



Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)
Community Outreach Subcommittee Meeting | October 13th, 2025, | 4:37-5:23 pm

Minutes

1: Welcome to the Community Outreach meeting – call to order – Marsha Cutting

Meeting called to order by presiding Chair Marsha Cutting at 4:37pm. The current times during the freeze may be more difficult than the pandemic and virtual everything.

2: Roll Call – any known absences? (Quorum = 4, excluding staff) – Marsha Cutting

Present:

Staff: Emily Spears, Elaine Stefanowicz, Elizabeth Gordon absent (follow up)

Subcommittee members: Marsha Cutting, Lyn Sowdon, Daniel Ledgett (leaving early), Dave Carl jumped off and rejoined – internet issues, Ivyanne Van Der Peet (leaving early).

Absent: Patti Dailey-Shives, Lucy Barefoot - Associate

Quorum of 4 members met. Steven no longer participating in CO.

3: Housekeeping rules & approve last meeting minutes – Marsha Cutting

Standard housekeeping rules reviewed (state your name, raise your hand, speak slowly & 1 at a time).

Motion called to approve last meeting minutes (quorum met – Lyn moves, Dave seconds, none opposed – minutes adopted as written).

4: Planning for the future, next steps – Marsha Cutting

a. Discussing how to move forward: next steps – Marsha/all. There has been a revision in plans.

- **Capacity to attend events on behalf of GCDE.** We had been working on this. Elizabeth concerned re: use of time (hostility to govt./situations). What can we do w/o this or typical events? Need to do something.
- **Ability to partner with the AC Subcommittee.** Steve Lewis is open to working together. Dave knows we've discussed this before. He doesn't see why not if others are on board. Marsha felt the all-ACAC meeting was useful – heard things/shared ideas. Could we survey ACAC's about the wheelchairs in emergencies issue?
- **Planning a possible listening session – virtual/statewide.** Marsha wanted thoughts. Should we try to do this, or plan just plan for the end of the year? If a concern is hostility from public, wouldn't this happen at a session? It would likely be broader than all-ACAC meeting. If publicized, we could have a large audience. What would the goal/scope/outcome be? We need to decide that (stripped down: the goal is to be doing

community outreach in some way – hearing concerns, possibly brainstorming separately on how to solve the issues - could focus on a couple). Without a focus, a statewide listening session may not be manageable – see Marsha’s ideas below.

- **Succession planning – Marsha terming off as chair in Dec.** (2.5 months away including holidays). She hopes to get involved locally with a couple of things after that. First, transportation to employment during non-commuter hrs./last mile service (Kitsap pilot). And second, what happens to wheelchairs/chargers in an emergency situation (SAIL is also working on it). Questions: Are there already (limited) solutions i.e. care teams, ID’s noting wheelchair use/legislation/stories otherwise? Would we target entities that don’t have solutions (or that do, such as EMTs)? ASL interpreters in medical settings are also an issue (as is access to exam tables). Could GCDE reasonably impact this somehow? AC grants may be a possibility for trailer hitch lifts.

5: Next Meeting date, time, & cadence– subcommittee members – currently 2nd Mondays at 4:30pm.

Next meeting date is Monday, Nov. 10th at 4:30pm – invite forthcoming. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

ACTIONS:

- Think further on what topics to highlight at a possible listening session – Marsha will start a draft survey to ACAC’s on the abundance of some different issues (such as the wheelchair emergency transport) to guide decisions around next steps on how to move forward before the end of the year (Lyn can help).
- Stay tuned for the next meeting invite.