

Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council

Full Council Meeting Agenda

August 21, 2025
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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9:00 – 9:15	Roll Call and Introductions Announcements Quorum Check Approval of Minutes – May 2025
9:15 – 9:45	Committee Updates and Committee Member Approvals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Engagement Committee• Performance Measures and Quality Assurance Committee• Policy Review and Administration Committee• Services to Business Committee• Executive Committee
9:45 – 10:15	Strategic Planning Heather Laakso, DWD Program & Policy Analyst
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30	CSNA Presentation Allison Gordon, DVR Deputy Administrator
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch Break
12:00 – 12:15	Public Comment
12:15 – 12:45	Overview of Dept. of Health Services (DHS) Councils Zachary Davenport, DHS Program & Policy Analyst Angela Brenna, DHS Program & Policy Analyst
12:45 – 1:45	DVR Administrative Update Meredith Dressel, DVR Administrator

1:45 – 2:00

Review Action Items and Identify Future Agenda Topics

2:00

Adjourn

*Public comment is limited to the time listed on the agenda. Comments can be sent at any time to: DVRWIRehabCouncil@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

*Comments sent to that e-mail box will be read to the full council at the next meeting unless a specific subcommittee is listed. If a specific subcommittee is listed, comments will be sent directly to them and reviewed at their next committee meeting.

A Statement of Mission

The Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council, working on behalf of Wisconsin residents with disabilities, will review, analyze, and advise the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) regarding the performance of its responsibilities in providing quality services to persons with disabilities.

COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL DISABILITIES



State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities 2025-2027

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**COUNCIL ON
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**



WHO IS CPD?

The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) is a 14-member council comprised of individuals who have a physical disability, are related to someone with a physical disability, or provide services to those with physical disabilities. Established by the state legislature in 1989, its mission includes:

- Develop and implement a state plan for services to people with physical disabilities.
- Advise and make recommendations to state agencies on relevant legislation.
- Promote public awareness about the abilities of and barriers to people with physical disabilities.
- Encourage the development of programs and policies that prevent physical disabilities.
- And submit recommendations in an annual report to the state legislature.

STATE PLAN FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES 2025-2027

The State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities in Wisconsin is a strategic framework created to address the needs and barriers faced by individuals with physical disabilities.

The plan focuses on these critical areas:

- **EMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH**
- **TRANSPORTATION**
- **HOUSING**
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The CPD works on and recommends changes in disability programs and policies relating to the vital areas established by the CPD members.

These areas are essential for ensuring that people with physical disabilities have the same opportunities and life choices as other citizens.

Milestones

PHYSICAL DISABILITY IN WISCONSIN



1963

Implementation of the first statutes for accessible buildings and designated facilities for people with disabilities.

1971

Formation of MOBIL (Madison Organization behind Independent Living) for advocacy and education in accessibility.

1974

Governor Lucey signed three bills from Governor Wahner's "Accessibility Package" to enhance building accessibility. AB 925 mandated that major remodels of public buildings meet state accessibility standards, including wider doorways, ramps, elevators, and accessible bathrooms. AB 559 required public buildings to provide wheelchair-accessible toilets. AB 1308 allowed oral real estate exams for applicants with physical disabilities unable to write.

1976

With funding from the Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA), the group opened an office with the goal of improving employment outcomes for people with physical and/or sensory impairments.

1981

Passage of the Community Options Program for community living initiatives including people with physical disabilities.

1990

Governor Tommy G. Thompson enacted Act 202, establishing a Council on Physical Disabilities within the Department of Health and Social Services.



EMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH

OBJECTIVE

To increase economic independence and employment opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities without compromising access to essential healthcare services.

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE GOAL

Examine how income and asset restrictions on public benefits hinder individuals with physical disabilities in:

- Securing and maintaining employment.
- Purchasing a home or vehicle.
- Saving for future needs.

