

**November is National Family Caregivers Month**



**November 20, 2014  
DC Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting  
Citywide Conference Center Room #1112**

**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**
- II. Review and Approval of the Minutes – April 17, 2014 & August 14, 2014**
- III. Vice Chair Report – Ricardo Thornton**
  - a. Retirement of Mary Lou Meccariello, Executive Director of the Arc of DC
  - b. TASH National Conference is coming to Washington, DC!
- IV. Executive Director Report – Mat McCollough**
  - a. Strategic Alliance between The Arc of the United States & The Arc of DC
  - b. DDC's Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2014 Summary
  - c. Involvement TASH National Conference
    - i. December 3-5, 2014 at the Renaissance Hotel (999 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW)
    - ii. DDC is sponsoring the participation of 19 District advocates and family members.
    - iii. On December 5: Conducting a concurrent session – *Paving a New Future – Developmental Disabilities Councils Leading the Way!*
  - d. Highly Successful 2014 Disability Mentoring Days Program
  - e. *My American Dream* Financial Literacy Course, in partnership with the National Disability Institute
  - f. Recent DDC Involvement

- i. September 2–5: Social Role Valorization Leadership Institute
- ii. September 13: DC Advocacy Partners Program Graduation
- iii. October 9: Mayor's Disability Expo
- iv. October 24-25: 6th Annual Moving Forward Together Secondary Transition Fair & Forum
- v. October 30: Spoke with Stafford County, VA high school students with disabilities regarding employment expectations within the workplace
- vi. November 18: Met with Georgetown University Law Students and presented on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)

**V. Financial Budget Update – Sudie Johnson**

**VI. Presentation: Civil Commitment Project – Myka Held, Igor Petrovich, Meredith Madnick; Quality Trust Interns & Georgetown University Law Students**

**VII. DDS/DDA Update – Erin Leveton**

- a. HCBS IDD Waiver Amendments & Transition Plan Community Forums
- b. *DC Supporting Families* Community of Practice Program Update

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

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

**X. Upcoming Events**

- a. December 1: HCBS IDD Waiver Amendments & Transition Plan Community Forums
- b. December 2-5: TASH National Conference
- c. Later in December: Supporting Families Stakeholder Meeting
- d. December 31: DDC FY14 Progress Report to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

**XI. Resources & Closure**

- a. DC Respite Program
- b. NACDD 2013 Annual Report

**Happy Holidays! May you and your family experience peace and happiness throughout the holiday season & New Year!**

**Tentative: Next DDC Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2015; 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!!**