



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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Kristi Linson	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Kelly Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
<i>DD Act Partners</i>			
Melissa Keyes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Derek Nord	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
<i>Council Citizen Members</i>			
Dominick Chase	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Beth DeHoff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Casey DePriest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Brandy Dickerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Andy Fenker	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Ledrena Girton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Kevin McCracken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Jennifer Noffsinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Chris Ramey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Shawn Rector	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	

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Ryan Steiner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Traci Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Jessica Witherspoon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
<i>Erin McGuire</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
<i>Michael Peterson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
GCPD Staff			
<i>Kate Barrow</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
<i>Robin Martinez</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	
Other Staff and/or Guests in Attendance			
<i>Jennifer Diaz</i>	<i>Erin Prangle</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>		

Agenda Topic	Discussion	
Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum	<i>Quorum Established</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Consent Agenda	<i>December 2024 Meeting agenda approved</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<i>September 2024 Meeting minutes approved</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<i>Quarter 4 Project Report approved</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
General Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None offered 	

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<p>Legislative Engagement & Public Policy Strategies (Erin Prangle, NACDD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DD Act remains bipartisan, but budget cuts are a recurring threat. • Annual funding cycles require ongoing advocacy to maintain or increase funding. • Level funding does not account for inflation, reducing purchasing power. • Medicaid and Medicare are at risk due to proposed federal changes. • Key DD Council priorities: Employment, HCBS funding, and protecting Medicaid. • HCBS funding was not passed; Senator Casey is holding related legislation until it is included. • DD Councils play a vital role in educating communities about legislative rights and processes. • States that ended 14(c) programs have seen increased competitive employment outcomes. • The goal is not to shut down workshops, but to encourage fair wages and sustainable business models. • “Dignity of work” includes accountability and seeing disability employment as a viable business model. • Asset limits remain a barrier to HCBS access and can trigger repayment obligations. • The Access Rule requires timely complaint resolution and mandates 80% of Medicaid/Medicare funds go to DSP wages. • Medicaid/Medicare is state-administered, giving states significant control. • Entitlement funding covers actual care costs, unlike capped models. • Proposed cuts are often disguised as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Block grants (fixed state funding regardless of need) ○ Per capita caps (fixed individual funding) ○ FMAP reductions (cuts to Medicaid expansion) ○ Work requirements (create red tape, reduce access) ○ Repealing rules (e.g., eligibility streamlining, staffing standards) ○ Provider tax restrictions (reduce state Medicaid funding capacity)

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Agency Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	<p>Supporting Whole-Family Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified strengths and gaps in family supports across Indiana’s disability community. • Held 3 statewide summits to co-create a vision for what “supported families” look and feel like. • Developed a project website and gathered ongoing family feedback. • Engaged ~400 individuals through direct and networked outreach. • Emphasized community-driven support and collaborative advocacy. • Future phases will focus on deeper regional engagement and inclusive scheduling. • GCPD will contract with a marketing firm to expand outreach, conduct an environmental scan, and improve visibility of Council initiatives. <p>Common Threads: Storytelling for Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on storytelling as a tool for connection, advocacy, and identity. • Emphasized stories as “currency” to highlight shared human experiences. • Core themes: People (support), Place (home/community), Purpose (meaning). • Planned multimedia outputs, including ~15 impact stories (primarily audio). • Used “roving listening” to uncover informal community supports and nonverbal storytelling methods (e.g., art, gestures, expressions). <p>Next-Level Self-Advocacy & Family Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought together families and advocates to address local issues and support one another. • Promoted a flat, non-hierarchical model of leadership. • Supported existing community resources to improve accessibility. • Next steps include a February info session, April contract awards, and quarterly gatherings for training and peer support.

<p>2027-2032 State Plan Development Plan (Requires Vote)</p>	<p>Ask staff is going to make of the council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More meetings in 2025 • Approval of State Plan Development Plan (budget and timeline) <p>We are looking at reaching 400 unique individuals as a goal of our State Plan development</p> <p>We will have a budget for travel for Council Members</p> <p>Motion to accept State Plan Development Plan – Kevin M. motioned; Chris R. seconded;</p> <p>Motion passed and plan approved</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Chris Ramey motioned; Brandy D. seconded; motion passed</p>
<p>Next Quarterly Council Meeting: Leadership Summit – March 10-11 @ Fort Benjamin Harrison Inn</p>	