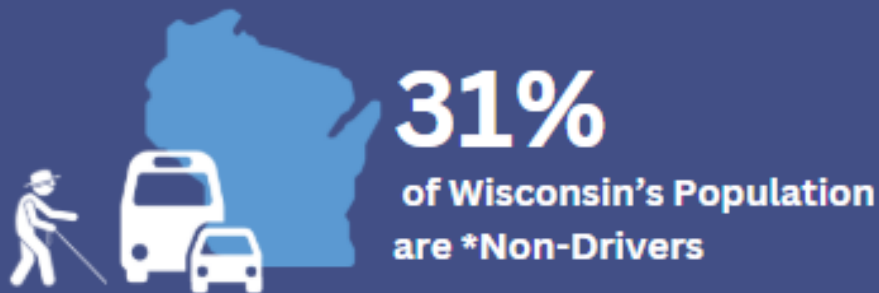
Raise awareness about programs and employment supports designed to assist individuals with disabilities in attaining financial stability.

- Collaborate with the Department of Financial Institutions to promote the administration of the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program in Wisconsin.
- Partner with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to promote job opportunities that provide benefits tailored to support individuals with disabilities.

Advocate for program and policy changes to reduce financial constraints faced by individuals with disabilities, including:

- Increasing asset limits and creating more flexible income guidelines for economic support benefits.
- Developing a campaign showcasing success stories of individuals using ABLE and similar programs.
- Collaborating with policymakers to modify public benefit regulations.
- Engaging stakeholders and community members to support financial policy reforms.





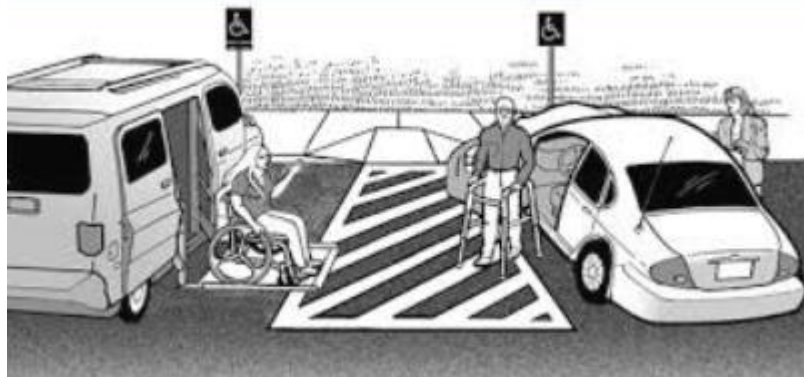
TRANSPORTATION

OBJECTIVE

Enhance policies and programs for accessible transportation, ensuring safe and obstacle-free travel for individuals with disabilities and non-drivers.

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL:

- Strengthen collaborations with other state disability advocacy groups to champion policies that prioritize accessibility and affordability in **public transportation** planning and development.
- Monitor and advise DHS regarding Wisconsin's Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) system for quality and performance.
- Increase awareness of the barriers faced by individuals with physical disabilities when they are unable to access resources for adaptive driver education.
- Raise awareness about accessible parking requirements and improve enforcement of illegally parked vehicles.



*Non-driving populations include aging adults, students, low-income individuals, individuals with disabilities, and those who prefer not to drive.

HOUSING

OBJECTIVE

Promote housing initiatives aimed at tackling the lack of affordable, safe, and accessible housing for individuals with disabilities in communities across WI.



Housing Costs In Wisconsin (Based on 2022 Census Data)

Minimum Wage

\$7.25 an hour



Individual SSI Payment

\$943.00 a month



Fair Market Rent Average
1 Bedroom Apartment
\$918.00 a month



Rent Affordable to SSI
\$308.00 a month



STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL

- ▶ Advocate for increased state and federal funding dedicated to the development of accessible housing options
- ▶ Launch a public awareness campaign to highlight the need for increased funding and its impact on the disabled community.
- ▶ Partner with the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) and other disability advocacy groups to advocate for budget allocations supporting accessible housing initiatives.
- ▶ Recognize and celebrate builders and developers who implement these standards through awards or public acknowledgment



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The CPD Emergency Preparedness Toolkit is a resource designed for everyone, particularly individuals with disabilities, offering essential emergency preparedness information, tips, checklists, a wallet card, and visual communication tools to help plan for emergencies.

Since 2017, the CPD has received over \$200,000 in grants to support the Toolkit. In July 2023, CPD was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC) to enhance outreach and education. The Council participated in outreach events and presentations for individuals with disabilities and service providers across Wisconsin. Toolkit content is organized by season and type of emergency, with specific tips for various situations.

