


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

	Meeting	IDD Advisory Council (DDAC) Meeting
	Date	Wednesday, October 26, 2022
	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, Caroline Chandler, Gina DiPolito, June DiPolito, Nandi Isaac, Twana King, Heidi Moore, Shane Wellman and Julie Kable were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Council members Estelle Duncan, Riad Akhras, Lynnette Bragg, Jeffery Cantor and David Wilbur were absent.

Staff members Ron Wakefield, Lori Campbell, Jeff Thompson, Robert Bell, Ashleigh Caseman, Allen Morgan, Ron Singleton, Christine Gudgin and Olivia Nickens were in attendance.

Council approved the minutes of the July 27, 2022, and the agenda for the current meeting.

DBHDD IDD Programmatic Updates

Ron Wakefield discussed the Commissioner’s retirement. He explained that it is important to Commissioner Fitzgerald and the rest of the team that the work serving Georgians continues.

Ron Singleton discussed work related to the 5% increase. He also discussed our work with the FIs for managing the 5% increase for PD families.

Jeff Thompson and **Olivia Nickens** shared changes to Participant Direction for the COMP waiver. Communication was intentional and went to DBHDD staff first, followed by Support Coordination leadership, then Support Coordinator and Field Operations training, and then with the message to all COMP waiver PD families.

Ashleigh Caseman shared information on the appendix extension. She also explained information related to PD in the NOW waiver not aligning with the recent COMP waiver changes. There would be restrictions on receiving ARPA funding if NOW waiver were aligned to match recent COMP changes. Ashleigh discussed progress with the ongoing rate study and agreed with the Chair on how helpful it would be to have a site for all ARPA projects led by DBHDD and DCH.

Allen Morgan and **Ashleigh** shared that regions have received additional training related to what is permissible in SMS. This may have created some inconsistency in approvals prior to and after the training.

Lori Campbell discussed workforce development, retention, and recruitment.

Christine Gudgin provided a very brief update on the employment pilot.

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

Heidi Moore reminded everyone that the Senate Study Committee on People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is currently seeking input across the state regarding I/DD services and waiting lists.

Bruce Lindemann was concerned that there is no one place to view updates on ARPA projects (>\$586M) led by DHBDD and/or DCH that impact folks with IDD.

New Business

- Council elected Caroline Chandler to replace Estelle Duncan as Council Secretary.
- Chair reported on disappointing efforts to simplify the process to attend Council meetings for both Council members and the public, and to update the Council's presence on the DBHDD website. Chair has been working with David Sofferin and Theo Carter from the Department since June.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Remaining Council Meetings

- FY2023 Quarter 3 – Wednesday, January 25, 2023
- FY2023 Quarter 4 – Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Lindemann

Bruce Lindemann, Chair
(for Estelle Duncan, Secretary)