

**Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Legislative Workgroup (LWG)**



**Meeting Notes
Friday, October 13, 2023
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

Topic: Legislative Workgroup

Time: October 13, 2023, 09:00 AM

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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome; Call to Order and Attendance; Reminder of meeting courtesies. Patti was the facilitator of today's meeting because Amy was not able to attend.

Meeting Attendees: Patti Dailey-Shives, Vice Chair; Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair, Dr. Kevin Frankeberger, Kristin DiBiase, Lucas Doelman, Dr. Marsha Cutting, and Clarence Eskridge. Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz.

- 2) Request Subcommittee Volunteers to work on the priorities below and determine a check-in date:

- a. Review language used (primer on word choice, for ex: educate versus lobby) and develop a “cheat sheet” to help guide effective legislator visits (take a leave-behind, have key messages and personal input distilled, send a follow-up Thank You note reminding legislator of topics discussed, our promise and timeline)

There were no volunteers. We will follow-up with this item at the next meeting.

- b. Develop a database of (all GCDE) members’ expertise and capabilities relative to government engagement (for ex: Patti’s history and expertise, Clarence’s technical capability, Amy’s strategic communications skill).

Clarence volunteered to create a simple survey with 4-5 questions. He will complete the survey by our December meeting. Elaine will send the survey via her email address. Elaine and Clarence will meet next week to discuss.

- c. Create a Civics 101 guide (for all GCDE members, but specific for this sub-committee’s members) that could include: what happens at each level of government; how to search for a bill; how to advocate for a bill; how can political action intersect with disability advocacy. And?).

Marsha, Patti, and Kristin volunteered and will report on the progress at the December meeting. They will compile information from sources like Disability Rights Washington, and the League of Women Voters.

- d. Develop a training schedule (for all GCDE members, but specific for this sub-committee’s members) that could include
 - i. Effective communication (in general + with electeds)
 - ii. Media relations
 - iii. How to “educate” (lobby/advocate) effectively
 - iv. How to come up-to-speed on an issue or bill
 - v. How to engage at the local level

vi. Other?

Lucas and Damiana volunteered to work on this project. The information will be presented to the Legislative Subcommittee first and then all GCDE members.

Patti reminded everyone that Legislative Session starts in January. Elizabeth creates a spreadsheet of disability-related legislation that she will track. Elizabeth suggested that members to <https://leg.wa.gov/> as great way to learn about the bills.

[TVW](#) airs the legislative meetings. There are interesting presentations on the [Trueblood Settlement](#).

Marsha talked about the Right to Repair bill. She suggested attaching wheelchairs as part of this bill that currently covers consumer electronics.

Lucas said he is a volunteer for the City of Olympia, and they can only issue warnings and not tickets for ADA violations. Elizabeth will check if this is a fact. Kevin can also get information from his son who is a police sergeant.

Kevin made a motion to change the name from the Legislative Workgroup to the Legislative Subcommittee. All voted yes with no opposition. Motion passed.

It was agreed that we will change the next Legislative Subcommittee meeting to December 15 rather than December 22. All were in favor with no opposition.

- 3) **Next Meeting: Friday, December 15, 2023.** (November meeting canceled due to holidays and conflicting GCDE events.)
- 4) Public Comment (If necessary).
- 5) Adjournment.