During State Fiscal Year 2024, the Council distributed the following materials:

- 675 Visual Communication Tool Cards
- 812 Emergency Preparedness Toolkits (including 50 translated into Spanish)
- 581 Medical Wallet Cards
- 733 Emergency Preparedness Forms Folders
- 355 Emergency Preparedness Communications Folders

The Emergency Preparedness Toolkit is available online at dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/toolkit.

ABOUT THE CPD STATE PLAN

The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (Council) in Wisconsin State Statute § 46.29 is required to develop, approve, and continue modification of a state plan, for services for people with physical disabilities that encompasses services delivered or overseen by the following entities:

- Department of Public Instruction
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Workforce Development
- Division of Personnel Management in the Department of Administration
- Department of Safety and Professional Services
- Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
- University of Wisconsin System
- Wisconsin Technical College System
- Board on Aging and Long-Term Care

Physical disability is defined in Wisconsin State Statute § 15.197(4) as: “A physical condition including an anatomical loss or musculoskeletal, neurological, respiratory, or cardiovascular impairment, resulting from injury, disease, or congenital disorder, and significantly interfering with or limiting at least one of the following major life activities of a person: self-care, walking, mobility other than walking, breathing, employment, performance of manual tasks unrelated to employment, receptive and expressive language, participating in educational programs, or capacity for independent living.”

The Council specifically focuses on funding, policies, programs, and legislation that impact people with physical disabilities as defined in [Wisconsin State Statute § 46.29](#).

As a result, the State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities mainly focuses on funding, policies, programs, and services for people with physical disabilities (as defined in Wisconsin State Statute § 15.197(4)) and overseen and delivered by the entities listed above. This does not preclude the Council from having additional goals within its state plan or from making broader recommendations to meet the needs of people with physical disabilities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The CPD works on and recommends changes in disability programs and policies relating to the vital areas established by the CPD members in the State Plan. To help us accomplish our goals, we need to hear from people with physical disabilities and other concerned individuals.

Write or email your concerns, opinions or suggestions to CPD.

You can also attend a Council meeting. A portion of every agenda is set aside to receive public comment. Visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd for more details.

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DHS Disability Related Councils and Committees

**Office for the Promotion of
Independent Living**

August 26, 2025

Agenda

- **Introduction to Department of Health Services Councils and Committees**
- **Governors Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)**
- **Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)**
- **Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)**
- **Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)**

Introduction

- Dept. of Health Services (DHS) supports a variety of councils and committees.
- Some are Governor-appointed (statutory or by executive order).
- [All DHS Supported Statutory Boards, Committees and Councils](#)
- Today's focus: Disability Councils supported by DHS – Office for the Promotion of Independent Living.
- Presented by Angela Brenna and Zachary Davenport.



Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Vision: Full inclusion, equal opportunity, and barrier-free participation in Wisconsin life.

DHS Staff Support Angela Brenna

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Membership

- Established through [Wis. Stat. § 14.019](#) and several [Executive Orders](#)
- **Membership:** Up to 19 voting members (66% must be people with disabilities), six members from other disability councils* and the Lieutenant Governor (non-voting)
 - [State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse](#),
 - [Statutory Council on Blindness](#),
 - [Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#),
 - [Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities](#),
 - [Wisconsin Council on Mental Health](#), and [Council on Physical Disabilities](#)
- **No fixed term limit:** Members serve until they resign or until the Governor appoints someone else to the position.

GCPD Meetings

- Full GCPD Meetings are held quarterly.
- Each meeting includes time for the public to comment on issues affecting people with disabilities.
- Meeting notices are posted on:
 - [Wisconsin Public Meetings and Notices Website](#)
 - [GCPD Website](#)
- **GCPD Committees and Workgroups**
 - Executive
 - Transportation
 - United Councils
- Every three years, GCPD updates a [Workplan](#), which outlines priority areas identified by the whole committee.
- Moving toward a United Councils structure to strengthen cross-council collaboration

GCPD: United Councils Workgroup

- Purpose: A Place for DHS-OPIL Supported Councils to share updates, coordinate advocacy, and identify cross-council priorities.
- **Participating Councils:**
 - Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB)
 - Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)
 - Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW)
 - WI Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WCDHH)
 - Assistive Technology Advisory Council (ATAC)

Council on Physical Disabilities

DHS Support Staff Angela Brenna



Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)

- Established: 1989, Wis. Stat. § 46.29.
- Created after advocacy from consumers & stakeholders to address the needs of people with physical disabilities.
- Membership: 14 Governor-appointed members (people with physical disabilities, family members, service providers, and state agency liaisons).
- Vision: A world where people with physical disabilities have the same opportunities & life choices as any other Wisconsin resident.

