Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 23, 2021

Present:

● Angie Auldridge
● Damon Briggs
● Carmen Brown
● Kalani Brown
● Jamal Cannady
● Laura-Sun Cefaratti
● Brent Debnam
● Lisa Derx
● Harold Gomes
● Elizabeth Hall (Representing Carol Beatty)
● Kay Han
● Teresa Herbert
● Jill Hill
● Kareena Jones
● Meghan Jones
● Amanda Lay
● Jed Miller
● Dee Sapp
● Irene Souada
● Teri Sparks
● Maureen van Stone
● Bernie Simons
● Liz Weintraub
● Russell Young

Absent:

● Monique Binger
● Kathy Hargett
● Jarred Jones
● Bernard Simons
● Ronetta Stanley

Staff:

● Rachel London
● Shawan Pearson
● Christy Russell

Guest

● Michael Shriver, Penn-Mar Human Services

● Dale Verstegen of Transcen
Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Kalani Brown, Council Chairperson.

**Welcome and Introductions – Kalani Brown**
- Kalani welcomed everyone; the members of the Council and Michael Shriver, Penn-Mar Human Services and Dale Verstegen of TransCen.

**Public Comments**
- No public comments

**Approval of Minutes – Kalani Brown**
- M/S/P to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes.

**Council Chair Report – Kalani Brown**
- The Leadership Development work team approved The Arc Maryland’s Partners in Policymaking continuation proposal for $100,000.
- The Self-Advocacy work team approved People on the Go of Maryland’s Enhancing Advocacy and Public Policy continuation proposal for $120,000.
- Staff submitted the 2022-2026 5 year state plan. It includes the Council’s goals, objectives, and activities for the next 5 years.

**Executive Director Report – Rachel London**
- The Plain Language Consultant completed all the updates on the website content. The website developer will complete the updates by October 1, 2021.
- Rachel continues to meet with Secretary Schrader, the Maryland Department of Health, and the DD Coalition about unwinding parts of the Appendix K Waiver.

**Presentation by – Marcella Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services**
- Marcella Franczkowski provided information about learning for children with disabilities during and after COVID.

**3rd Quarter FFY21 Final Budget Report – Christy Russell**
- Quarterly budget reviewed. No questions, comments, or concerns.

**Presentation by- Michael Shriver, Penn-Mar Human Services and Dale Verstegen, TransCen**
- Michael Shriver and Dale Verstegen provided a grant update for Rebuilding DDA Providers throughout Maryland through Technical Assistance

**Council Ground Rules – Rachel London and Kalani Brown**
- A motion from the Executive Committee to adopt the Council Ground Rules.
- M/S/P to approve the Council Ground Rules.
In-person Council Meeting Discussion

- No action, the December meeting will be virtual.

Meeting Adjourn @ 5:35p.m.