



**Maryland Developmental  
Disabilities Council**

**Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 14, 2022**

**Present:**

- Damon Briggs
- Carmen Brown (Representing Marcella Franczkowski)
- Kalani Brown
- Jamal Cannady
- Laura-Sun Cefaratti
- Brent Debnam
- Scott Dennis
- Lisa Derx
- Harold Gomes
- Tonia Ferguson (Representing Bernie Simons)
- Kay Han
- Kathy Hargett
- Jarred Jones
- Karenn Jones
- Meghan Jones
- Amanda Lay
- Rebecca Oliver
- Sohail Qarri
- Dee Sapp
- Irene Souada
- Terri Sparks
- Maureen van Stone
- Liz Weintraub
- Liz Woodward
- Russell Young

**Absent:**

- Angie Auldridge
- Carol Beatty
- Teresa Herbert

**Staff:**

- Anastasia Collins
- Christy Russell
- Rachel London
- Shawan Pearson
- Stephanie Dolamore
- Zachary Hands

**Guest:**

- Gail Goodwin,  
Shared Support Maryland

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, the newly hired Director of Policy Initiatives, Stephanie Dolamore, and consultant Zachary Hands, Legislative and Communication Liaison.

**Public Comments**

- No public comments

**Approval of Minutes – Kalani Brown**

- M/S/P to approve the December 9, 2021 minutes.

**Council Chair Report – Kalani Brown**

- The Membership Committee will interview new Council member candidates in May. The Council will vote on the selected candidates during the June Council meeting.
- The Nominations Committee is accepting nominees for Council Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Council will vote on the Chair and Vice-Chair during the June Council meeting.
- Congratulations to Liz Weintraub, Council Member appointed to President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

**Executive Director Report – Rachel London**

- Staff submitted the 2020 and 2021 Periodic Performance Reports (PPR) to the Administration for Community Living (ACL).
- Highlights, the 2021 public report, will be designed in the coming months and Council members will receive a copy when it is completed.
- ACL accepted the 5 year State Plan.
- The Council accepted \$95,000 from the Administration for Community Living to boost the Public health workforce during COVID and other national emergencies. The Council and the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities will partner to create a curriculum for new public health professionals to better train them about people with developmental disabilities.

**Presentation: Gail Godwin, Shared Support Maryland: Expectations Matter – My life, My Choice, My Plan**

- Overview of the Council funded project about person-centered planning.

**1st Quarter FFY22 Budget Report – Christy Russell**

- Quarterly budget reviewed. No questions, comments, or concerns.

**Council Communications - Zach Hands**

- Council communications, including the use of social media, discussed.

- Staff will conduct a survey to better understand what information Council members, email subscribers, and social media followers want to know more about. Staff will report on the findings during the June Council meeting.

**Legislative Updates – Rachel London and Zachary Hands**

- The Maryland General Assembly introduced 2,942 bills during the 2022 legislative session.
- The Council prioritized 83 bills and monitored an additional 79 bills.

**Meeting Adjourn @ 5:40p.m.**