CPD Objectives

- Develop & implement a State Plan for services to people with physical disabilities.
- Advise & make recommendations to state agencies on funding, programs, policies, and legislation.
- Promote public awareness about abilities and barriers.
- Encourage prevention of physical disabilities.
- Submit an Annual Report to the Legislature.

CPD State Plan Priorities

- Employment
- Living Independently (housing & long-term supports)
- Transportation
- Emergency Preparedness
 - Highlight Project- Emergency Preparedness Toolkit
 - Accessible in print, audio, Braille, and Spanish.
 - Includes tips, checklists, wallet card, and visual communication tool.
 - Distributed statewide to individuals, service providers, and agencies.
 - Online: dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/toolkit

Statutory Council on the Blindness (SCOB)

Wisconsin Statutory Council on the Blindness (SCOB)

- Advocates identified the need for a statewide council for the people who are Blind or Visually Impaired.
- The SCOB was established by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1969.

SCOB: Origins & Purpose

- Wisconsin State Statute 15.197 (2) established this Council. The legislature assigned the Council several responsibilities (47.03 (9)) including to:
 - Advise and make recommendations to state agencies on services, activities, programs, investigations, and research that affect persons of Wisconsin who are blind or visually impaired.
- The Department of Health Services (DHS) must consult with SCOB concerns its program that affect Blind of Visually Impaired persons; the council may initiate consultations with the department.

SCOB Council Members

- The Council is comprised of 9 members appointed by the Secretary of health services for staggered three-year terms.
 - At least 7 members must be blind or visually impaired as defined in s. 47.01 (1) or (5),
 - And shall reflect a broad representation of individuals who are Blind and Visually Impaired.
 - Must have a recognized interest in and demonstrated knowledge of the priority issues impacting individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired.

SCOB Meetings

- The Council has one committee to assist with carrying out the responsibilities in between the Council regularly scheduled Quarterly Meetings.
 - Executive Committee (comprised of Council Officers and member-at-large).
- SCOB Quarterly Meeting
 - Meets four time annually.
- The Council is administratively attached to the DHS.

To Learn more about SCOB

- Here is the link to SCOB's website
(<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/scob/index.htm>)

Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)

Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Advocates identified the need for a statewide council for the people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind.
- The CDHH was established by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1979.

CDHH: Origins & Purpose

- Wisconsin State Statute 15.197 (8) established this Council. The legislature assigned the Council several responsibilities (15.09 (5)) including to:
 - Advise the head of the department or independent agency in which it is created and shall function on a continuing basis for the study,
 - And recommendation of solution and policy alternatives, of the problem arising in a specific functional area of state government.
- Identified the concerns of people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Legislative
 - Program
 - Service
 - Communication Access Issues.
- Submit recommendations in an annual report to the Secretary of the DHS and others as needed.

CDHH Council Members

- The Council is comprised of 9 members appointed by the Governor of Wisconsin for staggered four-year terms.
 - Must comprised of 3 Deaf, 3 Hard of Hearing, and 1 Deaf-Blind, and 2 Members at Large.
 - Must include representatives from diverse professional and volunteer organizations working with Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and hard of Hearing Communities, and include parents(s) of Deaf/Hard of Hearing children.

CDHH Meeting

- The Council has one committee to assist with carrying out the responsibilities in between the Council regularly scheduled Quarterly Meetings.
 - Executive Committee (comprised of Council Officers).
- CDHH Quarterly Meeting
 - Meets four times annually.
- The Council is administratively attached to the DHS.

Learn More about CDHH

- Here is the link to CDHH's website
(<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dhhcouncil/index.htm>).

Questions?

