



**Commission on People with Disabilities
Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Executive Office Building

Lobby Level Auditorium

101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Seth Morgan, Chair

Trish Gallalee, Vice-Chair

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- *If MCPS closes early, or if afternoon or evening activities are cancelled, B/C/C afternoon and evening meetings are cancelled.*
- *If MCPS is closed all day, all B/C/C meetings for that day and evening will be cancelled.*

- 6:00 Call to Order, Introductions & Approval of January 2020 Meeting Minutes - Seth Morgan, Chair**
- 6:05 Seeking Input for Sensory Friendly Initiative in County – Leslie Rubin, Senior Legislative Analyst, Office of Legislative Oversight, Montgomery County Council**
- 6:15 Street Safety and Inclusion of Communities with Various Abilities – The Honorable Evan Glass – Councilmember, Montgomery County Council Health & Human Service (HHS) Committee and Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committee**
- 6:45 Legislation Update: Neal Carter**
Developmental Disabilities Legislative Update – John Whittle & Tom Liniak will discuss SB 796 - Developmental Disabilities Administration - Program Changes and Required Reports (see over)
- 7:05 Chair and Vice-Chair Report – Seth Morgan and Trish Gallalee**
- 7:10 Ex-Officio and Member Updates**
- 7:20 Announcements**
- 7:25 Community Speaks – Public remarks limited to 1 minute each. Sign up to speak before meeting.**
- 7:30 Adjourn**

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SB 796 Information from Maryland Association of Community Services

We want to make you aware of [SB 796](#), a bill that was introduced by Senator Guy Guzzone this morning entitled [Developmental Disabilities Administration – Program Changes and Required Reports](#). The House bill should be available soon and Delegate Bonnie Cullison is the sponsor. Among other things, the bill would push implementation of the new service definitions and LTSS to July 1, 2021 and likewise require a number of reports from DDA that would assure that the system, funding, communication back up plans, training, etc., are all in place in order to facilitate a smooth transition in which neither people with IDD nor providers are hurt.

Please note when reviewing the bill that *all* of the language contained within the text, both the capitalized text as well as the regular text, is new language. Although typically lower case text indicates existing law, Maryland's drafting rules also require that un-codified language be in lower case.

Key points are summarized below and we will be developing more condensed talking points and materials for you to use when talking to legislators.

Please reach out to Laura and I with any questions - it is critical that we present a unified front of support for the bill when communicating with legislators.

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Bill Highlights

~The following shall be delayed until 7/1/21:

- Service waiver definitions
- New billing system requirements
- Transition to LTSS

~The following shall be delayed Delay until 1/1/21:

- EVV

~DDA shall ensure that people and providers are not adversely impacted when using LTSS or EVV

~A person receiving supports shall have 30 days to appeal a notice of lost Medicaid eligibility and DDA services shall continue pending any appeal of the person's eligibility

~Providers shall also receive notification when a person to whom they provide supports is notified that they have lost Medicaid eligibility.

~Summary of reports that the bill requires DDA to produce:

1. Status of the pilot program by 12/1/20 including specific points the functionality of LTSS
2. Training, resources and equipment needed to use LTSS
3. Actions taken by DDA to ensure that LTSS does not disrupt or limit the services authorized in the PCP
4. Barriers presented by service authorization requirements
5. Actions taken by MDH to ensure providers have base and site numbers
6. Written policies and procedures for all facets of the systems changes
7. Comprehensive guide for people who use supports and their families
8. Status of the backlog on PCP approvals
9. Impact analysis of the new rate system and service definitions for people who use DDA services
10. Impact analysis of implementation of the new rates by service on individual providers
11. Actions taken by DDA to ensure providers have sufficient working capital to transition successfully