**Quarterly Public Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022, 3-5 pm**

**Members in Attendance**

1. Anjie Shelby, DDC Chairperson, Community Representative
2. Ricardo Thornton, DDC Vice-Chair, Advocacy and Public Policy Committee Co-Chair, Community Representative
3. Carol Grigsby, Advocacy and Public Policy Committee Co-Chair, Community Representative
4. Andy Reese, Representative of the Department on Disability Services
5. Berta Mata, Representative of a local non-governmental organization, Advocates for Justice and Education
6. Derrick Simms, Community Representative
7. LaRaven Gaymon, Community Representative
8. Stephanie Lanham, Community Representative
9. Yetta Myrick, Community Representative
10. Zoe Gross, Community Representative
11. Bernard Crawford, Community Representative
12. Tawara Goode, Georgetown University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (Represented by Proxy, Robin Shaffert)
13. Jane Brown, State Plan Committee Chair, Representative of Disability Rights DC, Protection and Advocacy Agency

**Excused or Absent Members**

1. Cheri Mallory, Community Representative
2. Uchenna Egenti, Community Representative
3. Naisha Dembele, Representative of a local non-profit organization, SchoolTalk DC
4. Elisa Peña Zavala, Community Representative
5. Montezz Green, Community Representative

**Staff**

1. Alison Whyte, Executive Director

2. Luz Collazo, Program Analyst

3. Kevin Wright, Program Support Assistant

4. Carla McCaskill, Program Support Specialist

**Others in Attendance**

Gabriela Dominguez, Spanish Interpreter

Mayra Angulo, Spanish Interpreter

Carrie Rottenborn, CART Captioner

Melissa Hardison, ASL Interpreter

B Gay Joyner, ASL Interpreter

| **Topic** | **Minutes** |
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| **Welcome and Call to Order** | The meeting was called to order by Anjie Shelby at 3:20 pm. |
| **Explanation of Virtual Platform and Accessibility** | Alison Whyte briefly explained the access features of the meeting, including ASL interpreters, real-time captions, and Spanish interpretation. |
| **Introduction of Councilmembers and DDC Staff** | Anjie Shelby introduced herself and invited DD Councilmembers and Staff to introduce themselves. Alison invited members of the public to introduce themselves in the chat. |
| **Council Business**   1. Annual Retreat Vote 2. June 15, 2022, Minutes 3. September 15, 2022, Minutes 4. September 29, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes | Anjie Shelby announced the voting preferences for the DDC Annual Retreat to be at Gallaudet University, one day with a virtual option, and at the end of January or early February.    Ricardo Thornton called for approval of previous meeting minutes.  Item: June 16, 2022 Minutes  Discussion/Corrections: None  1st Motion: Carol Grigsby  2nd Motion: Yetta Myrick  Vote: Approved  Item: September 15, 2022 Minutes  Discussion/Corrections: Andy Reese is listed as excused or absent with Martina Kraemer representing as proxy, but Andy was absent with no proxy due to the DDS retreat. Alison Whyte corrected this.  1st Motion: Yetta Myrick  2nd Motion: Anjie Shelby  Vote: Approved  Item: September 29, 2022 Minutes  Discussion/Corrections: None  1st Motion: Carol Grigsby  2nd Motion: Bernard Crawford  Vote: Approved |
| **Chairperson Remarks**   1. Carol Grigsby farewell 2. Bylaws and Stipend Policy 3. Anti-Racism Statement | Anjie Shelby discussed the following:  Carol Grigsby’s term expired, and she will come off the Council. We are grateful for all of Carol’s contributions. Several Council Members shared appreciations.  Bylaws and the Stipend Policy have been reviewed and revised several times and were ready for a vote.  Item: Bylaws  Discussion/Corrections: None  1st Motion: Ricardo Thornton  2nd Motion: Zoe Gross  Vote: Approved  Item: Stipend Policy  Discussion/Corrections: None  1st Motion: Yetta Myrick  2nd Motion: Anjie Shelby  Vote: Approved  The DDC also discussed the Anti-Racism Statement and determined that they are not ready to vote on this. The DDC decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Equity, and the first task of that Committee would be to review and revise the Anti-Racism Statement. |
| **State Plan Committee Updates**   1. FY23 Grants 2. Employment First Summit Summary Presentation 3. FY22-26 State Plan Progress Update | Jane Brown talked through this year’s State Plan goals and grants.   1. The Committee is currently reviewing 13 grant proposals. The evaluation process will run through January 5, 2023 and decisions will be announced by January 31, 2023. 2. Kevin Wright shared a summary of the Employment First Summit on October 20th and 21st, held at the Martin Luther King library. There were 222 people registered, and 194 people attended - 120 people in person, and 74 people virtually. There were 17 exhibitors, 15 breakout sessions, and an awards ceremony recognizing nine people. The next step will be to reconvene the Employment First planning committee at the start of January. |
| **Advocacy and Public Policy Committee Updates**   1. Policing Position Paper 2. Education Position Paper | Item: Policing and Disability Community Position Paper  Discussion/Corrections: Minor changes made to bullet number four in the paper.  1st Motion: Ricardo Thornton  2nd Motion: Bernard Crawford  Vote: Approved  Item: Education and COVID-19 Position Paper  Discussion/Corrections: Originally drafted by Yetta Myrick. Primary changes from the last version were to make more clear recommendations.  1st Motion: Bernard Crawford  2nd Motion: Ricardo Thornton  Vote: Approved |
| **DD Council Executive Director Report**   1. FY23 Budget Update 2. Bridging Aging and Disability Networks Grant Update 3. Vaccine Expansion and Public Health Workforce Funding Update 4. Councilmember Terms and Changes – Council Leadership opportunities coming up! 5. Program Performance Report (PPR) | Alison Whyte presented the following:   1. FY23 Budget approved on September 29, 2022 2. District transferred to a new financial system on October 1, 2022 – District Integrated Financial System (DIFS) 3. DD Awareness Month events focused on aging and disability 4. Networking between aging and disability networks professionals 5. Family resource fair in the spring 6. Team building with State Alliance Team through Courageous Conversations Training – on hold 7. Hiring a contractor in early 2023 to provide culturally competent engagement on public health issues, including promotion of the COVID-19 vaccine and booster and long COVID, with people with disabilities and their families from multiple diverse backgrounds. 8. We are recruiting for new government and community seats for the DD Council. Please refer any interested people to [luz.collazo@dc.gov](mailto:luz.collazo@dc.gov). 9. Due December 30, 2022! We’re on track to submit on time! |
| **DD Council Organizational Representatives Updates**   1. DD Network – Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services and Georgetown University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities 2. SchoolTalk DC 3. Advocates for Justice and Education (AJE) 4. Department on Disability Services (DDS) 5. Project ACTION! 6. Other Government | 1. Jane Brown (DRDC) shared that they’ve been doing a lot of training on the DD eligibility changes to raise public awareness. 2. Robin Shaffert, on behalf of Georgetown UCEDD, shared that the UCEDD did some programming for Inclusive Schools Week in the first week of December. 3. SchoolTalk DC - no report. 4. AJE – no report 5. Andy Reese reported that eligibility for DDA services was expanded on October 1, 2023, and they have reached out to everyone who had applied and been denied eligibility in the last three years. 6. Ricardo shared that Project ACTION! had a meeting last Saturday. |
| **Public Comments and Community Announcements** | No comments from the public. |
| **Conclusion and Adjournment** | Adjournment – Carol Grigsby motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andy Reese seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm. |