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General Membership Conference Call
July 10, 2020
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

<p>Conference call information:</p> <p>Join WebEx link: Join here Access code: 146 192 3625 Call-in line (toll free): 877-309-3457</p>	<p>Remote CART:</p> <p>https://www.caseviewnet.com/ Session Code: R9AXCZ password: viewit</p>
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AGENDA

- 12:30 pm **Welcome, Announcements and Roll Call** - Pat Bauccio, Chairperson, Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)
- 12:45 pm **Budget update** – Elizabeth Gordon, GCDE Executive Director
- 1:00 pm **Subcommittee Reports**
Governor's Employer Awards – Janet Bruckshen, Chair
Youth Leadership Forum – Julie Peddy, Chair
Membership – Warren Weissman, Chair
Community Outreach – Damiana Harper, Chair
Accessible Communities – Marilyn Crandall, Chair
- 1:30 pm **Rethinking GCDE – How to Serve the Community in a New World** – Megan Mason-Todd, Janet Bruckshen, and Damiana Harper, GCDE Members
- 2:15 pm **Special Projects Update** – Pat Bauccio, GCDE Chairperson
- 2:50 pm **Wrap-up and Next Steps** – Pat Bauccio, GCDE Chairperson
- 3:00 pm **Adjourn**

GCDE Director's Report

COVID 19

- All GCDE staff continue to work from home. This will remain the case for the foreseeable future. Some state services will be reopening but staff who are able to work from home will be asked to continue to do so. This will allow appropriate social distancing in offices.
- COVID 19 unemployment claims are over taxing the ESD system. GCDE is impacted when work including contracting, communications and every other area of the agency has been prioritized to deal with COVID related work under the Governor's direction.
- The pandemic has had unprecedented effects on income to the state. The Governor enacted a spending and hiring freeze, and furloughs for all state employees. Furloughs requirements are 1 day per week for all staff until July 25th, followed by 1 furlough day per month through November 30th. GCDE staff are housed under ESD so aren't being required to furlough but are spending time on ESD activities that will address the issues with unemployment.

RETAIN

- RETAIN WA was granted additional funding to transform services to meet challenges created by the COVID 19 pandemic.
- RETAIN is expanding into Pierce County. CHI Franciscan is housed in Pierce County and has deep relationships there, so the expansion will build on existing relationships and strengthen outreach.
- COVID 19 forced RETAIN WA to conduct all services virtually. The enrollment period for the pilot ends in September. To minimize the impact of any additional uncertainty as services reopen the group decided to continue to provide services virtually. This will allow further flexibility without having to rebuild systems to meet ever changing guidance on social distancing and service delivery. Our enrollments have been impacted as have all other states in the project and we remain a strong contender for being awarded Phase 2.

ADA Celebration

Mark your calendars for July 27th, 2020 11:00-1:00. The ADA anniversary celebration will be a televised program consisting of clips from various people with lived experiences, elected officials and people with various perspectives on the impact of the ADA over the past 30 years. It will be televised by TVW which can be streamed on a variety of devices. The focus is to share personal stories of how the ADA has impacted people's lives interspersed with music and speakers. The planning team working with us are: Department of Services for the Blind, Washington State Rehabilitation Council, Office of Financial Management, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Washington State Independent Living Council, Heath Care Authority, Developmental Disabilities Council, People First of Washington, ARC of Washington, and Easter Seals among others.

Office of Equity Taskforce

The task force has its last meeting at the end of July. The report to the Governor will be ready for review for that meeting. I will share the work with the group.

Other projects

Reasonable Accommodation and Virtual Meeting Guidance- GCDE is working with ESD and Office of Financial Management to create guidance on reasonable accommodations for the state on hosting accessible virtual meetings. Other partners include University of Washington and Washington State Department of Transportation. The group has met to gather best practices and will meet again to review guidance.

