



State of Wisconsin
Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities
Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2016
9 AM to 4:30 PM at
Crown Plaza Hotel

Minutes (draft)

Members Present Phone/Videoconferencing: Ramsey Lee, Dan Laatsch; Members Present: Nancy Leipzig-Chair, Sandy Popp- Vice Chair; John Olson-Immediate Past Chair, Ben Barrett, Maureen Ryan, John Hartman, Dan Idzikowski, Dave Morstad, Denise Johnson

Members Absent: Patricia Williams, Lee Young

Liaisons Present: Linda Vego-CAP; Suzan Van Beaver-DPI; Amanda Rosa Henning-Youth Leadership Forum Board Of Directors President

Staff Present Amy Thomson-staff for committee, Gary Roth-IT support and by Phone/Videoconference: Dan Johnson-staff for committee

Guests/Presenters: Deb Rathermal-Director Bureau of Children's Services; Martha Gabehart, by phone – Executive Director, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns and Chair of National Governor's Committee; Delora Newton, Administrator Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Sarah Lincoln, Program and Policy Analysts DVR; Patrick Cork, Administrator of the Division of Mental Health Assess Abuse Services and Bob Meyer, IPS Program Coordinator

Meeting convened at 9 AM by Nancy Leipzig, Chairperson

Welcome and Introductions: Nancy Leipzig Chairperson

Review and Approve Agenda

Review and Approve December 2015 Minutes: Spelling error on page 5 for Gary Goyke's name. *Maureen made a motion to approve the minutes. Dave seconded. Motion passed and minutes are approved.*

Report on Children's Services - Deb Rathermel, Director, Bureau of Children's Services
Children's Services Update: Recently appointed as the Director of the Bureau Children's Services. DHS has 5 divisions and one of those is Division of Long Term Care. 4 Bureaus, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, Bureau of Managed Care, Bureau of Long Term Care Finances, Bureau of Children's Services. Behavioral Health Section, Children's Operations and Relations Section, Autumn Knudtson; Employment Initiative Section, Janet Estervig and expanding team to include transitional

preparedness. DHS will continue to work with DPI, DVR, and younger children. Policy Initiatives and Program Integrity Section. Deb also listed programs with Bureau. CLTS Waiver and COP children's services. There is a functional screen for children and Katie Beckett Program. Discussed functional screen and the audit review process. John Hartman asked if the diagnosis applied or affects the functional screen (FS). FS is used to assess eligibility for an institutional level of care. FS is designed to assess that level of care. Continued list of programs: Birth to 3 and National Core Indicators and will survey 400 adults. Hired 2 staff to do the onsite interviewing this year. Maureen brought up a concern about NCI survey only serving people with DD, 13 other states have piloted other disability groups. WI may do that in the future. Discussion of gathering data for all long-term care participants, not just DD population. Administer the BOND, HEC, and MAPP programs. We also partner with other agencies: Kare for Kids serves children with foster children, Office of Mental Health as children with mental health are served within BCS. PROMISE, Project SEARCH and Let's Get to Work.

2016 major things BCS is working on:

- Transition of Autism treatment to the Forward Health Card about 3000 children
- Planning for the renewal of the children's waiver for Jan. 2017
- Creation of the merged GPR funding into the children's COP program (Used to be family services program).
- CMS federal rule changes; setting rules, heightened expectations of conflict of interest rules/conflict free case management (and includes guardians), person centered planning. Self-assessment for providers should be going out in April. GCPD encouraged passing along some extra communication to constituents soon as there is panic and fear going on.
- Working with DVR and DPI to implement the WIOA act. Increasing restrictions of using sub-minimum wages, segregated settings. This start date is June 2016.
- NCI-National Core Indicator survey
- Birth to 3 state systematic improvement programs. Changes how program is administrated and measuring outcomes more than process, specifically related to indicator 11.

Question from Nancy to Deb: As state transitions to FC/IRIS 2.0, how the state uses IMD, Nursing Homes, etc. Who at the state can we speak to discuss measuring use of institutions versus community services? We would like to hear about waiting lists. Deb will ask to have this info shared. 1 in 3 children are on a waiting list for waiver services. Dan I. sits on Child LTC Advisory committee and could recommend some changes.

