



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2025

Time: 5pm – 6:30pm

Location: Zoom Link

Guest Speakers(s): None

Call to Order, Welcome:

- Chair, Steve Riley, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- Chair Riley did an attendance roll call. All commissioners present except Jillian C.
- The announcement of the resignation of David Ervin added to the meeting agenda.
- Rick C. asked to add Governor Wes Moore's proposed budget to the agenda. Will be added during the Commission committee report section.
- Minutes unanimously approved as presented.

Chair's Remarks:

- Chair acknowledged feedback from commissioners related to his engagement style and welcomed additional feedback on improvement opportunities as chair. He also apologized if anyone was offended by his behavior.
- The IDDC letter was sent to the Deputy Sec of Health & Human Services and DDA on 1/7/25. Rachel London from the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council expressed appreciation to the Commission for sharing our position.
- Awaiting feedback from the County Executive's Office related to the IDDC open position vacancy.
- David Ervin is resigning from the Commission effect January 31, 2025. The Chair thanked David for his service.
- Ramona Buck and Beth Pierce restarting work as facilitators for the IDDC. They will focus on operational improvements and efficiency. They will contact commissioners for feedback and input. They will attend the Feb 2025 in person meeting to discuss findings.

Old Business:

- The Community Engagement Committee met on 1/16/25 and began to outline a plan of action. Jake Didinsky elected as chair. Next meeting is 2/6/25.
- The Policy & Programs Committee will meet on 1/29/25.
- The Special Education Committee will meet on 1/24/25.
- Committees to notify Steve Riley and Crystel Britto of the name of the committee chair and share 1-2 recommendations for the IDDC to act upon at the Feb 2025 meeting.
- Maryland Governor's proposed FY26 budget includes a \$200M reduction to the Developmental Disabilities programs/services. Some components for the budget reduction would be retroactive to FY25 (July 2024). Robust discussion ensued. The commission agreed to do the following:
 - Repurpose the Policy & Program Committee meeting on 1/29/25 at 1pm to a special meeting of the commission. During this meeting the IDDC will discuss the proposed budget and recommend actions and advocacy next steps. Members of the DD community and the public are invited to attend this meeting.
 - Crystel Britto will work with commissioners to schedule a follow-up meeting during the week of Feb 3rd to finalize the recommendations and next steps from the 1/29/25 meeting.
- All Commission meetings dates will be added to the IDDC websites
- County Employment People with IDD Program Update: OHR Director will brief Commission at March meeting

New Business:

- Secretary/Notetaker: Yvonne VanLowe elected as Commission Secretary by unanimous consent.

Public Comment:

- Michael Greenberg shared that many people he works with are being disenrolled from Medicaid. When people who receive SSDI transition to Disabled Adult Child (DAC) benefits, that transition can unintentionally cause them to be dropped from Medicaid.

Closed Session Announcement/Vote, Adjournment of Open Session a. Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, specifically Sections 305 (b)(7) and 305 (b)(8), a recorded vote will be taken during the IDDC meeting on January 16, 2025 to hold a closed meeting of the Commission for the sole purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Office of the County Attorney in connection with potential litigation. If approved by the vote of the Commissioners, the closed meeting will take place within the time scheduled for the regular January meeting.

- The Commission unanimously voted to close the meeting. All non-Commissioners and non-staff were excused.

Commission Members Present:

Patrick (Rick) Callahan, Tracy Craig, Jake Didinsky, Onesta Duke, David Ervin, Justin Hack, Susan Hartung, Dorne Hill, Lisa Lorraine, Jenn Lynn, Lori Mitchell-Keller, Karla Nabors, Margaret Parrott, Stephen (Steve) Riley, Eric Salzano, Carmen Smith, Smil Soria, Yvonne VanLowe, John Whittle, Najla Wortham, Carmen Zahra

County Staff Present: Crystel Britto, Kim Mayo, Dr. Patrice McGhee