



GCPD Quarterly Meeting Roll Call & Minutes

Meeting Date:	12/10/24	Time:	9:21am
Minutes Taken By:	Robin Martinez	Location:	GCPD Conference Room

Name	Present/Absent	Attendance Type	Notes
<i>State Agency Representatives</i>			
Nancy Holsapple/Iain Ragains	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
Kristi Linson	☐ Present ☒ Absent	☐ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Kelly Mitchell	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
<i>DD Act Partners</i>			
Melissa Keyes	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
Derek Nord	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
<i>Council Citizen Members</i>			
Dominick Chase	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
Beth DeHoff	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☒ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Casey DePriest	☒ In-Person ☐ Virtual	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
Brandy Dickerson	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☒ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Andy Fenker	☐ Present ☒ Absent	☐ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Ledrena Girton	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Kevin McCracken	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
Jennifer Noffsinger	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
Chris Ramey	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☒ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Shawn Rector	☐ Present ☒ Absent	☐ In-Person ☐ Virtual	

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Ryan Steiner	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
Traci Taylor	☐ Present ☒ Absent	☐ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Jessica Witherspoon	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☐ In-Person ☒ Virtual	
<i>Erin McGuire</i>	☐ Present ☒ Absent	☐ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
<i>Michael Peterson</i>	☐ Present ☒ Absent	☐ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
GCPD Staff			
<i>Kate Barrow</i>	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☒ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
<i>Robin Martinez</i>	☒ Present ☐ Absent	☒ In-Person ☐ Virtual	
Other Staff and/or Guests in Attendance			
<i>Jennifer Diaz</i>	<i>Erin Prangley</i>	<i>N. Davisson</i>	
<i>De'Amon Harges (The Learning Tree)</i>	<i>Karly Sciortino-Poulter (The Arc)</i>	<i>Beth Kessler (Aligned Consulting)</i>	
<i>Payton Bowling</i>	<i>Jenny Wilson (Aligned Consulting)</i>	<i>Emilie Wylder Turner (Aligned Consulting)</i>	
<i>Luis (?)</i>	<i>Abigail Ruhman</i>	<i>Cathlene Hansen</i>	
<i>Jan Bullington</i>	<i>Jada Ford (The Learning Tree)</i>		
Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum	<i>Quorum Established</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No	
Consent Agenda	<i>December 2024 Meeting agenda approved</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No	
	<i>September 2024 Meeting minutes approved</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No	
	<i>Quarter 4 Project Report approved</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No	
General Discussion	- Council members would like more action steps they can take away from each meeting - Members would like a document of talking points that clearly outlines what the Council does so they can share with others - How will the state administration change effect our work on the Council? - This upcoming session is a great time to develop relationships with policymakers in a non-partisan manner - This is an action item that every council member can take – find out your local reps and talk with them/their staff about what the Council does - Beth DeHoff would like to get our Policy committee going on this		
Public Comment	None offered		

