

Activities Review-Developmental Disability Advisory Council

The Developmental Disability (DD) Advisory Council continues to work on a variety of activities, focusing on several priority areas. We remain in the early stages of due diligence as we seek to listen and learn from a variety of stakeholders and support recommendations for system wide enhancement.

In partnership with division staff, council members have participated and facilitated several workgroups and sub-committees. These are designed to address a variety of priorities identified by various stakeholders. The key areas we are currently focused on are:

- Communication at all levels of the system. This includes the newly developed process for public review and comment of all new or revised standards and policies.
- Supported Employment, which includes participating in and supporting the work of the Supported Employment Leadership Network (SELN). The council agreed and approved to support the goal of SELN to increase supported employment by 100% by 2015.
- Support Coordination broken into three initial areas of focus:

Communication. This will be connected and incorporated into the work being done by the larger communications workgroup.

CIS Monitoring and summary rating guidelines.

System Design and service definition.

The advisory council continues to listen and review services that include current and developing national and local best practice efforts. The council is working to identify, guide, and make recommendations relative to best practice system and supports. These recommendations facilitate the opportunity for transfer of knowledge, and replication of best practice standards.

Participating in the evaluation and enhancement of the the DD Quality Management System, the advisory council has made recommendations that families and individuals be included in the process and be provided an opportunity to participate in focus groups.

Please go to the DBHDD website at <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov> for meeting minutes, times and locations, and bios of each advisory council member. Also located on the website are proposed policy changes and a feedback/comments form to provide constructive and focused feedback.