



State of Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities

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Quarterly meeting: January 26, 2012 Via Live Meeting

Members and liaisons present: Jon Baltmanis, John Meissner, Sal Carranza (UW), Heather Brummer (Aging Liaison), Ben Barrett, Jeff Fox, Noah Herschkowitz, Roberto Escamilla II, Joanne Zimmerman, Andy Janicki, Karen Secor (briefly via phone)

Others: Molly Michels, Sarah Lincoln, Dan Johnson, Peter Berg

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM

Motion to accept agenda. Baltmanis/Escamilla—passed

Motion to accept meeting minutes from Oct., 27, 2011. Escamilla/Baltmanis—passed

Welcome new members: Roberto Escamilla and Noah Herschkowitz

2012 Meeting Dates:

- April 26 (Legislative Breakfast)
- July 26
- Oct. 25

Planning for April 26th Legislative Breakfast:

- Each member should contact the legislators in their area of the State.
- Need to make sure we get both sides of the legislator on our key issues; transportation, long term care, housing, emergency preparedness. Please submit other ideas for committee representation to Jon Baltmanis and Molly.
- Each committee will need to update their presentations for the breakfast – use last years draft and update. Please send to Molly to distribute.
- We will need to send our updated annual report to the legislators so they know what we want to discuss. We need to send them the packets/invites a month ahead of the breakfast no less than 2 weeks.
- Madison Club would be our first choice on location.

Committee Reports:

- Long Term Support and Employment – Legislation is in place to lift the Family Care enrollment caps. The Dept. has produced some Long Tern Support Sustainability papers that address the issues before the caps can be lifted. Those papers are on the DHS website. They are open for comment – the Council may want to comment. MAPP Update – on of the papers address this issue on retirement. They are looking to treat earned and unearned income the same. The paper is consistent with the Council’s stand on the changes for MAPP. The legislators are in session and are reviewing the bill to lift the caps. We don’t have a timeline from them yet. We did send a letter thanking the Gov and legislators on removing the caps.

Motion to the Long Term Care Committee with Dan’s assistance redo any letters necessary to be sent to the legislators and Governor restating our position on MAPP with updated information. This would need to be submitted during the comment period for the LTC Sustainability Paper. Baltmanis/Meissner – carried.

- Housing Committee - Joanne and Sandra are working on a position paper for the Legislative Breakfast to address the Voter ID laws and how they are harmful to people with disabilities and the elderly. They would like to propose that a birth certificate is not good alternative to an ID. No updates on Housing – using this time to regroup.
- Transportation/Parking – Still taking comments from people with issues on Logisticare – there are still lots of complaints. There are still no providers in some areas of the State. Still working on accessible parking issues. Heather mentioned that there is a new Advisory Council being formed for Logisticare and she suggested that we have someone from the PD Council be part of that Advisory Council. Dan has an email from the national Rural Transportation Committee – seeing if we are still interested in supporting their issues – Dan will forward.

Motion: Jon Baltmanis will draft a letter to Kitty Rhodes asking for information on the Advisory Council regarding issues around Logisticare. Baltmanis/Meissner – carried.

Motion: If Kitty allows us to have representation on the Logisticare Advisory Council we appoint Jon Baltmanis as our representative. Baltmanis/Zimmerman – carried.

- Emergency Preparedness – Noah looked at some of the literature and it is a very mixed as to if there are any significant effects on stray electrical radiation. Karen is going to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness meeting and will report back. There was an update from Region 5 Emergency Preparedness – Dan sent the email out to everyone. Roberto is planning to attend the meeting that was mentioned in the email.

Changes to ADA: Peter Berg

- Peter shared a powerpoint on changes to ADA. Peter took questions following his presentation.

Liaison Updates: We did send a letter to DNR regarding accessible websites – Andy is sending the letter through the ranks at the DNR to try to get some of the issues addressed. Andy has been appointed as our Liaison from DNR.

Old Business:

Letters are being sent regarding caps on Family Care

New business:

- Gov. Walker returned some federal money tied to healthcare. Jon Baltmanis wants to know if we have details on these funds. Jon would like us to track this issue.
 - Molly believes that these funds are tied to the original package they turned down earlier because these funds were tied to Obama's Healthcare Package.
- There has been some confusion on appointments to the Council from the Gov's office. We are looking to get things sorted out through the Gov's office.
 - Jeff and Christine are working on being re-appointed. You need to go to the Gov's website and fill out the appropriate forms so the Gov's office has all the necessary information. Staff will send out an email with specific directions on reappointment. If you do not want to continue to serve, please send a letter to Gov's office so they have that information as well. The Gov's office's appointment to the Council has not been done yet as well.

Next meeting April 26, 2012 – Legislative Breakfast. Think about a location for the July meeting. We would like a location that is open to ppl. with disabilities.

Public Comment: Marge Liberski – wants to know if she should reapply. Council members say yes, apply again!

Not great feedback on virtual meeting. – Lots of issues hearing – when video was used it is very high quality!

Motion to adjourn Zimmerman/Baltmanis—passed.