Sandy made a motion to send a letter to DHS Secretary and will cc Governor. John O. seconded. Letter will support CLTC advisory council recommendations. Sandy and Nancy will draft the letter. Motion passed.

Question for Deb: How are you using diagnostics to assess needs of a child? After the functional screen, the assessment tools of the care plan will be used to determine services. John H. would like to see the care plan tools. Ramsey agrees with John.

Update on Youth Leadership Forum - Amanda Rosa Henning, Chairperson, Board Youth Leadership Forum Inc. and invited Olivia Johnston, Director, Youth Leadership Forum Camp

Work with Youth with disabilities typically sophomores to seniors. It is a weeklong camp with Students acclimated to living on their own and being independent. Lela Yang is a new member of our Board from DVR and our new director is Olivia and assistant director Raquel. This is the first time we have a Director and Assistant Director for the camp. We are recruiting for staff through March 11. Alumni are coming back to work for the camp. April 15 is the deadline for the delegate's applications.

Our project budget for this year is \$12,000 in funding. We are fundraising now as well. Couple of new programs we are starting to fit with the DVR council. Changing the program a bit to include employment opportunities, importance of building relationships, interview processing, and related activities.

We will also have an orientation video of about 15 minutes that alumni put together and will be sharing. A Self-advocacy panel is relatively new. And alumni come back and share successes and not so successful accounts so candidates have some ideas of what to come.

Mock interviews are also happening. Restaurant industry, schools, Home depot, IT, outside people coming in to do the interviews. Amazing Race to Employment activity will again participate on State Street and do different tasks. Board of representatives from current and past students also is determined. Adding Youth to Youth program which small groups come up with a community issue and then talk about the issues with their community and/or legislatures to make that change. Dates for the camp this year June 25-June 30. Camp is free. Funding is through DVR, BPDD and fundraising. Request to have delegate is April 15 deadline sent out again to Dan Johnson. Usually have 20 to 30 participants. Camp is located at Edgewood College.

Election of Officers-John Olson, Presiding

Tom Fell used to cover this process in the past, and now John is taking it on. The first meeting of the year is when new officers are elected and take on duties on the next meeting. If there is a vacancy for a committee the current member stays on. GCPD needs to send forth a list to the Governor's office. Nancy has a list of people who are in the hopper to be part of the committee. Julie Blasky applied last December and Elizabeth at the Governors office said it is in process. Jim has not applied. Lee Young needs to submit a full application. Jo Grow was planning to apply, but has not done it yet. 6 councils have representation at the committee and the council chooses the member who will be at the meeting. Up to 20 members with 6 councils. Lieutenant Governor is one of the 20 and is a member. Gov's office would like a recommendation from Council chair from Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Terms of service and what is expected was discussed and read from bylaws. Attendance recommendations was requested. Resignation requires a letter to the committee. If miss 2 meetings, the committee needs to contact to find out reasons. 3rd missed meeting is a de facto resignation. Sandy stated we may need to revisit bylaws to include that sitting Governor's process will be adopted. Others thought we will follow the by-laws as Governor's processes will change with new Governors. Executive meeting calls consists of 6 people and need to have 3 to conduct business. Should we get on the councils of absent members? SCOTA committee Denise Johnson does attend and could pass the message on.

Committee reviewed attendance of members to determine if anyone should be removed.
Sandy made a motion to write a letter to Patricia Williams for lack of attendance and if she misses another meeting she will no longer be part of the committee with friendly amendment,

Discussion: Ramsey wants it clear in the bylaws that attending by phone or video conferencing counts as attendance.

Motion that participating by phone or videoconference is equivalent to participating in person. Dave seconded. Motion approved. Nancy will send the letter to Patricia.

John H. has a recommendation for member. Maureen would like to have recommendations for outreach for diversity and locations, etc. Could we have a list for this next meeting?

We should be tracking attendance as a matter of course. Dan I. has not received the certificate oath form yet. However, others had not either. It should not prevent him from voting now.

