



**Maryland Developmental
Disabilities Council**

**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
- Karenna 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.