



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission October Monthly Meeting

October 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

Remote Zoom Meeting link

Attendance

Members Present

- Melita Bell
- Margaret Cage
- Rick Callahan
- Miles Cox
- Jake Didinsky
- Susan Hartung
- Dorne Hill
- Lisa Klem
- Lisa Lorraine
- Jenn Lynn
- Swapnika Madhavaram
- Karla Nabors
- Steve Riley
- Eric Salzano
- Carmen Smith
- Yvonne VanLowe
- John Whittle
- Najla Wortham

Members Not Present

- Jillian Copeland
- Tracy Craig
- Onesta Duke
- Justin Hack
- Lori Mitchell-Keller

- Carmen Zahra

Proof of Quorum

Fourteen voting members of the Commission were present.

Staff Present

- Crystel Britto
- Kim Mayo
- Dale Tibbetts
- Dr. Patrice McGhee

Guests

- Marnie Brennan (Primary Care Coalition)
- Lucy Harris
- Michael Adekunle (Target)
- Stacey Ibekweh

Guest Speakers

- None

Handouts

- October Meeting Agenda (new accessible format)
- September Meeting Minutes (new accessible format)
- Final Priorities submitted to the HHS Committee of the County Council
- Flyer for the Transition Work Group Fair
- IDDC introduction letter to MANSEF

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Riley welcomed attendees and performed a roll call.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The chair reviewed the IDDC's purpose.

September 25, 2025 meeting minutes approved with the correction of the spelling of Elaine's (community member) name.

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

Meeting agenda approved with addition of new business item to vote on meeting with members of the Montgomery County Board of Education's special populations committee and transmittal of DSP resource training resource to CEOs of service providers.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

Old Business

1. Highlights from Commission testimony to the HHS Committee of the County Council
 - a. Crystel Britto shared the virtual link of the meeting.
 - b. Jake Didinsky presented the IDDC priorities. Grounded the priorities in the concept of future-proofing our County irrespective of what happens at the federal or state-level. The special education priorities were well received. Implementation manager request received.
2. Committee Updates
 - a. Policies and Programs, Lisa Lorraine, Chair (Extended Time)
 - i. Maryland Dept. of Health eligibility determinations. Given the issues with eligibility redeterminations, expected regulatory changes and expected loss of Medicaid access for many people, what should the IDDC do? Consider sending a letter to the governor and include the testimonies of the individuals with IDD that the Commission heard from in September. Discussed what other agencies and organizations are doing around this issue. The Committee will discuss all input and share next steps with the full commission.
 - ii. IDDC Membership Makeup. Per enabling legislation, the IDDC membership makeup of 25 commissioners currently includes 9 caregivers/families, 7 service providers, 2 Individuals with IDD, 1 member from the Commission on People with Disabilities and 6 members from County agencies. The committee believes the IDDC should include more people with IDD. Suggested membership composition: 7 people with IDD, 6 caregivers/family members, 6 service providers, 1 person from the people with disabilities commissioners and representation from the self-directed community. Commissioners generally agree with revisiting the membership makeup of the IDDC to ensure that more people with IDD are included in the committee membership. This change will require legislative change at the County level. The committee will discuss next steps.
 - b. Community Engagement, Jake Didinsky, Chair – No report.
 - c. Special Education, Yvonne VanLowe, Chair
 - i. The committee plans to send a letter of introduction to MANSEF, Maryland Association of Non-Public Special Education Facilities, and request a meeting with MANSEF leadership. The committee has updated the letter of introduction sent to MCPS and the BOE for this purpose. Commissioners voted to approve transmittal of the letter to MANSEF.
 - ii. The committee will begin to work on implementing its two priorities as approved by the Commission in September and presented to the County Council and will communicate next steps with the Commission.
 - iii. The committee discussed the dissolution of the federal Dept. of Education and the impact to students with disabilities. We know that MCPS is closely following the developments at the national level and working closely with MD Dept. of Education on next steps.

3. Dates for meeting with the County Executive to discuss county employment of people with IDD.
 - a. New dates for meeting with CE – Nov 21 at 4pm, Nov 24 at 3pm. Commissioners approved meeting with the CE on 11/24 at 3pm. Attendees include Steve Riley, Sue Hartung, Yvonne VanLowe and Lisa Lorraine.
 - b. Commission agreed that anyone interested may attend the meeting. Commissioners should notify Crystel by 10/30/25 if they would like to attend the meeting.
4. DSP Training resource to be moved to the front page of the Commission website. Document still needs to be translated into Spanish.
 - a. The training resource is not on the front page of IDDC website.
 - b. Steve asked Lisa Lorraine if Jubilee (principal author of the document) would entertain the request to translate the document into Spanish.
 - c. Question about the purpose of Spanish translation. Benefit DSPs learning in Spanish and accessibility to for the Spanish speaking community, particularly those in Self-Directed Services.
 - d. The motion to transmit the document to DSP providers via InterACC was approved by commissioners.
5. Crystel shared that IDDC public advocacy to need to be reviewed by the County's intergovernmental affairs department.
6. Recommended dates for in-person (hybrid) meetings for 2025-2026 Commission Year: March 26, 2026, May 28, 2026 and August 2026 (date undetermined).
 - a. Recommended dates for in person IDDC meeting approved.

New Business

1. Transition Work Group Fair, November 2nd, 1-4pm, CLE, Rockville.
 - a. The motion to participate in the Transition Fair was approved by commissioners. The purpose of hosting a table is the hear from the IDD community. Commissioners should notify Crystel if they can staff the table.
2. Potential meeting with the Special Populations Committee of the Board of Education (BOE).
 - a. Steve shared that BOE president, Julie Yang, recommended a meeting between the IDDC and the special populations committee of the BOE. The motion to meet with the Special Populations Committee of the BOE was approved by commissioners. Steve to coordinate to schedule the meeting.
7. Collaboration Council is providing training on disability language and communication on 10/24/25 at 3pm. Crystel to share flyer with commissioners. Consider sharing the recording as a resource on the IDDC website.

Public Comment

- Michael Adekule, Target Community and Educational Services commended the Commission on its work and suggested commissioners listen to public comment and concerns to respond to.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 20th at 5pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.