Meetings

RETAIN All Grantee meeting-presented on behalf of Washington State RETAIN

Workforce Board Meeting on Economic Recovery-attended to gain additional information about how services are being affected statewide

Task Force on Economic Recovery- Governor's legislative task force to develop plans for economic recovery for Washington state. Attended to hear about impacts to services.

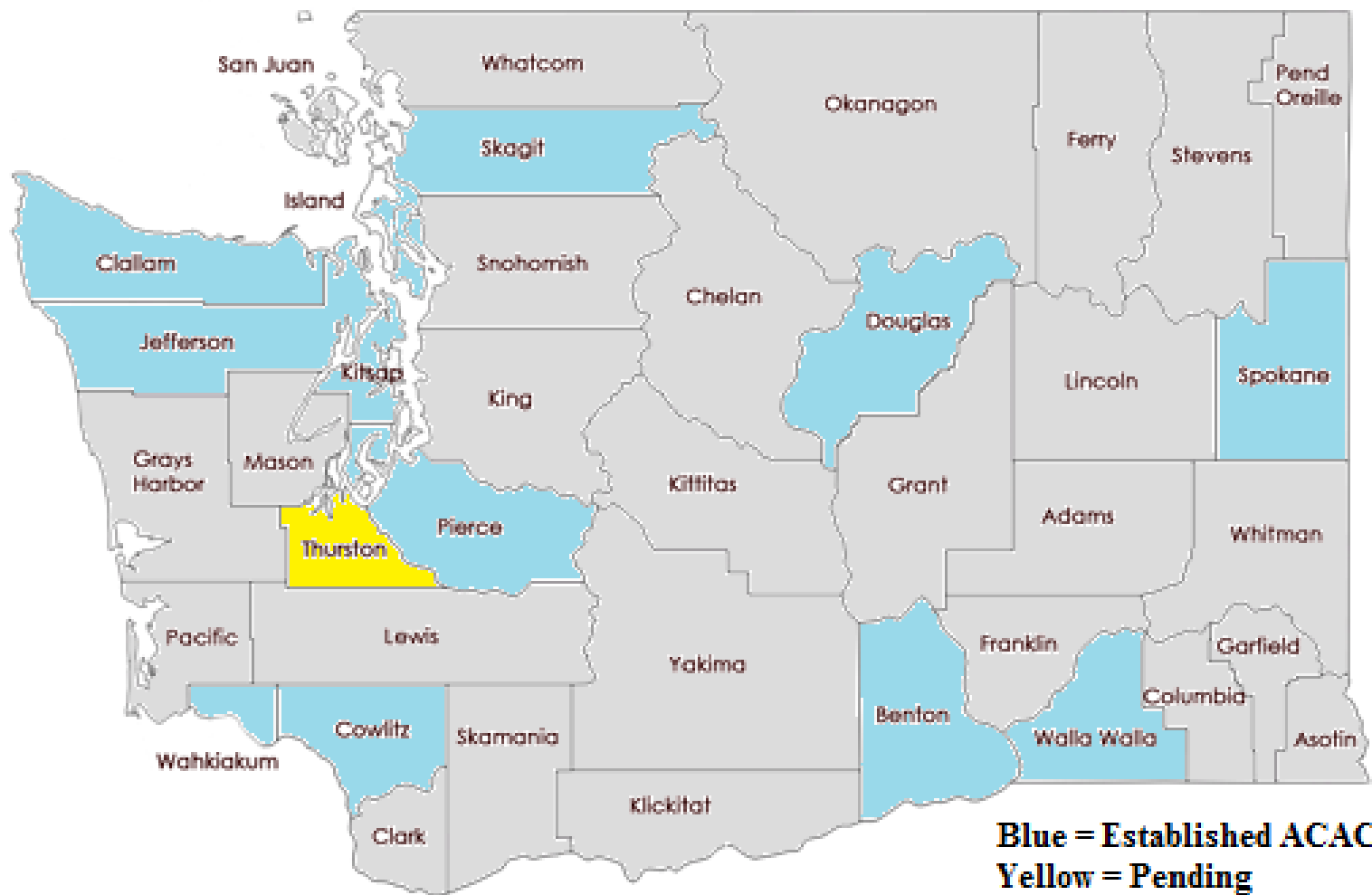
Caseload Forecasting Council-forecasts fiscal needs of caseloads that receive funding through entitlement programs. Attended to learn more about budget projections for next biennium.

