

**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes**

	Meeting	IDD Advisory Council (DDAC) Meeting
	Date	Wednesday, October 25, 2023
	Time	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
	Location	WebEx
	Call-in Number	+1-415-655-0002, access code 2330 934 4024

Chair Bruce Lindemann called the meeting to order. Council members Heather Daily, Gina DiPolito, June DiPolito, Andrea Ford, Julie Kable, Heidi Moore and Pauline Shaw and were present. A quorum was established.

Council members Riad Akhras, Caroline Chandler, Nandi Isaac, Twana King, Mira Stallings, Shane Wellman and Ryan Whitmire were absent.

Staff members Robert Bell, Lori Campbell, Allen Morgan, Olivia Nickens and Ron Singleton were in attendance.

Others present were Clementine Rivers, Rena Harris and Kathryn Palmer.

Council approved the minutes of the July 26, 2023, meeting and the agenda for the current meeting.

DBHDD IDD Programmatic Updates

Ron Wakefield & Olivia Nickens addressed questions about the participant directed PAR process for vacation submitted by Council member (CM) Heidi Moore.

Olivia Nickens spoke to the following topics submitted by various Council members (CM):

- Manual updates (staff update)
- Concerns about lack of providers in Region 2 (CM-Nandi Isaac)
- Topics submitted by CM Heidi Moore:
 - Participant directed (PD) vendor process from last meeting
 - Update on Appendix K and family hires
 - Participant directed quarterly meeting scheduling
 - Other proposed changes or other procedures impacting PD services

Lori Campbell & Allen Morgan updated Council on fiscal agents and finger printing.

Dr. Mercedes Brown & Lori Campbell presented on crisis stabilization.

Council Member Updates (Self-advocates, Family & Participant Directed, Providers)

Bruce Lindemann congratulated his daughter's service provider, Jewish Family & Career Services for receiving CARF accreditation.

Heidi Moore's son Jared is working on a research project at UAB looking at executive function with adults with disabilities (specifically Down syndrome and Williams Syndrome). St Jude was just awarded a research grant in Jacob's honor continuing to research the connection between Down syndrome and leukemia and higher frequency rates. Jacob is continuing to volunteer at his local library with the help of his behavioral supports team and doing well. She emphasized the need for parents/caregiver to take care of themselves and seek medical treatments and respite.

Heather Daily will have the opportunity to provide Person Centered Training around Conflict Resolution to a group of DSPs in GA in the coming weeks/months.

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New Business

Council Membership – Due to changes in provider staffing, three Council members were now employed by the same provider in the same region. The Chair stated that there was no membership violation of the by-laws because each member represented a different constituency group, and representation from all regions was maintained. Council members agreed.

Commissioner’s IDDS Work Group – The Chair represents the Council on this Work Group. The first meeting was in September and consisted of setting the agenda for the Work Group. The Commissioner charged the Work Group with developing recommendations to 1) eliminate the waiting list, 2) address use of hospital/emergency rooms by individuals with IDD, and 3) reduce the provider work force shortage. The second meeting in October included presentations by IDD Division Staff on the current planning list.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Remaining FY 2024 Council Meetings

- January 24, 2024
- April 24, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Lindemann

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DDAC Chair

For

Carolyn Chandler
DDAC Secretary