



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

Community Engagement Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2025

Time: 3:02-4:01pm

Location: Zoom Link

Facilitator: Committee Chair, Jake Didinsky

Attendees:

Jake Didinsky (Ran the meeting)
Crystel Britto, Staff
Karla Nabors
Jay Persing
Justin Hack
3:20
Dorne Hill
Michael Greenberg

Minutes:

- Jake Called to order @ 3:04
- Voted on Jake Didinsky for Chair of committee
- Discussed voting
 - Everything in this committee is in draft form and voted on in formal meeting with full committee
 - Non voting members in main committee can vote to approve drafts
- All future meetings will be open to the public, doesn't mean all meetings will be open to public comment (public comment will be listed in agenda)
- Crystel shares that all meetings that are open to the public must have our agenda posted on the website 5 days prior to the meeting
- Review and approval of agenda and last month's meeting
 - Review proposed plan, well received by committee
 - Karla brings up TWG fair on April 6th to launch
 - Need to ask committee to vote (Feb. 27th meeting) for permission to launch on April 6th from 1-4, Rockville campus, Montgomery College
 - Jillian shares info on accessible evaluations
 - Jake asks if we can meet to brainstorm questions (proof of concept)

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- Karla will work on day of logistics and secure a room and space
- Jillian will send list to task force of Main St templates (accessible evals)
- Dorne offers to help before event, cannot be there that day
- Group will ask for volunteerism on day of from overall committee
- Karla can get some student intern volunteers
 - Justin offers to help on April 6th
- Jake asks for public comments
- Michael greenberg asks if general/broader community will be engaged and Jake replies yes over time.
- No New Business
- Public comment
 - Jake discusses DD budget/DD day
 - Jake discusses creating/sharing briefer policy info relating to DD policies that are cumbersome and wonky
 - Jay shares that 1/12 are illiterate and 1/8 can't read well at all
 - Crystel can look into ways we can share with public
 - Karla shares using bullets, "short/sweet" that captures concerns/issues so when they talk to delegates and senators, they have bullet points
 - Michael Greenberg shares that folks in the county have a hard time finding resources, we can do a public roundup so people can turn to IDDC to get information and can join monthly to hear what is up, share what they need to
 - Jake agrees and asks Crystel if a newsletter is possible. Crystel will check. Jake confirms we want to get the word out to all stakeholders so we can represent everyone's voices.
 - Jake offers everyone sharing voices in local op eds (as individuals, not as a commission)
 - Crystel will send a blank document for group to list questions we want to ask in the survey
 - Next meeting will be Feb. 20th @ 3:00 to vote on bringing forward our plan/survey to broader committee
- Jake recaps:
 - SharePoint document
 - Meeting follow up and vote proof of concept to present Feb. 20
 - Once approved, we will flush out and ask for volunteers from committee
- Crystel sent invite, sending blank document, needs agenda 5 days before we meet on Feb. 20th
- Jake adjourns at 4:01

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