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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

WORKPLAN 2024-2027



Website: dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd



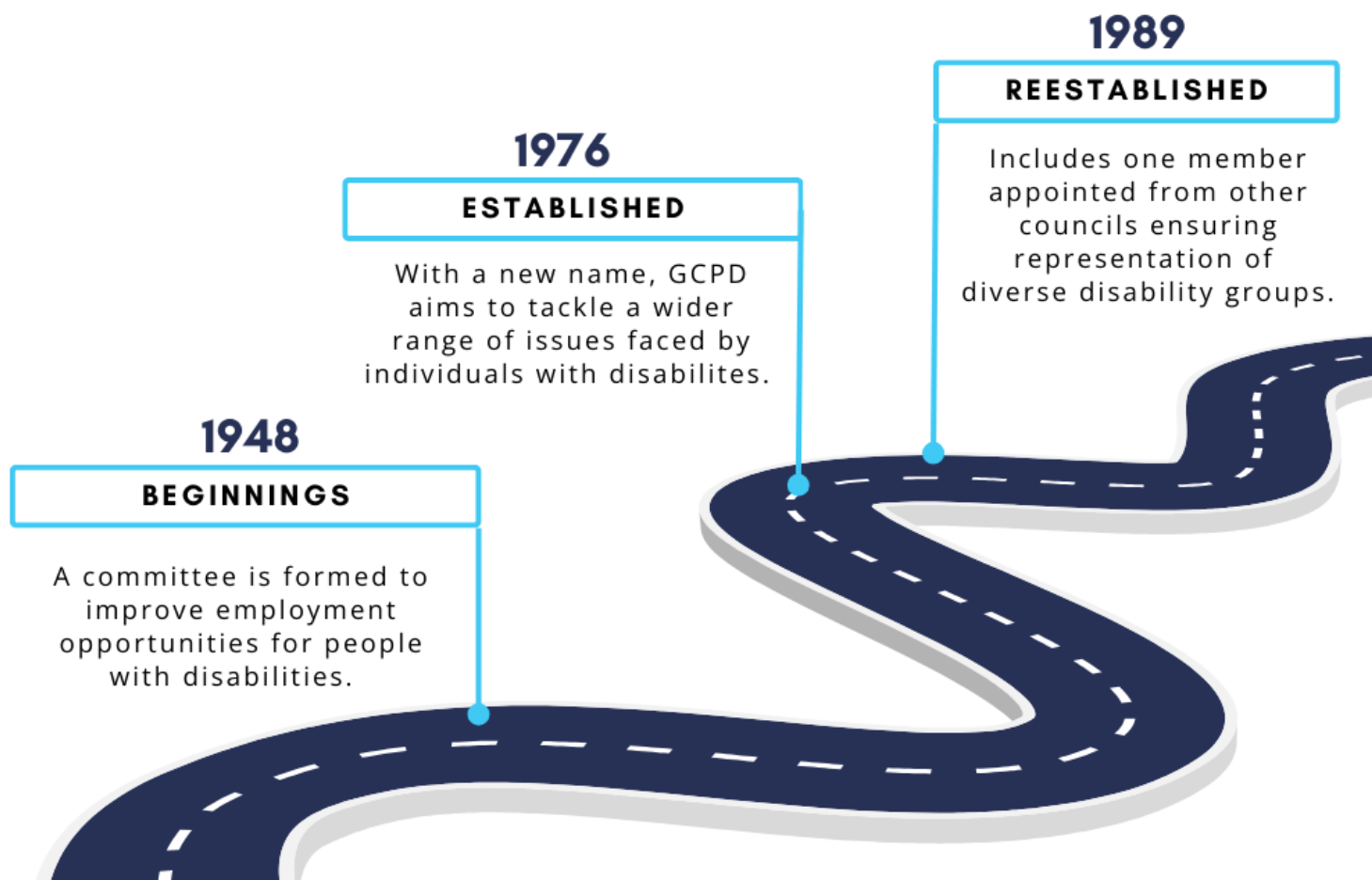
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The GCPD provides an opportunity at each meeting for the public to comment on issues affecting people with disabilities.

Find out more by visiting,
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd.



GCPD History and Evolution

The Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) has influenced Wisconsin policies and programs for 75 years. Originally formed as the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in 1948, its goal was to enhance employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

In the 1970's, the committee's focus evolved. Governor Patrick Lucey officially established the [GCPD](#) on March 19, 1976. GCPD assumed the responsibilities of the previous committee while broadening its mission to address the concerns of people with disabilities across all aspects of life.

