



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

September 2024 Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19th, 2024

Time: 5pm-6:05pm

Location: Zoom

Guest Speakers: Onesta Duke, The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Southern Maryland Regional Director.

Call to Order:

- Chair, Steve Riley, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and led the start of introductions from members and the public. All members and public introduced themselves and why they are there.
- Chair gave thanks to former chair, Dr. Michael Greenberg, former vice-chair John Whittle, former secretary Jake Didinsky and acting liaison Shakeela Gray for their service.

Announcements:

- Chair announced new liaison, Crystel Britto, starting 9/23/24
- Chair announced the interviews for new appointments have been completed
 - Nomination Committee – Steve Riley and Margie Parrott
- Schedule of full commission meetings for the coming year
 - Monthly Commission planning meetings, 5 p.m., Wednesdays of the week preceding full Commission meeting
 - Next Commission meeting will be in-person on 10/24/2024 5pm- 6pm* at 401 Hungerford Drive, 1st Floor 1A/1B Conference Room
- Chair reiterated Commission schedule, planning meetings (all are welcome), and in-person meetings
- Approval of Meeting Minutes: N/A

Guest Speaker:

TY Update – Onesta Duke, DDA Southern Regional Director

- Onesta gave detailed breakdown of those who completed, declined, and did not submit documentation for the TY process.
- Discussed options for applicants if they miss the TY window. They have Coordinator of Community Services (CCS) support, other resources, and if severe enough, be put on the high priority list for assistance.

Discussion:

- Policy Priorities
 - Chair discussed the consideration of Commission policy priorities to be presented to the County Council on October 16th. We were requested to send 2 out of 3 prepared priorities; Chair was recommended that the special ed. proposal was not within the scope of actions by the County and the County cannot not create legislation regarding Montgomery County Public Schools.
 - Vote on two policy priorities: 10 in favor, 3 not in favor, 2 abstain, 1 recusal
 - Will move forward with: Creation of an inclusive and sensory-friendly county and Quality direct support professional workforce.
- Commissioners Forum (open input from commissioners)
 - John W. mentioned that the Special Ed group can go to Maryland’s State Board of Education.
 - Jake D. mentioned the option of the Commission working to bring the Special Education proposal to the County Board of Education.
 - Michael G. mentioned that there was already approval and progress on three priorities: the County contact stated they would accept three proposals, and that proposals have already been vetted.
- Public Forum: N/A
- Discussion of Important County or State Legislation: N/A

Action Items:

- Next Commission meeting will be in-person on 10/24/2024 5pm- 6pm* at 401 Hungerford Drive, 1st Floor 1A/1B Conference Room
- Next planning meeting will be on Zoom on 10/16/2024 5pm-6pm

****The Commission meeting time has been amended, pending approval, to be held 10/24/2024 5pm- 6:30pm***

Commission Members Present: Patrick (Rick) Callahan, Jillian Copeland, Tracy Craig, Jake Didinsky, Jamie Doyle, Onesta Duke, Natori Green, Michael Greenberg, Justin Hack, Jenn Lynn

Kerwin, Lisa Lorraine, Lori Mitchell-Keller, Karla Nabors, Sharon Norcio, Margaret Parrott, Stephen (Steve) Riley, Eric Salzano, Smil Soria, Yvonne Vanlowe, John Whittle, Carmen Zahra

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

Members of the Public: Aden Fikru, Alex Hacopian, Steven Issacson, Nursing students