



Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

Council Meeting Retreat Minutes Thursday, December 8, 2022

Present:

- Richard Bauernschub
- Damon Briggs
- Kalani Brown
- Meeka Caldwell
- Laura – Sun Cefaratti
- Elizabeth Hall
- Kathy Hargett
- Jarred Jones
- Meghan Jones
- Tiffany Joseph
- Dr. Sohail Qarni
- Dee Sapp
- Teri Sparks
- Maureen van Stone
- Liz Weintraub
- Russell Young

Absent:

- Angie Auldridge
- Carmen Brown
- Scott Dennis
- Harold Gomes
- Kay Han
- Karenna Jones
- Rebecca Oliver
- Bernie Simons
- Liz Woodward

Staff:

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

Guest:

- Kenneth Huddock (MSDE)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dee Sapp, Council Chairperson.

Welcome and Introductions – Dee Sapp

- Dee Sapp welcomed everyone to the Council’s meeting.
- M/S/P to close the meeting for the Council Retreat under the General Provisions Art. §3-305(b): “To protect the privacy or reputation on individuals concerning a matter not related to public business.”

Public Comments

- No public comments

Approval of Minutes – Dee Sapp

- M/S/P to approve the September 22, 2022 minutes.

Chair Report – Dee Sapp

- The Council will host future Council meetings in-person if COVID metrics allow.
- The chairperson and executive director will work with the Executive Committee prior to each Council meeting to decide if the meeting will be in-person or by Zoom.

Executive Director Report – Rachel London

- The FFY2023 funding was approved. The Council should receive the final Notice of Award in February.
- The PPR, submitted to ACL each year, is completed and will be submitted by December 30, 2022.
- The Council increased its communications impact. . The stats are as follows:
 - 63,915 people reached through social media, the website, and email. 40,000 more than last year.
 - 1,350 copies of the ABLE guide provided.

Public Policy Platform – Rachel London

- The Public Policy Platform was provided for the Council’s review. It is on the Council’s website and will be sent to all 188 Maryland legislators.
- The End of Life Act may be reintroduced in the 2023 General Assembly. The Council reviewed the End of Life Act for individuals with Developmental
- Disabilities in 2020, and the Council did not take a position on the Bill. Council members agreed to submit a letter of information if the bill is reintroduced.

Membership Committee – Meghan Jones

- Motion from the Membership Committee to approve 2 new Council members.
They will fill the vacant nonprofit and non-governmental agency seats.
M/S/P to approve the membership of new Council members.

Diversity Work Team - Stephanie Dolamore

- Motion from the Diversity Work team to approve Kindred Consulting Proposal.
M/S/P to approve proposal from Kindred Consulting.

4th Quarter FFY 2022 Budget Report – Christy Russell

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

Meeting Adjourn @ 5:40 p.m.