Chair, Vice Chair and members at large will now be voted on by secret ballot. Nancy has been re-nominated and by consensus will do it one more year and would like to make some succession planning. Vice Chair is Sandy Popp and she has been re-nominated for another year by consensus. Members at large for executive committee we have Ramsey Lee nominated by John Olson. Dave Morstad is nominated for the executive committee by Nancy. Paper ballots were submitted. Lee Young cannot serve. John Hartman, Ben Barrett, Ramsey Lee, and Dave Morstad were 4 to choose from for 3 openings. Ben and Dave are elected to the executive committee. John and Ramsey were tied and John H. has withdrawn so Ramsey Lee is now part of the executive committee.

2016 Executive Committee: Nancy Leipzig, Chairperson; Sandy Popp, Vice Chairperson; John Olson, Immediate past Chairperson; Ben Barrett; David Morstad; and Ramsey Lee

Committee and legislative Updates:

Martha Gabehart, by phone – Executive Director, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns and Chair of National Governor’s Committee – President’s executive order on minimum wage and overview and Q&A on transition to KanCare ([http://www last seven \(w.kancare.ks.gov/\)](http://www.lastseven.w.kancare.ks.gov/))

Nancy requested Martha to participate as WI is changing over to Integrated Health Agencies (IHA) which are large insurance agencies taking over long term care services and would like to hear about the Kansas experience. Consumers should be called members. Before 2011 Kansas had approved services they could get whenever a person needed it. Managed care provides a more gatekeeper philosophy and began with Gov. Brownback in 2011. KS has 7 waivers. DD population were concerned about being served by managed care. DD services were carved out for a 1 year before managed care and waiting list had to be eliminated before could be changed over to managed care. 3 insurance companies won the contract. KanCare only provides Medicaid (not Medicare). There was a lot of confusion with the changeover to managed care. Question: How do we communicate with WI to include doctors we want to have included? Can request that provider join the managed care organization. See handout.

Are applying for a waiver to combine all 7 of their waivers into one waiver.

What are the 3 companies: Amerigroup, United Healthcare, Suntean (Sunflower).

What are some quality metrics for member satisfaction and meeting outcomes? Each member has a survey. Website on the notes and provides the value added services. Most complaints are from hospitals that they are not getting paid. Contracts do include stipulations that payments need to be made on time. Incorrect coding and appeals and resubmitting bills occurs. Any outside advocates? Ombudsman is within the state department and is one person for whole state and provides Info and referral. Protection and Advocacy has been trying to get outside help for member concerns. The physical disability waiver does have a strong self-direction and Centers for ILC wrote a handbook. Do self-directed services allow for full budget and employer authority? Yes. There is a capitation level for self-direction as well.

What recommendations do you have for our committee to do or pay attention to? Provide information to members as much as you can in a way people can understand. Sharing information when public forums and how to participate in those forums. Kansas is always open to comments.

Who administers the self-direction? The MCO does have to allow self-direction. Does the person have a care team at the MCO? Yes. GCPD members stated this is not self-direction then.

KanCare includes acute/primary and long-term care or not? Yes, it includes all acute/primary and long-term care services.

Has Kansas lost any long-term care providers? Lost several due to non- or delayed payments.

- **Report from Sandy Popp on AB 414 (MAPP):** we had legislation planned by working with Rep. Jacque and had meetings with DHS. Did request someone from DHS to explain why bill was not supported to attend today, but no response. DHS is trying to craft a plan for the upcoming biennium



GCPD MAPP Adhoc
Letter to Sec. Rhoades

budget. We would like to be involved as well.



update March 10
state and federal legis

- **State and Federal Legislation:**
- **DHS public hearings On Family Care/IRIS 2.0 March 7:** DHS did record the meetings and Gary will send the links to Dan to share.



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- **GCPD Annual Report from Nancy Leipzig** – Report was shared with initial meeting notice and copies were handed out. Would like it added to the webpage. Everything can and should be added to the webpage. We will request from Carrie Molke the capacity to do updates to the webpage. Nancy will do the contact. Dan I. has a question about the position on this committee. Do we get a response to our letters or feedback from Governor's office? Typically not a lot of response or participation from Governor's office. Our role is to advise and that is our mission. It would be great to have a larger audience from Governor's office. We're open to ideas. This is

something to work on this year to contact the Governor's office and request directly to have someone to attend or have a representative to the council. Suggest contacting Alec Zimmerman about his role and reminders to respond to actions. We don't ask for a response when we send a testimony and we need to request a response.



