



**Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Legislative Workgroup (LWG)
Meeting Notes
Friday, January 13, 2023
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

Topic: Legislative Workgroup

Time: January 13, 2023, 09:00 AM

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Attendees: Kristin DiBiase (Lead); Amy Cloud (Co-Lead); Patricia Bauccio, Dr. Marsha Cutting, Patti Dailey-Shives, Lucas Doelman, Clarence Eskridge, Dr. Kevin Frankeberger, Damiana Harper, GCDE Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz. Guest Presenters: Sunshine Cheng and David Lord from Disability Rights Washington (DRW).

1. **Welcome.** Kristin welcomed everyone for the first meeting of the new year. She is the new LWG lead, and Amy is co-lead. We will reserve five minutes at the end of the meeting for public comments.
2. **Meeting Notes.** Patti motioned that the December 2022 meeting notes be approved as written and Damiana seconded. All voted to approve, and the motion was carried.
3. **Update on NAUWU.** Sunshine Cheng and David Lord gave an overview of how to give legislative testimony and “tell your story.” Sunshine will share her PowerPoint with the workgroup. She also encouraged everyone to attend the DRW advocacy workshop. Advocacy workshop registration link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcYjpuPUOMFwoDxEbiqLug8rPVPMuL7b1AjMAbQvv97ylcPA/viewform?usp=sf_link

David clarified his affiliation with DRW stating that he is retired as a staff member, so he does not represent them. He is providing some technical support for the Cross Disability Advocacy Network. Sunshine is the DRW representative.

4. **Review LWG Legislative Session Prioritization Process.** Kristin suggested dividing up legislation into two tiers. Tier 1 is directly related to people with disabilities. Tier 2 is everything else. For example, a bill regarding hearing instruments is directly related to people with disabilities so that would be a tier 1 priority. Solitary confinement may affect people with disabilities but not directly so that would be considered tier 2. Elizabeth will identify tier 1 bills and the LWG members will decide which ones they want to focus on as a group.

Some factors to consider will be urgency, complexity, intersectionality, and cost.

LWG members are encouraged to use their talents and interests in this workgroup. Some might testify either verbally or in writing. Others might research the bills to make sure we aren't missing anything. It was suggested that members who are new to research learn this skill for future succession planning.

5. **Communication Plan.** Kristin and Amy will focus on connecting with the media. They will draft opinion pieces, letters to the editor and inform reporters. They will also provide media training to the NAUWU Coalition's rapid response team on messaging strategies.

The LWG members will help with drafting email alerts, developing messaging tools/key messages for legislators. They will also develop simple, but descriptive handouts for advocates to use when communicating at the NAUWU bill.

Kristin said she would like a tagline to use when communicating "Nothing About Us Without Us." Amy suggested "WE are Us."

6. **New Business:**

Marsha talked about Rep. Mia Gregerson's Right to Repair bill and how it applies to fixing wheelchairs. She will give more information as it progresses.

Kevin asked the Legislative Workgroup will become a GCDE subcommittee in the future? Because of time constraints, Kristin tabled this discussion for the next LWG meeting.

7. **Public Comments:** No members of the public attended the meeting so there were no public comments.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2023, at 9:00 am