Then on December 1, 1989, Governor Tommy Thompson reestablished the [GCPD](#), incorporating the appointment of one member from various councils that represent different disability groups. This ensures that the GCPD membership consistently reflects a diverse range of perspectives.

About GCPD

The GCPD is comprised of the Lieutenant Governor, who serves as a non-voting, ex officio member, along with up to 19 members appointed by the Governor. A majority of members have a disability, with six of the nineteen members providing representation from specific state disability groups including:

- [State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse](#)
- [Statutory Council on Blindness](#)
- [Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)
- [Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Wisconsin Council on Mental Health](#)
- [Council on Physical Disabilities](#)

GCPD Duties

The GCPD advises the Governor and state agencies on disability-related issues, promotes public awareness, and ensures the needs of individuals with disabilities are included in public planning. Responsibilities include:

- Advising the Governor and state agencies on disability issues.
- Reviewing legislation impacting people with disabilities.
- Promote public awareness of the needs and abilities of people with disabilities.
- Encourage the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.

About the GCPD Workplan for 2024-2027

On July 31, 2024, GCPD approved a workplan to address barriers faced by individuals with disabilities in Wisconsin. This plan covers the period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027, focusing on five key areas identified as priorities.

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2022)



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Adults in Wisconsin Have a Disability



2024-2027 Priority Areas



.....● **Accessible,
Affordable Housing**



.....● **Mental Health
Services**



.....● **Opportunities &
Access to Services
and Resources**



.....● **Employment &
Transportation**



.....● **Direct Care
Workforce Shortage**

Cross Council Engagement on Priority Areas

GCPD will continue to establish itself as the Committee of Councils and be responsible for organizing cross council collaboration meetings on priority items.

Accessible, Affordable Housing



Support housing initiatives designed to address the shortage of affordable, safe, and accessible housing for people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

Strategies to Achieve this Goal:

- Engage and advise on the [WI State Health and Improvement Plan \(SHIP\), 2023-2027.](#)
- Participate in A Home for Everyone Conference.
- Monitor and provide feedback on the [Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources 5 Year Consolidated Plan 2025-2029 \(under development.\)](#)
- Support funding for the [Rental Housing Development Program.](#)

Mental Health Services



Collaborate with other statewide councils focused on mental health initiatives that aim to enhance access to mental health services and decrease the waiting time for individuals seeking services.

Strategies to Achieve this Goal:

- Establish a relationship with the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health and support work related to expanded access to mental health services.
- Engage and support Certified Peer Specialist Advisory Committee.
- Engage organizations such as NAMI to promote peer support.

Opportunities & Access to Services and Resources



Address barriers encountered by people with disabilities in social service and health care settings.

Strategies to Achieve this Goal:

- Continue to provide Disability Panelist Presentations to post-secondary educational students in health and social service programs to raise disability awareness to future professionals.
- Expand and offer Disability Panelist Presentation to UW-System and WI Technical College System.
- Support broadband expansion policies and funding.
- Monitor Medicaid Telehealth Expansion Services and advise DHS on accessibility, quality, and performance.
- Engage the [Assistive Technology Council](#) to strategize how to address ADA Title II Digital Accessibility implementation.



On October 4, 2023, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers awarded the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities a Certificate of Commendation in recognition of its 75 years of advocacy supporting individuals with disabilities in Wisconsin.

Employment & Transportation



Support policies and programs that tackle barriers to accessible transportation and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Strategies to achieve this goal:

- Encourage and support initiatives to enable braided funding to create multi-purpose transit trips e.g. medical appointments, pharmacy, and grocery store.
- Support federal funding for increased volunteer driver reimbursement rates.
- Engage with other disability committees and councils to collaborate on:
 - Providing input to State and local jurisdictions about the integration of the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines.
 - Creating a public service announcement on Readily Achievable Barrier Removal.
- Promote and support initiatives designed to allow affordable, accessible transportation between and among local jurisdictions, cities, counties, and states.
- Monitor and advise DHS regarding Wisconsin's Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) system for quality and performance.
- Raise awareness about the barriers and consequences experienced by people with disabilities and non-drivers when reliable, affordable, accessible transportation is not available.
- Engage and advise WisDOT on the implementation of the [ADA Transition Plan](#).
- Review and monitor [Competitive Integrated Employment \(CIE\) Joint State Plan](#).
- Monitor and provide feedback on [WI Act 178 Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment Outcomes SFY 2024 Annual Report](#).
- Support reform of the State Use Program.