Promise Update
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- **PROMISE update** was shared as a handout.
- **Council Representative Updates**
Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Denise Johnson reports: have an opening and have a new chair Nicole Iverson. She is deaf blind. Right now have a several topics and am looking forward to working on. WAD (WI Association of Deaf) has legislative day set for April 6. That is exciting to have a date set. Question if Denise could share the legislative platform? Denise would, but she is not sure what the platform is. A position at DHS for mental health for sure, and DVR services for deaf and deaf/blind, interpreters, and DSPS (Dept. of Safety and Professional Services) and opposed to bill about interpreter licensure and council to a different group in DSPS. Taskforce to establish DSPS process and improve how monitor people practicing without a license. Maureen requested that info be forwarded to Dan Johnson to share with GCPD. We want paid position for SSP for deaf/blind, especially for children. SSP is support service providers/interveners.
- **Housing for All Advisory Committee** - Ramsey Lee, Drafted a letter about supports for housing. Anything to add? Nothing to add further. Maureen will have updates from now to June as well.
- **Council of PD:** Ben Barratt: Working on an emergency preparedness toolkit. ILC helped people with preparing the emergency kit. Will ask GCPD to review kit before sharing.
 - Discuss and review data on the number of people enrolled in the Legacy waivers and number of individuals on waiting lists: waiver services, waiting to get into nursing home, IMD, and center placements.



The Disability
Integration Act.docx

- **Disability Integration Act:** Ramsey supports it and hopes it goes through soon. This is not voluntary for states, but a requirement. *Ben has made a motion to have the committee to write a letter of support of the federal Disability Integration Act to our Governor and Congressional delegation. Sandy seconded. Motion approved.*

Lunch and Recognition of Tom Fell and Alex Slappey for their years of service (Alex was unable to attend today and will receive his award at a future meeting)

Tom Fell joined GCPD in June 1990 and he retired last year from the committee. GCPD presented a plaque for his work and service on the committee. Wife Judy and daughter Mikie also attended today. Also started TBI Association with over 200 families on the mailing list at the time. Tom spoke and has shared his time on the committee with Dan Johnson and others who he sees as friends now. Good to see new faces here and that we continue to work with legislators. Judy, his wife, also came to meetings together for a bit. Members shared their experiences with Tom as well. Reason he got involved is

because his son had a brain injury at age 10 and passed away a few years later. Support, education and advocacy are needed in these family support organizations and Judy and Tom are the epitome of this.

Meet Delora Newton, Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and receive an update on The changes to the provision of vocational rehabilitation services required by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act

Introduction of herself as she started in October. Do not have vocational or rehabilitation background but she does have a lot of policy and management experience. Sarah Lincoln will be the GCPD liaison



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from DVR now. Power point presentation.

Business Service Consultants (BSC) are project positions right now and DVR is trying to make them permanent positions. There are 20 BSC currently. BSC provide outreach, connections with employers, ADA and HR laws and doing job fairs, etc. to encourage employment of people with disabilities. Use "Sales Force" as their data collection process. Located at WDA's or Job centers.

Farmers needs are going to continue to be met, but there is a \$10,000 limit for purchasing items and there is an exception process for higher cost items. Training for staff this month and rule goes into effect April 1. Exception needs to be disability related and how it impacts their work.

Discussed RFP for WIOA reviews and what process will take place. The RFP awards should be announced in the next 2 weeks or so. Provider capacity is a big issue for DHS, DVR, and DPI.

Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) can be provided to DVR eligible and potentially eligible youth.

WRC believes the DVR Administrator should be on the Council on Workforce Investment (CWI), not just on subcommittee (DWD Secretary represents Title 1, 2, and 3 including VR at CWI).

John made a motion to send a letter to the Governor copying Secretary of DWD to have DVR administrator on CWI. Sandy will seconded. Motion approved.