- Most of Congress supports the DD Act. It is a bi-partisan law. However, there will always be legislators who think budget cuts are always necessary and should be broadband.
- Budget cycle is annual. So we have to get new funding
- We have level funding but that is with inflation. So dollars don't necessarily go as far each year.
- This year we also have to worry about the status of Medicaid and Medicare
- Half the battle is to get to know new legislators and build a rapport
- 3 issues important to DD Councils: Employment,
- HCBS funding did NOT pass Congress. Senator Casey has put a hold on the bill until that funding is approved.
- One of the roles of DD Councils is to make sure their local communities are educated on their rights in the legislative process
- Studies have shown that in states that have ended 14Cs that those effected are able to go on and get competitive, paid employment.
- Often, it is not about putting workshops and 14Cs out of business. It can be about leading these facilities to consider paying their people fairly and still maintain their profit margins.
- "Dignity of work" – if you can't do the job, you either need to be placed on some other work or let go. Seeing VR and the employment of disabled individuals as an actual business model.
- Asset limits = obstacle to people receiving HCBS. An individual can only own so much in monetary assets otherwise they cannot receive services OR they will be required to repay the value of any services they've already received (should their assets increase at a certain point)
- Access Rule = proposed regulation that has been passed. People who are receiving HCBS should be able to make complaints and have them resolved in a timely manner. DSPs should be paid 80% of every dollar paid out by Medicaid/Medicare.
- Medicaid/Medicare is administered by the State, so States have a lot of say and power in how it's used.
- An Entitlement = funding that covers the actual cost of care
- Cuts to Medicaid/Medicare are couched in disguising language: Block Grant (set amount per State that doesn't change even as the need expands, healthcare costs rise, or health threats, like COVID, present themselves; therefore the State has to decide on cuts [optional services like HCBS, etc], to make the money go as far as possible OR make up the shortfall from their own budgets), per capita/person cap (individuals receive a set amount to cover all expenses; no more funds will be forthcoming even if costs of care go up), cutting the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)(cut funding for Medicaid expansion, eliminating the 90% enhanced FMAP that State currently receive; massive cost shift to States; ends Medicaid expansion in 12 states, prevents 10 states from ever adopting expansion, ends expansion in many more states), work requirements (sneaky cuts; create excessive red tape and causes people to lose healthcare; it doesn't INCREASE employment, even if people are already working while receiving Medicaid), forces people on Medicaid to choose between work and receiving Medicaid), repealing rules (repeal Streamlining Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, which helps reduce administrative burden on the elderly and disabled; would also repeal Nursing Facility Minimum Staffing Rule, which results in understaffing and more deaths in nursing facilities), restricting provider taxes (provider taxes help generate funding for their portion of Medicaid costs, restricting their allowable taxes result in huge State Budget holes and cuts to Medicaid).

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Agency Reports			• Executive Director • In July staff went out to D.C. to NACDD conference and showcase • Drop Date for Director Evaluation: Monday, January 6, 2025 • Financial • We did have to send some 2022 money back • 2023 funds – we got a No Cost Extension (must be spent by 9/30/25) • Membership Committee Update
Council Member Monitoring Current 2022-2026 State Plan Progress (Aligned Consulting)			Supporting Whole Family Wellbeing • Identify strengths and gaps in supports for families within the disability community in Indiana • What does the infrastructure need to be to fill those gaps and utilize those strengths • We have held 3 summits with leaders and advocates in the community to gather information on families in IN • Created a vision for what supported families would look like, feel like • Continuously gathered feedback from families throughout this process to inform the building of this supportive infrastructure • Developed a website with information on all of the summits and project progress • What would it take to make sure families can experience a truly supported life? • Local Community-driven Support and Collaborative Advocacy • We had consistent participation from 18 in-person people. Those people did the work of reaching out to families in their immediate circle of influence. So the total number of people who had input into this project was about 400 • In the next phases of the project, we will want to drill down further into the individual communities • In that phase, we will need to be cognizant of when people are available to attend meetings and events. Having them during the traditional workday often leaves out a lot of people who have to work 9-5 Monday through Friday • What is a specific strategy for connecting with every region of the State? • How do we get information on what the Council is doing out to the community? • GCPD is going to contract with a marketing company to push out information and showcase what projects we are doing and seek input from the community. We also want them to do an environment scan to find out who we still need to reach and recommendations on how to do that. Common Threads • Which stories are missing? Which need to be told? Who is telling those stories? • View stories as currency and archetypes • Use stories to help people expand their lives and find a meaningful calling • 3 Main Goals of Learning Tree “Life is about Discovering Your”: 1. People (day-to-day support); 2. Place/space (home; somewhere they have control over; and their place in community); 3. Purpose (why you

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2027-2032 State Plan Development Plan (Requires Vote)			Ask staff is going to make of the council • More meetings in 2025 • Approval of State Plan Development Plan (budget and timeline) We are looking at reaching 400 unique individuals as a goal of our State Plan development We will have a budget for travel for Council Members
Adjournment			Chris Ramey motioned; Brandy D. seconded; motion passed
Next Quarterly Council Meeting: Leadership Summit – March 10-11 @ Fort Benjamin Harrison Inn			