



COUNCIL ON  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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## Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2020  
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

### Action and Motion Items

#### A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send the final CPD Annual Report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 to the full Council.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send the final draft of the CPD By-laws to the full Council.
- 3. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send out a Zoom invite for the December 3, 2020 full Council meeting.

#### B. Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the October Quarterly meeting agenda. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Karen Johnson made a motion to approve the July Quarterly meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the CPD Annual Report for SFY 2019 draft as correction. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Kathy Johnson made a motion to approve the final copy of the CPD by-laws as amended. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion Item:** Kathy Johnson made a motion to suspend the By-laws Committee. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 6. Motion Item:** Charles Vandenplas made a motion to schedule the Council's make-up Quarterly meeting for December 3, 2020 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried.



7. **Motion Item:** Kathy Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gabriel Schlieve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### C. Meeting Minutes

#### I. Welcome and Introductions, Jason Ostrowski, Chairperson

**Council members present:** Ben Barrett; Karen Secor; Charles Vandenplas; Jason Ostrowski; Kathy Johnson; Gabriel Schlieve; Jeff Fox; Jackie Gordon; and Roberto Escamilla II.

**Council members absent (excused\*):** Nicole Herda; Noah Hershkowitz; and Noah Roberts.

**Liaisons present:** Heather Bruemmer, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care; Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation; Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction; Randy Dahman, Department of Safety and Professional Services; Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development; and Eric Cormany, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

**Guests:** Allison Lourash and Kurt Roskopf.

**Closed Captioning Services:** Margo Lucas.

**DHS staff support present:** Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resource (BADR); and Ashley Walker DHS, BADR.

#### II. Meeting Called to Order

**Jason Ostrowski, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.**

The meeting was available via phone at 1-844-708-2569 and Meeting ID: 956 5172 6440 and via [Zoom](#).

#### III. Review and Approve October Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to approve the October Quarterly meeting agenda. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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#### **IV. Review and Approve July Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

- Karen Johnson made a motion to approve the July Quarterly meeting minutes. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

#### **V. Public Comment on the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities, 2019-2021**

- No public comment was received.

#### **VI. Review and Approve State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 Annual Report**

- The Council reviewed Annual Report for SFY 2019. Edits included the following:
  - The word Stakeholder is missing the letter e.
  - Take out the first sentence of the last paragraph in the EVV section on page 5.
  - Change Dan Johnson's title from CRPPD to Physical Disabilities Coordinator (PDC).
  - Taqwanya Smith is with the Department of Transportation not DHS.
  - Eric Cormany needs to be added to the Liaison List for SFY 2019.
  - Change Roberto's location to Hayward, WI/Sawyer County
- Ben Barrett made a motion to approve the Annual Report for SFY 2019 as amended. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
- DHS support staff will send the final CPD Annual Report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 to the full Council. See Action Item 1.



## VII. Review and Approve Revised CPD By-Laws

- The Council reviewed the final draft of the Council's By-Laws.
  - One edit was made to remove the term *Sub-Committees* and use the term *Committees* or *Ad-Hoc Committees* throughout the document.
- Kathy Johnson made a motion to approve the final copy of the CPD by-laws as amended. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.
- DHS support staff will send the final draft of the CPD By-laws to the full Council. See Action Item 2.

## VIII. Call for Nominations for Executive Committee At-Large Member

- Jason Ostrowski stated that due to changes in the by-laws he needed to call for nominations for one new At-Large Member to the Council's Executive Committee.
  - Charles Vandenplas nominated Gabriel Schlieve for the Executive Committee. Roberto Escamilla II seconded the nomination.
  - Kathy Johnson nominated Jeff Fox for the Executive Committee. Karen Secor seconded the nomination.
- Council members voted via closed ballot.
- DHS support staff reported that Jeff Fox was voted to be the new At-Large Member of the Council's Executive Committee.

## IX. Liaison Updates

- **Heather Bruemmer, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care:** Provided information on the Medigap Helpline, Open Enrollment/Providing Options Counseling 800-242-1060; Part D Prescription Drug Program 855-677-2783; 800-926-4862. Voter Hotline 844-347-8683.