Senate Ways and Means-budget

Council Directors: Developmental Disabilities Council, Washington State Independent Living Council, Washington State Rehab Council and ARC of Washington met to talk about budget impacts and issues of advocacy for collaboration and information sharing.

Equity and Inclusion Council- presented on the ADA and Reasonable Accommodations

Senate Behavioral Health Sub Committee attended to learn about impact of budget and COVID.



Blue = Established ACAC
Yellow = Pending

EXECUTIVE ORDER 87-08

Correcting [87-01](#), Superseding [83-07](#)

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

It is the public policy of this state to promote full participation and equal opportunity for all persons, including those of disability. (A person of disability means an individual who has physical, mental or sensory characteristics such as those listed listed under the "handicapped person" definition in regulation 28 CFR 41.31(b) for implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, PL 93?112.) Yet, despite continued efforts and marked progress to achieve equity for the disability community, this social minority presently experiences one of the highest unemployment rates, has a disproportionate number of members living in poverty and still cannot access most built structures or community activities. Although the disability minority in Washington numbers approximately 400,000 persons, it has a very low sense of group identity, and the abilities, capacities, interests and concerns of persons of disability continue to be misunderstood or undervalued.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of Washington, do hereby reaffirm the establishment of and need for the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, retitle it the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee," reaffirm its administrative attachment to the Employment Security Department and require the following:

1. The Committee pursuant to this Executive Order shall serve as a disability minority advocate. It shall identify for attention the issues and concerns pertaining to the rights and needs of all persons of disability and shall work to empower such individuals to take control over their own lives.
2. The Committee shall advise the Governor, Legislature, state agencies, the business community, organized labor, other public and private organizations and the general public on disability issues and concerns, and make recommendations to address those concerns, with emphasis on increasing opportunities for independence and employment.
3. The Committee shall develop, conduct and oversee the execution of policies, projects, activities and other actions that will enhance access, opportunities, options and equity for all persons of disability.
4. Annually, the Committee shall submit to the Governor a report with recommendations which shall address disability issues such as the following: the status of public and private sector employment opportunities; program and physical access; legislative priorities; selected state agency budgets; economic and social status of the disability community; and an overall state government rehabilitation/disability services overview.
5. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may establish such relationships with state agencies, especially those that serve the disability community, local governments, private industry,

educational institutions, labor and other private organizations, as may be needed to promote equal opportunity for persons of disability.

6. Each state department and agency shall provide appropriate and reasonable assistance and resources to the Committee so that the Committee may carry out the purposes of this Order. Also, the Committee may secure directly from any department or agency of the state information necessary to enable it to carry out the purpose of this Order.

7. The chairperson and the members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Governor, and

(a) At least fifty percent of new members appointed after the effective date of this Order shall be persons of disability. Up to ten percent of the full Committee membership may be family members of persons of disability and/or advocates;

(b) The membership shall be selected so as to represent a wide variety of physical, mental or sensory disability characteristics. Geography, occupation, sex, age, socioeconomic status, other minority membership and diversity of viewpoints will also be considered in making appointments;

(c) Selected governmental leaders and advocates necessary to enable the Committee to carry out the work of this Order may participate on the Committee as non-voting associate members. The Governor shall appoint associate members; and

(d) The Committee may establish advisory, work and study groups as necessary to carry out the work of this Order.

8. The Employment Security Department shall continue as the lead agency in providing fiscal and administrative support to the Committee, including:

(a) Seeking and securing additional support for the Committee from other state agencies; and

(b) Coordinating the fiscal and administrative support that all other agencies and sources provide to the Committee.

