



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

Policies and Programs Committee

April Meeting Agenda

Date: April 9, 2025

Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Zoom Link <https://montgomerycountymd.gov.zoom.us/j/81988803548?pwd=SL03dPfBosUtoOsGeOwgrWIXpSJPJr.1>

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Guest Speakers(s): Antoine Williams, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Director of Programs and Stephanie Jones DDA Statewide Director of Innovations

- 3:00 p.m. Call to order, welcome – Chair, Lisa Lorraine
- 3:02 p.m. Review/approve minutes of March 4, 2025, meeting (attached)
- 3:05 p.m. Chair's Remarks on Committee's Work and Timeline
- 3:10 p.m. New Business
 - 1) Employment of people with IDD in County Government jobs (agenda item referred to the committee by the full Commission)
 - a. Review a draft letter to Council Executive Marc Elrich (copying Council Members) to request that he restart the Customized Employment program (attached)
 - b. Vote to refer the draft letter to the full IDDC for approval at the April 24, 2025 meeting
- 3:25 p.m. Old Business
 - 1) Workforce Development Issues Discussion
 - a. Guests Antoine Williams and Stephanie Jones: Updates on DDA's DSP initiative: College of Direct Supports
 - b. Discussion: Given what is known about the DDA FY26 budget and current workforce development initiatives (Jubilee's Academy, DSP II Training, e-badges, etc.) what impacts are we concerned about in the next year or two on our workforce and how can the county add value to the work already being done?
 - 2) Legislative and Policies Updates

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3) Discussion of most urgent needs and work prior to the next meeting

3:50 p.m. Commissioners Open Forum

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

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