


**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Meeting Agenda**

 <b>DBHDD</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>IDD Advisory Council (DDAC) Meeting</b>
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 24, 2024</b>
	<b>Time</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>
	<b>Location</b>	<b>WebEx</b>
	<b>Call-in Number</b>	<b>+1-415-655-0002, access code: 2347 723 5735</b>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Discussion Facilitator</b>
<b>Roll Call, Welcome, and Introduction</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Caroline Chandler, DDAC Secretary</b>
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>		<b>Caroline Chandler, DDAC Chair</b>
<b>Approval Minutes from Previous Quarter</b>		<b>Caroline Chandler, DDAC Secretary</b>
<b>Opening Remarks</b>		<b>Ron Wakefield, DBHDD</b>
<b>Public Comment</b>		<b>Caroline Chandler, Secretary</b>
<b>Special Presentation</b>		<b>(if a special guest is scheduled)</b>
<b>DBHDD IDD Programmatic Updates</b>		<b>Ron Wakefield, Allen Morgan, Ashleigh Caseman, Tawanda Scales, Ron Singleton, Robert Bell, Olivia Nickens</b>
<b>Self-Advocate Updates</b>		<b>Council Members</b>
<b>Families and PD Representative Updates</b>		<b>Council Members</b>
<b>Provider Updates</b>		<b>Council Members</b>
<b>New Business</b>		<b>Caroline Chandler, DDAC Secretary</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Caroline Chandler, DDAC Secretary</b>

<b>Attendance (Council Members &amp; Division Staff)</b>	
Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair	Ryan Whitmire
Heather Daily, DDAC Vice-chair	Ron Wakefield-DBHDD
Caroline Chandler, DDAC Secretary	Allen Morgan-DBHDD
Riad (Josette) Akhras	Jennifer Dunn-DBHDD
Gina DiPolito	Lori Campbell-DBHDD
June DiPolito	Ashleigh Caseman-DBHDD
Nandi Isaac	Robert Bell-DBHDD
Julie Kable	Jeff Thompson-DBHDD
Twana King	Christine Gudgin-DBHDD
Heidi Moore	Ron Singleton-DBHDD
Andrea Ford	Tawanda Scales-DBHDD
Pauline Shaw	Olivia Nickens-DBHDD
Mira Stallings	
Shanekia Graham	

Attendance Registered Observers & Public Comment	
Rena Harris	Clementine Rivers
Trina Boyd	

**MEETING NOTES AND REMINDERS**

**Agenda Topics Proposed by Council & Staff**

1. Update on implementation and process concerns for the criminal background checks with fingerprinting for PD employees. **(Robert Bell/Olivia Nickens)**
2. Is DBHDD looking at proposing additional caps on CAI/CLS services for participant directed families in future? (example: implementing an hourly cap for employees for CLS or CAI hourly cap no matter what the service. Currently, this is not the case and gives families flexibility) **(Ashleigh Caseman)**
3. How many NOW/COMP waivers have been issued this last fiscal year and plans for next fiscal year starting 7/1? Per Region? **(Tawanda Scales)**
4. Update on Division staff changes. **(Allen Morgan)**
5. Is there a date prior to a new fiscal year that DBHDD is required to get contracts to providers? Providers cannot provide services and/or goods without a contract being executed in a timely manner. **(Ron Wakefield)**
6. My topic suggestion is that DBHDD increase public service announcements regarding services, Council meetings etc. so that public becomes aware of resources, and waivers. This would include articles in local newspapers (which are still popular in rural areas), and local radio stations. Minimum once a month. **(Ron Wakefield)**

**Advisory Council Virtual Meetings for FY2025**

- October 23, 2024
- January 22, 2025
- April 23, 2025

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