

**DD Workgroup Meeting – July 9, 2018
Minutes/Meeting Summary**

Present:

Gabe Alborno	Department of Recreation
Lyda Astrove	Parent
Larry Bram	Easter Seals
Pamela Cooke	Total Care Services
Nancy Corr	Community Support Services/parent
Claire Funkhouser	Parent
Susan Hartung	DD Advisory Committee/ Commission on People with Disabilities/parent
Annette Jolles	Parent
Vicki Kane	Department of Recreation
Shawn Lattanzio	Department of Health and Human Services
Thomas Liniak	Jewish Social Services Agency
Kevin Lowndes	Montgomery County Public Schools
Kim Mayo	Department of Health and Human Services
Sam Oji	Department of Transportation
Sara O' Neil	MMARS Resource Coordination
Shawn Ratliff	Total Care Services
Susan Smith	Housing Opportunities Commission
Kenneth Vinston	Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Linda McMillan	Staff, Montgomery County Council
Rebecca Weingarten	Summer Fellow, Montgomery County Council

Welcome and introductions; Kim Mayo, Department of Health and Human Services, welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Background Information Provided: The Workgroup was provided with drafts of report sections on Recreation, Transportation, and Housing prepared by Carolyn Chen and Linda McMillan, Council staff.

Discussion:

Transportation:

- Outline previous programs that worked well: CAPS
- Be sure to specify door to door vs curb to curb, etc.
- Weakness: lack of continuity between programs/ year to year
- Weakness: recent attacks on bus systems draw concern

Recreation:

- Inclusive recreation vs therapeutic recreation

- A summer opportunity is called “camp” when there is an expectation that it should provide everything that is “not school”
 - o Include more example of recreation beyond therapeutic recreation
- Innovation/ strength: consensus: recreation has improved in the county but still have work; excel beyond the bell highlighted
- Gap/ Weakness: There is a shortage of recreation events, and more personal care service option (excludes severe cases)
- There is an opportunity to better educate the public about the needs of the DD population and how businesses (movies, restaurants, recreation) can be more accommodating.

Review of June 11, 2018 minutes/meeting summary: The Work Group reviewed the minutes/meeting summary. No changes were made but further discussion occurred on items to include in the Workgroup report.

Discussion:

- There remains confusion around the goal of the report/ intentions of building the report
- Additional topics:
 - o Funding: the discussion of funding should include a discussion of direct staff and the “DD Supplement.” See if trends in DDA funding can be provided.
 - o Health
 - o Mental Health: As people age, providers are seeing more people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and dementia or Alzheimer’s Disease.
 - o Information access/ availability of information – especially for parents

Additional topics from June 11th can be consolidated:

- Transition of people in adult services in different stages of life. → **Transition to adult services**
- Child Care for ages middle school and beyond → **Childcare/ rename before and after care**
- Respite services → **Funding or Caregiver Support** (Request to look at what has stayed the same or changed since the 2009 report. Also respite for people with I/DD and mental health challenges.)
- Aging caregivers.
- Safety in the community, social settings, and safety in social media.
- Impact of changes at DDA – how many providers are approved for the new waivers. → **Health**
- Changes at DORS and with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). → **Employment**
- Availability of existing supports and how this compares to where people live. → **Housing**
- Description of all funding sources. → **Funding**
- Who is not getting counted. → **Eligibility**

- Consistency and differences in evaluation by DDA and MCPS. When families transition from school to adult services the language and definitions change. → **Transition to adult services**
- Language needs for non-English speakers. → **Education**
- Mental Health Services – number of providers and access to providers – other gaps. → **Own category or part of health**
- Dental Services – number of providers and access to providers. → **Health**
- Hospital Services – how are they trained to work with patients with Developmental Disabilities. → **Health**

The Workgroup continued the discussion of how to include personal stories, both positive and those that highlight needs, in the report.

The Workgroup agree to postpone discussion of housing until the next meeting.

Next meeting: The Workgroup agreed to hold its next meeting on Monday, July 30th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at 401 Hungerford, 1st floor large conference room. This is in addition to the “regular” meeting of August 13th.