



**Maryland Developmental
Disabilities Council**

**Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2022**

Present:

- Angie Auldridge
- Damon Briggs
- Kalani Brown
- Jamal Cannady
- Brent Debnam
- Scott Dennis
- Lisa Derx
- Kay Han
- Kathy Hargett
- Teresa Herbert
- Karenn Jones
- Meghan Jones
- Amanda Lay
- Rebecca Oliver
- Dr. Sohail Qarni
- Dee Sapp
- Irene Souada
- Maureen van Stone
- Liz Woodward
- Russell Young

Absent:

- Carmen Brown
- Laura – Sun Cefaratti
- Harold Gomes
- Elizabeth Hall
- Jarred Jones
- Bernie Simons
- Liz Weintraub

Staff:

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

Guest:

- Amy Dwyer D'Agato
- Bea Hammett
- Kim McKay
- Zach McKay
- Teri Sparks

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Kalani Brown, Council Chairperson.

Welcome and Introductions – Kalani Brown

- Kalani welcomed everyone, introductions of Council Members and Staff to new members and visitors.

Public Comments

- No public comments

Approval of Minutes – Kalani Brown

- M/S/P to approve the March 23, 2022 minutes.

Council Chair Report – Kalani Brown

- NACDD Conference will be held in Washington the 2nd week of July.
- A decision on hosting a hybrid Council meeting in September has not been made. Staff will send more details before the September meeting.
- Agency representatives should send their updates to Shawan Pearson 2 weeks prior to the Council Meeting for inclusion in the Council's meeting packets.
- Farewell messages to Amanda Lay, Jamal Cannady, Teresa Herbert, and Brent Debnam. Their terms end 6/30/2022.

Executive Director Report – Rachel London

- The Council received \$1,201,464 from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in FY22, and anticipate additional funding in FY23.
- The Council partnered with the Department of Disabilities to issue a request for proposals for an inclusive playground framework. RFPs are due June 24, 2022 by noon.
- Secretary Schrader of the Maryland Department of Health extended the Appendix K flexibility through September 30, 2022.
- The Council is working with the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to develop a easy to understand guide of DDA services.
- Special thank you to the outgoing Chairperson, Kalani Brown and Vice-Chairperson, Brent Debnam, for serving the Council for the last 4 years.

Presentation: TerpsEXCEED – Amy Dwyre D'Agati, Director; Zach McKay; Kim McKay; Beatrice Hammett)

- Overview of the Council funded project at University of Maryland that supports students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully participate in classes and social activities on campus.

Membership Committee -Brent Debnam

- Motion from the Membership Committee to approve 4 new Council members. Their term will begin July 1, 2022.
M/S/P to approve the nominations of new Council members.

Nominations Committee- Amanda Lay

- Motion from the Nominations Committee to approve Dee Sapp for Chairperson and Megan Jones for Vice-Chairperson of the Council starting July 1, 2022.
M/S/P to approve the nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

2nd Quarter FFY22 Budget Report – Christy Russell

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

Housing Publication- Rachel London

- M/S/P to approve funding for a new Inclusive Housing Publication. It will highlight people with disabilities who live in their own home in the community.

Council Communications - Zach Hands

- Council communications, including the use of social media, discussed.
- Staff sent a survey to help guide the Council’s communications plan. The survey results supported providing more:
 - Policy and legislative updates
 - Events and resources for people with developmental disabilities and their families
- The annual Photo Contest, Recreation and Relationships began accepting photo submissions.. The deadline to submit a photo is July 31, 2022.

State Agency and Sister Agency Reports

- **Maureen van Stone – MCDD** – The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) will host a summer learning. The 13 sessions will end the 1st week of August.

Meeting Adjourn @ 5:40p.m.