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GOVERNOR’S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

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**Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues & Employment (GCDE)**

**General Membership Zoom Meeting**

**May 21, 2021, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Agenda**

**10:00 am Call the Meeting to Order –** *Damiana Harper* Co-Vice Chair, Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)

**Roll Call** – *Deana Harris,* GCDE Member

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda –** *Damiana Harper*

**House Keeping – Warren Weissman,** Co-Vice Chair, GCDE

**10:15 am Executive Director’s Report –** *Elizabeth Gordon,* Executive Director, GCDE

**10:30 am Recap the Legislative Success Stories for People with Disabilities in the 2021 Legislative Session**

**Panelists** *Darya Farivar, Director of Public Policy****,*** Disability Rights Washington

*Katherine Seibel, Director of Public Policy****,*** National Alliance on Mental Illness, WA State Association

*Adrienne Stuart, Director of Public Policy,* Developmental Disabilities Council

*Jerry Fugich, Chair,* Veterans Legislative Coalition

**11:30 am 10 Minute Break**

**11:40 am GCDE Mission Statements –** *Warren Weissman*, Co-Vice Chair, Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

**12:00 pm GCDE Subcommittee Reports**

* **Governor’s Employer Awards –** *Clarence Eskridge, Chair*
* **Community Outreach –** *Damiana Harper, Chair*
* **Legislative Workgroup –** *Bill Kinyon, Workgroup Leader*

**12:30 pm Lunch Break**

**1:00 pm** **Mental Health Impacts of the Pandemic in Washington State**

**Panelists** *Kim Schneiderman, Executive Director,* National

Alliance on Mental Illness, Southwest Washington

*Mels Felton,* Youth Project Coordinator, Disability

Action Center, Spokane

*Lora Weed*, Adult Substance Use Disorder Team, Health Care Authority

*Matthew Gower,* Adult Mental Health Team, Heath Care Authority

**1:35 pm Break**

**1:45 pm Public Comment Period –** *Warren Weissman*

**2:00 pm COVID-19 Health Equity –** *Yenifer Baynes,*Management Analyst, Department of Health and *Kimberly Meck,* Executive Director, Alliance of People with disAbilities

**2:30 pm GCDE Subcommittee Reports**

* **Accessible Communities –** *Megan Mason-Todd, Chair*
* **Youth Leadership Forum –** *Candace Dickson*
* **Membership –** *Warren Weissman, Chair*

**3:00 pm Wrap-up**

**3:15 pm Adjourn**