



**Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Legislative Workgroup (LWG)
Meeting Notes
Friday, April 7, 2023
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

Topic: Legislative Workgroup

Time: April 7, 2023, 09:00 AM

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- 1) **Attendees:** Kristin DiBiase (LWG Lead), Amy Cloud (Vice Lead), Simon Calcavecchia, Dr. Marsha Cutting, Patti Dailey-Shives, Dr. Kevin Frankeberger, Damiana Harper (GCDE Chair), Dr. Steve Lewis, and Andy Song-Schierberl. Staff: Elaine Stefanowicz.
- 2) Welcome, Call to Order and Attendance
- 3) Housekeeping Matters
- 4) Review of Previous Meeting Notes. Marsha motioned to approve the minutes and Kevin seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve. Meeting notes approved as written.
- 5) Review of Agenda
- 6) Continuing Business

- a. Kristin said that David Lord (advisor for Disability Rights Washington) did a presentation on Nothing About Us Without Us (NAUWU) for Seattle University Law School students. A lot of the students were excited and signed in favor of the bill.

NAUWU: Sunshine Cheng from Disability Rights Washington reported that the NAUWU is in trouble and at risk of dying by Wednesday, April 12th. She will find out more after a check-in with Rep. Darya Farivar later today. The bill will run again next year (January 2024) and will start in the Senate since it already passed the House.

Lucas asked if it would be beneficial to meet with our ally representatives and senators to see what we could do better. Kristin said it never hurts to be in contact with your state representatives. We need a standard game plan for every bill we want to support.

- b. Tier 1 Priorities for 2023 Legislative Session.

Kevin said we haven't heard back from the White House regarding the letter we sent about accessible currency. He asked about the memo he wants to send to the Chiefs of Staff.

Lucas asked about a bill regarding the closing the institutions for individuals with disabilities. He would like to know the status.

There was a discussion of what bills are still active on our list. Kristin will check the status of these bills, so we know our priorities.

A	B	C	D	E	F
HB 1109	1109	SHB 1109	In rules	Passed Chamber	Funds OSPI to reimburse school districts for costs related who are to conduct evaluations and educational planning for students who are referred for special education services during summer months so that students can begin the year with the services they need.
HB 1134	1134	2SHB 1134	In rules	Passed Chamber	Cleans up language by changing crisis line to designated 988 system; requires behavioral health providers to display info on 988; requires the department to create informational materials for distribution. Creates a 988 geolocation committee to study privacy issues related to national 988 call routing based on location rather than area code.
HB 1222	1222	SHB 1222	Passed Chamber	Passed Chamber	Group health plans other than small group plans must include coverage for hearing instruments including bone conduction hearing devices; coverage must include exams, fittings, auditory training, ear molds and services for over the counter hearing aids. Max bene is \$2500 per ear with hearing loss every 36 months.
HB 1305	1305	2SHB 1305	In rules	Floor calendar	Sets a timeline for processing, conducting and communicating results of disability evaluations made by school districts. Decisions about conducting eval must be made within 15 business days; 5 days after decision school dist must inform parent using multiple channels of communication; creates presumption of permission for eval by requesting special ed services and requires school district to conduct eval within 25 business days in most circumstances.
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HB 1479	1479			Passed Chamber	Prohibits schools from isolating students and using restraints including non public agencies operating special education programs. Stipulates that no student shall be subjected to isolation, mechanical restraint, or chemical restraint when attending school or participating in school sponsored instruction or activities. Includes a ban on physical and chemical restraints.
SB 5300	5300	SSB 5300	Passed Chamber		Health plans that include prescription drug coverage may not require substitution of nonpreferred drugs or increase cost sharing for enrollees if the prescription is for an initial or refill of an antipsychotic, antidepressant, antiepileptic or other drug to treat a serious mental illness if the enrollee is stable on the drug and the provider continues to prescribe it.

7) New Business

Preview: Education Strategy. Tabled until next meeting.

8) Other Business

AHEAD Memorial Teach-In. There was a discussion about Judy Neumann's advocacy. Kristin will send the link that was shared with materials and pictures. <https://www.ahead.org/events-programming/webinars/heumann-memorial-webinar>

9) Recap and Action Items/Homework

10) Next Meeting

11) Public Comment (If Necessary). No public comment.

Next LWG Meeting: Friday, May 19, 2023, at 9:00 am