

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



**Meeting Notes  
Friday, December 1, 2023  
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

Topic: Legislative Workgroup

Time: December 1, 2023, 09:00 AM

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Members Present: Lucas Doelman, Kristina, Kristin DiBiase, Dr. Kevin Frankeberger, Angie West, Dr. Marsha Cutting, and Patti Dailey-Shives.

Staff present: Emily Heike, and Elizabeth Gordon.

**AGENDA**

- 1) Report out from Coordinating Committee meeting Oct. 27? (Amy)  
Tabled
- 2) Elizabeth summarized the following from our last meeting:
  - a. We prioritized expanding beyond just legislative to local government advocacy, followed by
  - b. Creating a database of GCDE members' expertise and capabilities

- c. Creating a Civics 101 guide for all GCDE membership
  - d. Setting a schedule for trainings, to include
    - i. Effective communications
    - ii. Media relations
    - iii. How to research legislative issues or bills
    - iv. Effective local advocacy
  - e. Introducing Patti Dailey-Shives as vice chair and lead for education and advocacy during the 2024 legislative session
- 3) Discussion: Create a standard guide for communication that includes recommended language and word choices; a “cheat sheet” for setting up, conducting, and following up legislative visits (i.e. how to get in, how to be brief and effective, how to use the Thank You to reiterate key message) templates for each of these communication elements.
- a. Members felt these guides already exist in other groups and we need to gather than information rather than recreating.
    - i. League of Women Voters – Marsha will contact
    - ii. National Volunteer Fire Council: Angi found information and sent it out
    - iii. ARC of Washington – Marsha will look at website
    - iv. DRW-Kevin will contact
    - v. A process for thank you letters needs to be established and templates created.
- 4) Database is in process
- 5) ID trainers-folks suggested the Developmental Disability Council and ARC of Washington as well as DRW and Diana from the ARC
- 6) Marsha reported that Rep Mia Gregerson has a bill “right to repair” includes power wheelchairs, Zero Waste Washington is working on this bill and is supportive. United Spinal is also supportive although they have concerns about language. Apple opposed the bill last session but is no longer in opposition. This bill would allow people who purchase equipment such as a power wheelchair to have the right to purchase parts, get repair manuals and other supplies and repair the equipment.
- 7) Elizabeth gave an update on Nothing About Us Without Us. The bill will have the same number as last time HB 154. It died in the Senate, the NAWU coalition is encouraging everyone to reach out to their own senator and let that senator know that this is a bill that is important to

you. The coalition feels that this bill was not well known in the Senate that that is likely why it didn't make it through that chamber. We will share out communication collateral as it becomes available, but reaching out personally with your own interest in the bill is helpful. We are waiting for new collateral to ensure that our messaging is consistent with the current language in the bill. Here is a link to the bill:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1541>

- 8) Next meeting: December 15, 2023
- 9) Adjournment. 9:45