

**April 17, 2014**  
**DC Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting**

**CITYWIDE CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM #1112**

**Picture of Cherry Blossoms**  
**Spring is upon us and it's time to have fun!**

**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**
- II. Review and Approval of the Minutes – January 16, 2014**
- III. Vice Chair Report – Ricardo Thornton**
  - a. March 27: DC Developmental Disabilities Month Reception & Celebration
  - b. Other Thoughts
- IV. Executive Director Report – Mat McCollough**
  - a. Mayor Gray Submits Fiscal Year 2015 Budget to Council
  - b. Letter of Supports to Community Organizations
    - i. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library – Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant
    - ii. Quality Trust – Supported Decision-making Grant
  - c. Public Policy at the National Level
    - i. Birth to 5 Watch Me Thrive Initiative
    - ii. National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Public Policy Committee Report
  - d. Recent DDC Involvement
    - i. DC Taxicab Commission Disability Advisory Committee Final Report: <http://dctaxi.dc.gov/page/disability-advisory-committee>
    - ii. DC APSE Chapter: <http://www.apsedc.org/>
    - iii. February 24: Syracuse University – Presentation: *Affordable Care Act, Managed Care, & Long-Term Supports & Services: Policy Implications on People with Disabilities & Their Families*
    - iv. March 5: Office of Disability Rights/DDC Performance Hearing
    - v. March 8: DC Disability Community Mayoral Candidates Forum
    - vi. April 7–9: National Disability Policy Seminar & Councilmember Visits
  - e. Upcoming Events
    - i. April 29: DC Fair Housing Symposium
    - ii. June 27: Georgetown UCEDD Annual Conference on Sensory Integration
    - iii. July 1–3: 2014 APSE National Conference
  - f. Other Significant Announcements

- i. Mat is getting married July 5
- ii. Elver Ariza – 2013/14 Recipient of the Mid Atlantic Health Equity Council's Hero Award

**V. DDC Sub-Committee Reports**

- a. Public Policy – Chair: Alisa Jackson-Gray
- b. 5 Year State Plan – Chair: Thomas Mangrum

**VI. DDC Financial Summary Report – Sudie Johnson**

**VII. DDS/DDA Update – Cathy Anderson**

- a. *DC Supporting Families* Community of Practice Program Update
  - i. February 6 & April 4: State Stakeholders Meetings
  - ii. May 14-16: National CoP Supporting Families Year Two Meeting
- b. April 9 Community Forum
  - i. FY 2015 Mayor's Proposed Budget
  - ii. HCBS IDD Waiver Amendments & Proposed Transition Plan

**VIII. DDC Funded Programs Update**

- a. Becoming Economically Strong Together (BEST) Program – Sudie Johnson
- b. DC Advocacy Partners Program – Dana Fink with the Institute for Educational Leadership
- c. Building a Healthy Body Program – Susie King with Lifeline Partnership

**IX. December 3–5: TASH National Conference in Washington, DC**

- a. Call for Proposals Due May 10, 2014
- b. Conference website: <http://conference.tash.org/>

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

**XI. Closure**

**Please Note: Executive Session for DDC Members will immediately follow Full Council Meeting**

**Tentative: Next DDC Meeting**  
**August 14, 2014**  
**3-5:00 pm**

**Location: To be determined**

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