

May 21, 2015

**DC Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting  
Citywide Conference Center Room #1117**

**AGENDA**

**Mission:** The Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) of the District of Columbia seeks to strengthen the voice of people with developmental disabilities and their families in DC in support of greater independence, inclusion, empowerment and the pursuit of life as they choose. We strive to create change that eliminates discrimination and removes barriers to full inclusion through our advocacy.

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Ricardo Thornton, DDC Vice Chair**
- II. Review and Approval of the Minutes – November 20, 2014 & February 19, 2015**
- III. Vice Chair Report – Ricardo Thornton**
  - a. Discussion – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); Signed into law on July 26, 1990
    - i. Importance of the ADA to us and our families
    - ii. Several ADA-related activities occurring in month of July
    - iii. July 27, 2015: *ADA 25th Anniversary – A Celebration of Pride, Power, and Promise* at the Grand Hyatt – Tickets to purchase: <https://secure3.convio.net/aapd/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=1003>  
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  - b. June 12–13: Project ACTION! Conference
    - i. Theme: *The Future is Ours: TAKE ACTION!*
    - ii. Location: Catholic University of America’s Pryzbyla Center
  - c. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Resolution from the DC Council
- IV. Executive Director Report – Mat McCollough**
  - a. Proud of all of the members from the DDC, Project ACTION!, DC Advocacy Partners, DC TASH Chapter providing testimonies during the performance and budget hearings – *A job well done!*
  - b. Membership Update: 8 DC residents need to be appointed in 2015
  - c. Department of Health Care Finance: Money Follows the Person (MFP) Sustainability Plan
  - d. DDC Letters of Support
    - i. Full Circle Employment Solutions - Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)
    - ii. University Legal Services - Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)
    - iii. Quality Trust’s Supported Decision-Making Project

- e. Recent & Future Involvement
  - i. March 3: Panelist for the FIXED Documentary - <http://fixedthemovie.com/>
  - ii. March 26: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Event
  - iii. April 13-15: National Disability Policy Seminar & Correspondence with Councilmember David Grosso, Chair of the Committee on Education
  - iv. April 23: 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Symposium
  - v. June 23-25: APSE National Conference: <http://www.apse.org/conferences-training/2015conference/>

**V. DDC Budget Report – Sudie Johnson, DDC Program Analyst**

**VI. DDS/DDA Update – Erin Leveton**

**VII. DDC Funded Program Update: DC Advocacy Partners Program – Institute for Educational Leadership**

**VIII. Introduction the DC TASH Chapter – Chapter President Linda Brown & Others**

**IX. Discussion – Planning for the Development of the New Five Year State Plan (FY 2017-21)**

- i. Due August 2016 to the Administration on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
- ii. Requires year-long planning & development
- iii. **Executive Director Recommendation:** *DDC Members meet bi-monthly starting in August 2015 and continue through August 2016 and meet in between Council Meetings, as needed.*

**X. Helpful Information & Resources**

- a. REMINDER: *My American Dream* Financial Literacy Course, in partnership with the National Disability Institute, on DDC's website: <http://ddc.dc.gov/>
- b. Connect *Ability* Challenge sponsored by AT&T
- c. Testimony to Congress from the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities – Protecting funding to Home & Community-based services and supports for people with disabilities

**XI. Good News and Announcements from Community Members**

**XII. Closure**

**Tentative: Next DDC Meeting: Thursday, August 20; 3-5:00 pm**

**Location: 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW; Meeting Room - To be determined**

*Thanks so much for coming!! The DDC appreciates your support and commitment to District residents with developmental disabilities and their families!!*