaeger
  - 2:00 pm Updates from Department of Health Services – Secretary Linda Seemeyer, DHS
  - 2:30 pm BREAK



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- 2:45 pm Public Comment
- 3:00 pm Review and Approve March Minutes and Action Items
- 3:30 pm Honoring Dan C. Johnson Discussion
- 4:00 pm Adjourn for the Day, Meeting will reconvene on June 9, 2017
- The agenda for the quarterly meeting June 9, 2017 was discussed and outlined as follows:
  - The meeting will be from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
  - 9:00 am Meeting Reconvened, Call to Order
  - 9:05 am Follow-up on any Outstanding Agenda Items from June 8, 2017
  - 9:20 am Personal Care Assessment – Upcoming Changes – Shawn Thomas and Tabitha Ramminger with DHS
  - 10:00 am BREAK
  - 10:15 am Subcommittee Updates: MAPP, State Use Statute
  - 10:30 am Council and Liaison Updates (please limit to 5 minutes)
  - 11:00 am State and Federal Legislative Updates – Maureen Ryan, WCILC and Dan Idzikowski, Disability Rights Wisconsin
  - 12:00 pm Working Lunch – Honoring Choices WI, Initiative of the State Medical Society – Nancy Leipzig
  - 1:00 pm BREAK
  - 1:15 pm DVR Updates: WI Employment Statistics, Project SEARCH Wisconsin updates, 511 Whitewater Interviews – Sarah Lincoln, DVR
  - 2:45 pm Other Business
  - 3:00 pm Adjourn

### **VIII. Adjourn**

John Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.