Direct Care Workforce Shortage



Monitor program and policy changes in Long-Term Care Medicaid Programs including IRIS, Family Care, and Family Care Partnership. And, provide policy recommendations to improve programs.

Strategies to Achieve This Goal:

- Provide public comment and attend public meetings to engage:
 - Long-Term Care Advisory Committee
 - IRIS Advisory Committee
 - Medicaid Advisory Committee
- Align and support recommendations in the [Governor's Taskforce on Healthcare Workforce Report 2024](#).
 - Increase funding provided through Medicaid and other payers to help employers boost provider compensation.
 - Fund Worker Advancement Initiative Grants.
 - Expand Medicaid to support healthcare workers and fund workforce initiatives.
 - Support direct care professionals with health insurance benefits.



Vocational Rehabilitation

DVR Quarterly Update

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Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

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Program Year (PY) 2024 Outcomes

For cases closed **07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025:**

PY 2024 Closures	All Cases	All SE Cases	All Non-SE Cases
Total Successful Closures	3,388	633	2,705
Average Wages Earned Per Week	\$463	\$176	\$530
Average Wage Per Hour	\$16.95	\$12.58	\$17.98
Average Hours Worked Per Week	25	13	27
Private Insurance	1,069	127	942



Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) DVR Budget

- FFY 2024 budget reflects final federal award and applicable state match.
- FFY 2025 budget reflects final federal award and applicable state match through 06/30/25.

FFY	TOTAL Budget	TOTAL Spending
2023	\$89,605,936	\$89,605,936
2024	\$89,605,936	\$89,605,936
2025 to date	\$99,977,420	\$69,594,802

**Data current as of 6/30/2025. Budget for 2025 includes all applicable state match. State GPR match funding has not changed during the reporting period.*



Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

Total Purchased Expenses FFY25: **\$9,672,714**

WDA	Consumers	Expenses
1	262	\$561,396
2	336	\$969,257
3	438	\$1,450,417
4	388	\$1,245,947
5	293	\$954,670
6	280	\$1,100,542

WDA	Consumers	Expenses
7	136	\$200,745
8	275	\$789,791
9	159	\$408,640
10	423	\$1,570,091
11	127	\$421,220

**Data current as of July 22, 2025*



RSA Negotiated Measures

Indicator	PY2024 Actual	PY2024 Negotiated Level	PY2025 Negotiated Level
Employment (Second Quarter After Exit)	53.8%	57.1%	57.4%
Employment (Fourth Quarter After Exit)	51.7%	54.9%	55.1%
Median Earnings (Second Quarter After Exit)	\$3,527	\$3,537	\$3,645
Credential Attainment Rate	42.1%	41%	41.5%
Measurable Skill Gains	67.6%	61.5%	62%



Existing Business Employment & Wage Assessments

January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

	Referral for EWA*	EWA Met Min. Wage	EWA Did Not Meet Min. Wage	EWA in Process	Debt/Asset Ratio Requested**	Debt/Asset Ratio Passed	Debt/Asset Ratio in Process
Farm	22	3	8	6	4	3	5
Non-Farm	8	2	1	0	0	1	6
Total	30	5	9	6	7	4	11

*EWA numbers include three non-farm and six farm cases that were still in progress at the May WRC meeting.

**Debt/Asset numbers include one farm case; Debt/Asset Ratio Assessments were still in progress at the May WRC meeting.



Existing Business Case Closures

January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

	26 Closed Rehabilitated	28 Closed Not Rehabilitated (After IPE Initiated)	Average Total Cost Per Case
Farm	24	2	\$43,934.88
Non-Farm	6	0	\$3,852.40
Total	30	2	\$33,865.95



Assistive Technology Fee Schedule Exception Requests

January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

	Exceptions Requested	Total Amount Requested	Exceptions Approved	Total Amount Approved
Farm	13	\$ 346,181.38	13	\$ 300,139.71
Non-Farm	6	\$ 194,503.10	6	\$ 194,503.10
Total	19	\$ 540,684.48	13	\$ 540,684.48