Ramsey made a motion to send a letter to Governor and copy DWD Secretary Ray Allen requesting the 20 BSC become permanent positions within DVR. Seconded by John O. and motion approved.

Dan I. requested a bit about the combined WIOA state plan. DVR has one piece of the combined plan and it is due by April 1.

Appeals process question of the old way versus the new way. Kristin Rolling has the data and Sarah will share what she has.

BPDD: Ramsey Lee, advocacy day coming up on March 15, yah! If anyone wants to add to the BPDD state plan to let Ramsey know. Ramsey also has a couple people who are interested in joining as members at large. Nancy has received the applications. They can be invited to attend in June to see what the committee is about and Nancy is available to call each and talk to them personally.

Unable to attend due to illness: Receive an update on the most recent proposal for long-term care redesign and on the activities of the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources from Carrie Molke, Director, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, Division of Long-Term Support

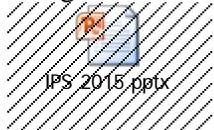
Meet Patrick Cork, Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and receive an update on initiatives of the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Bob Meyer, Individual Placement and Support (IPS) technical assistance and training support statewide and we're up to 30 statewide.

4 institutions: Mendota Mental Health, Winnebago County and serve only committed individuals that are involuntary. Sand Ridge Center, sexual assault , and WI Resource Center, treat for mental health and then return to prison.

Community services and we develop policy and support services but use county agencies to do the work. Our primary provider is the county system with MH block grant funding, Substance abuse block funding, and 11 tribal units statewide. Some funding is flexible while others are for a specific population and use. Additional funding for MHSAS initiatives due to concerns. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) is designed to serve children to elders and services are provided in home and more of an outreach program and wraps services around individual. CCS is now a covered service by the state and it is expanding statewide and is available in 62 counties. Unique to WI is very county dependent. Some counties have services and some do not. More rural areas have fewer services, but CCS is the first step to make sure services are available more readily statewide.

CSP/CCS are separate but CSP is more intensive and CCS is less intensive and people move between the programs. Coordinated Service Teams (CST) is another Governor's item and for children. Wrap around services to children and their family. Wants the family to have a voice in the services and is available statewide and at all tribes.

Budget for 15-17 focuses on crisis intervention services.



Dan I.: CMS setting changes for group homes that limit people's choices on when work hours can be, etc. Contact DRW as well as the funder to fit the consumer's needs.

Concern that when someone becomes eligible for Family Care can't be in CCS/CSP versus CCS/CSP can't apply for Family Care. Administrator Cork is aware of the issue and this has been worked on for a long time. CSP is the main issue, and CCS is available as a card service even if they are in Family Care. Family Care would like to incorporate CCS as a benefit in the Family care package. This may happen this year. Dec. 1st is the timeline.

Administrator Cork stated that if you are aware of a person who is not getting service in a county because of the Family Care and county are not working well together, please let us know.

Dan I. CSP, CCS, and IPS what are the eligibility requirements and what are the screen requirements to access the services. There is a functional screen for MH/Substance Abuse and administrated at the county level for CCS/CSP. IPS does not have a functional screen.

Dan I. : Has this model been expanded outside the MH community? There are attempts. Need to include fidelity scale in contracts. Tried to use it in place of VFPS.

Nancy asked if there were any public comment-none were reported.

Possible topics for June 2nd meeting.

- Functional screen used to determine eligibility and rates for services. Invite Kathleen Luedtke to discuss current adult functional screen, quality measures, inter-rater accuracy.

- Eligibility for LTS is also problematic, as well as the cost share is also a concern.

Differences between eligibility of COP vs. Familycare and waivers was brought up by Dan J.

- WIOA and 14c subminimum wage licenses. We have had RFW come to talk about these changes.

We could have Lincoln Burr from RFW come and talk.

- IPS service applied to populations beyond MH.

- MAPP update from DHS
- Family Care/IRIS 2.0 update

Motions Made Requiring Actions:

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Dave M. made a motion to adjourn. Ramsey seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

Minutes submitted by Amy Thomson, staff for the council.