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- **Taqwanya Smith, Department of Transportation (DOT):** Reported on an American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) workgroup at DOT, reforming scope of work to include curb ramps, rest areas, and buildings. ADA Transition Plan update is on the WisDot website and YouTube.
- **Eva Kubinski, Department of Public Instruction:** Shared a PowerPoint on DPI Rule Changes regarding special education and children with disabilities regarding Speech or Language, Emotional Behavioral, and Visual Impairment. PowerPoint will be emailed by DHS support staff to Council members once it is in an accessible format.
- **Randy Dahman, Department of Safety and Professional Services:** Staff continue to work from home, most work includes the review of commercial building plans, accessibility, and on-site inspections. Most on-site visits are being done by video and after hours. Code updates are lagging due to COVID-19 and moving ahead with plans and accommodating new resources, rules, and standard codes is slow. New codes are being enforced and direction has been given.
- **Craig Wehner, Wisconsin Department for Workforce Development:** Offices are mostly closed, but services are offered virtually. Enrollment numbers are down, not as many new referrals coming into the system due to medical needs of consumers and the risk of COVID-19. Some consumers continue to request for cases to be put on hold.

#### X. CPD Committee Updates

- **Executive Committee:** Jason Ostrowski stated that the Executive Committee continues to meet once a month and the focus of these meetings has been the lagging healthcare situation and COVID-19 concerns/disparities for individuals with disabilities.



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- **By-laws Committee:** Kathy Johnson shared that the Committee completed a final draft of the Council's By-laws.
  - Kathy Johnson made a motion to suspend the By-laws Committee. Charles Vandenplas seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.
- **Emergency Preparedness Committee:** Karen Secor, Jason Ostrowski and Lisa Sobczyk completed a presentation for iCare on October 19, 2020. The presentation was recorded for future use. Margaret Kristan sent a follow up thank you email with compliments to the group on the toolkit presentation.
- **Survival Coalition Update:** Kathy Johnson shared that Survival Coalition continues to meet bi-weekly. The Coalition is currently focusing on concerns with budget cuts to IRIS: restructuring the rate for IRIS Consulting Agencies (ICA) and Fiscal Employment Agencies (FEA), anticipating a 14-15% cut to agencies across the board. On October 26, 2020 there will be a meeting with the FEAs and ICAs.

#### **XI. Discuss Status of the CPD State Plan for People with Disabilities, 2022-2024**

- **State Plan Committee Update:** Kathy Johnson stated the Committee has begun working on a tentative outline for the 2022-2024 State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities. Policy areas that the Council includes in its State Plan will be placed into one of the following categories: Living Independently; Employment; Emergency Preparedness; and Transportation. The Committee is considering adding a fifth category of Collaboration.
- The next State Plan Committee meeting will be on October 26, 2020.



## **XII. Discuss the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) COVID-19 Work and Letter**

- DHS support staff shared that GCPD Executive Committee has been meeting weekly on COVID-19 and its impact on people with disabilities.
- Jason Ostrowski shared a letter GCPD sent to the Governor's office regarding no visitor policies and requesting a state mandate be issued to exclude both paid and unpaid disability support persons from these policies. These policies are making it difficult for people with disabilities to get needed medical treatment and in some cases making healthcare inaccessible.
- GCPD is working on a collective list of policy recommendations to submit to the Governor's office on how to address the needs of people with disabilities during the pandemic.

## **XIII. Discuss New Member Recruitment**

- Currently, Allison Lourash has submitted a membership application.
- DHS support staff shared that there are currently 3 council vacancies at this time that need filled; two consumers and one service provider.
- The Council discussed member recruitment and continuing to observe what part of the state needs representation: southwestern area of the state.

## **XIV. Discuss Make-Up 2020 Quarterly Meeting Date and Agenda Items**

- The Council discussed scheduling a make-up Quarterly meeting for December 3, 2020 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 PM.
- Charles Vandenplas made a motion to schedule the Council's make-up Quarterly meeting for December 3, 2020 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Karen Secor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 6.
- DHS support staff will send out a Zoom invite for the December 3, 2020 full Council meeting. See Action Item 3.



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## XV. Adjourn

- Kathy Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gabriel Schlieve seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 7.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:46 A.M.**

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