



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2025

Time: 5pm – 6:30pm

Location: Zoom Link

Guest Speakers(s): None

Call to Order, Welcome:

- Chair, Steve Riley, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- Chair Riley did an attendance roll call. All commissioners present except Jillian C.
- The announcement of the resignation of David Ervin added to the meeting agenda.
- Rick C. asked to add Governor Wes Moore's proposed budget to the agenda. Will be added during the Commission committee report section.
- Minutes unanimously approved as presented.

Chair's Remarks:

- Chair acknowledged feedback from commissioners related to his engagement style and welcomed additional feedback on improvement opportunities as chair. He also apologized if anyone was offended by his behavior.
- The IDDC letter was sent to the Deputy Sec of Health & Human Services and DDA on 1/7/25. Rachel London from the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council expressed appreciation to the Commission for sharing our position.
- Awaiting feedback from the County Executive's Office related to the IDDC open position vacancy.
- David Ervin is resigning from the Commission effect January 31, 2025. The Chair thanked David for his service.
- Ramona Buck and Beth Pierce restarting work as facilitators for the IDDC. They will focus on operational improvements and efficiency. They will contact commissioners for feedback and input. They will attend the Feb 2025 in person meeting to discuss findings.

Old Business:

- The Community Engagement Committee met on 1/16/25 and began to outline a plan of action. Jake Didinsky elected as chair. Next meeting is 2/6/25.
- The Policy & Programs Committee will meet on 1/29/25.
- The Special Education Committee will meet on 1/24/25.
- Committees to notify Steve Riley and Crystel Britto of the name of the committee chair and share 1-2 recommendations for the IDDC to act upon at the Feb 2025 meeting.
- Maryland Governor's proposed FY26 budget includes a \$200M reduction to the Developmental Disabilities programs/services. Some components for the budget reduction would be retroactive to FY25 (July 2024). Robust discussion ensued. The commission agreed to do the following:
 - Repurpose the Policy & Program Committee meeting on 1/29/25 at 1pm to a special meeting of the commission. During this meeting the IDDC will discuss the proposed budget and recommend actions and advocacy next steps. Members of the DD community and the public are invited to attend this meeting.
 - Crystel Britto will work with commissioners to schedule a follow-up meeting during the week of Feb 3rd to finalize the recommendations and next steps from the 1/29/25 meeting.
- All Commission meetings dates will be added to the IDDC websites
- County Employment People with IDD Program Update: OHR Director will brief Commission at March meeting

New Business:

- Secretary/Notetaker: Yvonne VanLowe elected as Commission Secretary by unanimous consent.

Public Comment:

- Michael Greenberg shared that many people he works with are being disenrolled from Medicaid. When people who receive SSDI transition to Disabled Adult Child (DAC) benefits, that transition can unintentionally cause them to be dropped from Medicaid.

Closed Session Announcement/Vote, Adjournment of Open Session a. Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, specifically Sections 305 (b)(7) and 305 (b)(8), a recorded vote will be taken during the IDDC meeting on January 16, 2025 to hold a closed meeting of the Commission for the sole purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Office of the County Attorney in connection with potential litigation. If approved by the vote of the Commissioners, the closed meeting will take place within the time scheduled for the regular January meeting.

- The Commission unanimously voted to close the meeting. All non-Commissioners and non-staff were excused.

Commission Members Present:

Patrick (Rick) Callahan, Tracy Craig, Jake Didinsky, Onesta Duke, David Ervin, Justin Hack, Susan Hartung, Dorne Hill, Lisa Lorraine, Jenn Lynn, Lori Mitchell-Keller, Karla Nabors, Margaret Parrott, Stephen (Steve) Riley, Eric Salzano, Carmen Smith, Smil Soria, Yvonne VanLowe, John Whittle, Najla Wortham, Carmen Zahra

County Staff Present: Crystel Britto, Kim Mayo, Dr. Patrice McGhee

PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting: Date: 01/16/2025;

Time: 6:15pm; Location: Virtual-Zoom; Motion to close meeting

made by: Steve Riley; Seconded by: Did: Jerry;

Members in favor: Patrick (Rick) Callahan, Tracy Craig, Jake Didinsky, David Ervin, Justin Hack, Susan Hartungl, Lisa Lorraine, Jenn Lynn, Lori Mitchell-Keller, Margaret Parrott, Stephen (Steve) Riley, Eric Salzano, Carmen Smith, Smil Soria, Yvonne VanLowe, John Whittle, Najla Wortham, Carmen Zahra; Opposed: none; Abstaining: none; Absent: Jillian Copeland

2. Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply):

This meeting will only be closed under the provision or provisions checked below, all from General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b):

(1)___ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)___ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)___ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)___ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)___ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)___ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7) X___ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8) X___ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)___ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)___ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)___ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)___ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13)___ "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14)___ "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or

proposal, *if* public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process”; (15)___ “To discuss cybersecurity, *if* the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to” (i) “security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology”; (ii) “network security information,” such as information that is related to passwords, personal ID numbers, access codes, encryption, security devices, or vulnerability assessments or that a governmental entity collects or maintains to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or (iii) “deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.”

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic We expect to discuss these matters:	Reason for closed- session discussion of topic - We are closing the meeting to discuss this topic because:
§ 3-305(b)()	To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice	The IDDC is on notice of a potential lawsuit and would like clarification on legal advice provided by MCG.
§ 3-305(b)()	To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation	The IDDC is on notice of a potential lawsuit and would like clarification on legal advice provided by MCG.

4. This statement is made by Stephen F. Riley, Presiding Officer.



For meetings closed under an exception, as disclosed above:

Time of closed session: 1/16/2025 6:15-6:30pm

Place: Zoom-Virtual

Purpose(s): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Patrick (Rick) Callahan, Tracy Craig, Jake Didinsky, David Ervin, Justin Hack, Susan Hartungl, Lisa Lorraine, Jenn Lynn, Lori Mitchell-Keller, Margaret Parrott, Stephen (Steve) Riley, Eric Salzano, Carmen Smith, Smil Soria, Yvonne VanLowe, John Whittle, Najla Wortham, Carmen Zahra

Persons attending closed session: Patrick (Rick) Callahan, Tracy Craig, Jake Didinsky, Onesta Duke, David Ervin, Justin Hack, Susan Hartung, Dorne Hill, Lisa Lorraine, Jenn Lynn, Lori Mitchell-Keller, Karla Nabors, Margaret Parrott, Stephen (Steve) Riley, Eric Salzano, Carmen Smith, Smil Soria, Yvonne VanLowe, John Whittle, Najla Wortham, Carmen Zahra, Crystel Britto, Kim Mayo

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session (see chart above): (7) "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8) "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation";

Topics actually discussed: To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation";

Each action taken: none

Motion to Adjourn closed session by
Riley, seconded by Ervin