9. The Committee shall have authority to accept support and assistance, or receive gifts, grants, endowments or bequests as may be made to or provided from state agencies or other public/private sources for the use and benefit of the purposes of the Committee and to expend the same, or any income therefrom, according to any attached terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the State of
Washington to be affixed at Olympia this
1st day of July A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Booth Gardner
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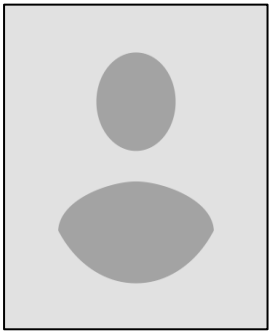
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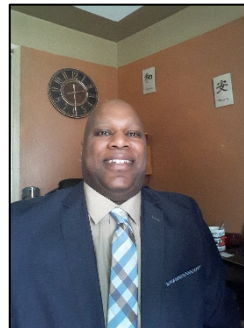
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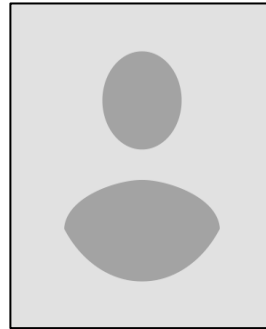
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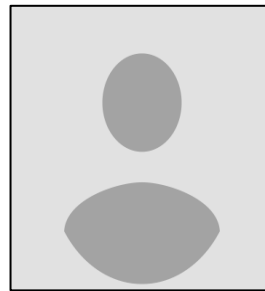
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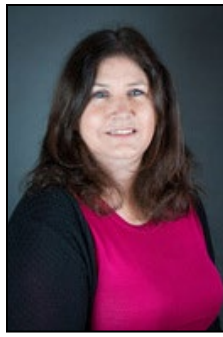
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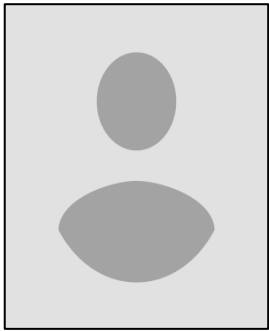
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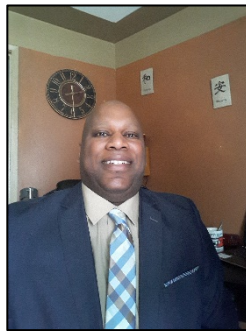
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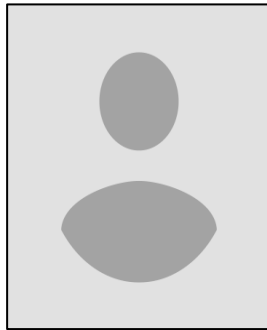
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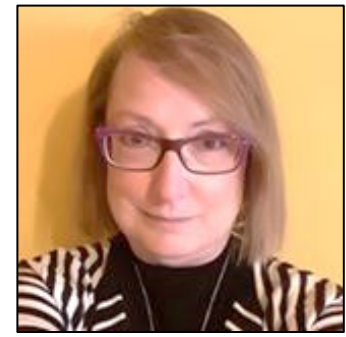
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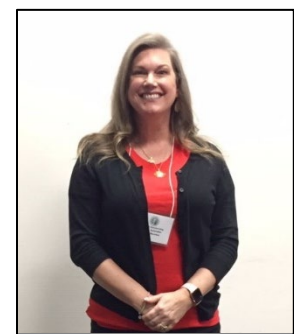
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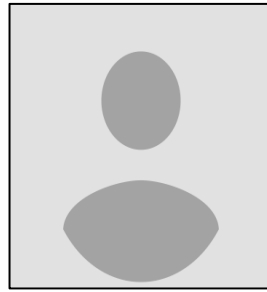
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General Membership Meetings

October 2, 2020

January 20, 2021

Coordinating Committee Meetings

August 14, 2020

December 11, 2020