



**The Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities
Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

**MEETING MINUTES
In-Person and Zoom**

*This meeting was held using the hybrid model, in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-3.7.
Electronic remote access was provided to participants.*

Council	
Present	Absent
Traci Taylor	Derek Nord
Ryan Steiner	Kristi Linson
Chris Ramey	
Kelly Mitchell	
Brandy Dickerson	
Beth DeHoff	
Melissa Keyes	
Jennifer Noffsinger	
Dom Chase	
Andy Fenker	
Ledrena Girton	
Nancy Holsapple	
John Dickerson (guest)	
David Mank (guest)	
Kylee Hope (guest)	
Staff:	Kate Barrow
	Ryan Revell
	Desirea Island
	Allison Wymer
	Hayden McGough
	Robin Martinez
	Andy & Bec (ASL Interpreters)



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	Bonnie (CC)
Call to Order:	
Approval of Agenda:	
Consent Agenda Items:	
Executive Director Report:	• James Ramer left mid-February; • State Plan had been submitted, but not accepted by the Administration on Community Living • Because there were major components missing, including the self-advocacy requirement and work plans for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. • On top of that, we had two Federal performance Congress Reports that we needed to submit for Federal fiscal year 2020 and 2021. • And those were, as you know, pandemic years where activities kind of declined and what we had funded had to pivot very quickly and it was very difficult to capture those metrics. And we had one staff person, Ryan was the standing survivor of the staff turnover. • We acknowledge that it is March Disability Awareness month, but we have had to scale back on our typical activities due to staff capacity, and a lack of foundational stability to contract any grants. • The Council and staff need to step back and evaluate whether or not posters are the best investment of our funding. • Biggest event in Q1 is onboarding of new staff to assist with in-house project oversight. • Council can do work in-house and it does not require a Federal match. • We
Leadership Committee Update:	None
Agency / DD Network Partner Reports:	None
Presentation:	John Dickerson: • In Phase II, where we are right now, we're working to continue with the development and following all of the rules of the Feds in preparation for this next fall, • Also looking at all of the key areas that the State of Indiana has to come into compliance as we bring this together.



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	• One of the things that they want us to do is go from the five goals we originally submitted to three goals and then build out our plans for how we're going to be using our money going forward. • Remember that the Feds want the Council to succeed; they want us to have a plan that works, and they want a strong Council. • GCPD has strong supports in place (Council staff, Governor's Office, FSSA, and SBA). • We recommend getting the council together, in-person, for a retreat in June. This is a great way to gather input and engage with each other.
	Kylee Hope: • GCPD is important to the landscape of Indiana and ensuring the Civil Rights of individuals with disabilities. • We need to build a solid foundation for the agency and have fiscal strategies appropriately outlined.
Presentation:	Beth DeHoff – Ice breaker “What is the most wildly inappropriate or awkward thing someone said to you about your disability or you family members disability or disability in general?” • Council member and staff contributions
	Kate Barrow: • Presentation of “No Need to be Awkward” video • During March meetings we usually go over Quarter 1 activities • Reminder, GCPD runs on the FFY rather than SFY. This means our finances are more complicated than other State agencies.
Adjournment:	