Business Services PY 2024 Outcomes

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Business Services Overview	Total
*Number of businesses that received a service from BSCs	3,274
*Number of services that BSCs provided to businesses	8,822
Formal presentations conducted (e.g., disability education, general information about labor market and DVR talent pool, etc.)	51

*Employer part of Job Center of Wisconsin



Business Services PY 2024 Outcomes

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Notable Employer Engagement	
Walmart	Developed presentation with Walmart and provided training to 44 Wisconsin Walmart store leaders.
SSM Health/Sodexo	Held two information sessions for DVR and service provider staff to learn about available positions at SSM Health locations in Wisconsin.
Kwik Trip	Added 50 hires statewide into Retail Helper positions.
Business-led information sessions	Hosted five sessions with different employers for BSC group to learn more about their organizations and position opportunities.



Top Things Happening in DVR

- National Disability Employment Awareness Month Planning
- New Case Management System
- Initiating Statewide Services Technical Specification reviews
- Time Study Analysis

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DVR Internal Workgroup Updates

Policy Academy

- Met in July 2025.
- Welcomed new members.
- Reviewed edits to Medicaid Rate FAQs in the DVR Information Center.
- Reviewed IRIS Case Association Guidance.
- Reviewed two DVR policies regarding the Training Grant.



DVR Internal Workgroup Updates

Quality Assurance

- Met in June 2025 (meet every other month).
- Repeat Consumers Review Report done.
- Finishing Cases Closed "Unsuccessfully" Review.
 - Initial draft report review at August QA Meeting.
 - Investigate why cases are closed to help inform action that could reduce these types of closures.



DVR Internal Workgroup Updates

START

- Met in August 2025.
- Drivers' education for schools, discussion.
- Partners with business – youth technical specifications.
- School survey – initial discussion.



DVR Internal Workgroup Updates

AsTec

- Last met June 12.
- Welcome new members.
- JAN discussion with JAN members:
 - Lisa Mathess (ADA specialist and motor / mobility),
 - Theresa Goddard (sensory team lead and AT services / internal training),
 - Matthew McCord (Motor team Senior Consultant),
 - Tracy DeFreitas (co leader, director of outreach and training),
 - <https://askjan.org/> - for more information.



DVR Internal Workgroup Updates

SenseAbility

- Last met June 10.
- Reviewed AT best practice online training.
- Addressed hearing aid policy and need for some updates to policy. Subcommittee has been created to work on this.
- Discussed case reviews for deaf/HOH transition results.
- Reviewed success stories and case consults.



DVR Internal Workgroup Updates

Workplace Wellness

- Shared information about DWD CPR training and 'Couch to 5K' activity available to teams.
- Received technical training on the updated SharePoint to improve efficiency.
- Reviewed various national holidays that could be used as wellness themes in the coming months.
- Completed a neck stretching and breathing exercise.
- Discussed WDA activities recently completed to inspire other WDA activities.



DVR Staff Trainings Update

May 2025: Wisconsin Mental Health Continuum of Care: Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programs and the Connection to Employment (presenters from DHS: Community Support Program, Community Recovery Services, and Comprehensive Community Services)

June 2025: Efficiencies in Records Request Processing

July 2025: Solution-Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) with Dr. Janelle Cox; AI, Assistive Tech, and the Internet: Ethical Considerations with Laura Plummer

August 2025: Training Grant Process Review and Project SEARCH



New Mediation Requests 04/01/25 – 06/30/25

DVR received **two** mediation requests:

- **Both** have moved to a hearing.



New Appeals Requests 04/01/25 – 06/30/25

DVR received **four** appeals requests:

- **One** is an open case that was dismissed.
- **Three** are open cases that are pending.



Appeal Hearing Outcomes FFY 2025

Eleven total appeals:

- **Three** decisions rendered.
- **One** rehearing denied.
- **Three** withdrawn by consumers.
- **Two** DVR motion to dismiss granted.
- **Two** resolved by parties.



DVR Senior Leadership Team Visits Update

- Meredith, Deanna, Allison, and Anna are attending one local DVR meeting in all 11 WDAs.
- Seven visits have occurred.
- Themes we have heard from these WDA visits:
 - Implications of budget concerns.
 - Increased workload.
 - Service provider capacity and quality.
 - Coordination with Managed Care Organizations and IRIS.



Questions?





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