



# January 26-27, 2023 Council Meeting

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## **OUR MISSION**

"To advocate and promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities".

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FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.

AGENDA AT A GLANCE  
Committees & Council Meeting Schedule

**Wednesday 01/25/2023, Thursday 01/26/2023 and Friday 01/27/2023**

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**COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday January 25th**

1 p.m.-5 p.m.      Executive Committee      *Interviews with potential Council applicants*      *Kevin Johnson, Chair*

**Thursday January 26th**

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.      Public Policy Committee      *Sarah Goldman, Chair*

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.      State Plan Committee      *Jean Sherman, Chair*

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m.      Finance Committee      *Dennis Hart, Chair*

12:45 p.m.-1:30 p.m.      Executive Committee      *Kevin Johnson, Chair*

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.      Working Lunch      *Oppenheim & Associates*

**1<sup>st</sup> DAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

2:30 p.m.      Call to Order      *Kevin Johnson, Chair*

2:35 p.m.      Approval of September Minutes\*\*      *Kevin Johnson, Chair*

2:35 p.m.-2:55 p.m.      Chair/Vice Chair Report      *Kevin Johnson, Chair*

2:55 p.m.-3:15 p.m.      Executive Director      *Valerie Breen, Ex. Dir.*

3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.      Break      *Kevin Johnson, Chair*

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. | Year 3 & 4 State Plan Discussion | <i>Dr., Susan Kabot, Chief<br/>Sheila Gritz-Swift, Sr. Dir.</i> |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Public Input/Meeting Adjourned   | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                     |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Dinner On Your Own               |                                                                 |

### **2<sup>nd</sup> DAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday January 27th**

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| 9:30 a.m.               | Call to Order/Roll Call                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                          |
| 9:35 a.m.-10:45 a.m.    | <b>State &amp; Sister Agency Reports</b><br><i>Agency for Persons with Disabilities</i><br><i>Agency for Health Care Administration</i><br><i>Department of Elder Affairs</i><br><i>Department of Education- Vocational Rehabilitation</i><br><i>Department of Education- BEESS</i><br><i>Department of Health, Children Medical Services</i><br><i>University of Miami- Mailman Center</i><br><i>University of South Florida- Florida Center for Inclusive Communities</i><br><i>Disability Rights Florida</i> | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                          |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Checkout of rooms</i>                                                                                                                             |
| 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.   | <b>Working Lunch/Committee Reports</b><br><i>Public Policy Committee</i><br><i>State Plan Committee</i><br><i>Finance Committee</i><br><i>Executive Committee</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i><br><i>Sarah Goldman, Chair</i><br><i>Jean Sherman, Chair</i><br><i>Dennis Hart, Chair</i><br><i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i> |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.    | <b>Post-Secondary Outcomes- Lesson Learned</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>Terry Daly, Ph.D., Director</i><br><i>UCF- CARD Center</i>                                                                                        |
| 1:00 p.m.               | <b>Public Input/Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                          |

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**Public Policy  
Committee**

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**State Plan  
Committee**

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**Finance  
Committee**

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**Executive  
Committee**

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**Full Council**

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, January 26, 2023

9:00 a.m.

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**AGENDA**

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| 9:00 a.m.             | Call to Order                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Sarah Goldman, Chair</i>      |
| 9:05 a.m.-9:10 a.m.   | Welcome & Introductions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>Sarah Goldman, Chair</i>      |
| 9:10 a.m.-9:15 a.m.   | Approval of September 22, 2022 minutes**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Sarah Goldman, Chair</i>      |
| 9:10 a.m.-9:30 a.m.   | Update of 2023 Legislative Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Invest in Home and Community Based Services**<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Plain Text and Easy Read versions**</li></ul></li><li>○ Supported Decision Making**</li><li>○ Foster Care Recommendations**</li><li>○ Dental Services</li></ul> | <i>Margaret J. Hooper, Staff</i> |
| 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.  | Consideration proposed legislation*<br><br>HB 019 Individual Education Plans by Tant **<br><br>HB 061 Medicaid Expansion through a Medicaid buy-in program by Davis **                                                                                                                                                             | <i>Margaret J. Hooper, Staff</i> |
| 10:15 a.m.-10:25 a.m. | Consideration of recently filed bills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Margaret J. Hooper, Staff</i> |
| 10:25 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | Public Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>Sarah Goldman, Chair</i>      |
| 10:30 a.m.            | Meeting Adjourned                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                  |

**\*\* Items that require vote**



**Public Policy Committee (PPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2022**  
**Orlando, Florida**

**Members Present:** Sarah Goldman (Chair), Kevin Johnson, Elly Hagen, Peter Sleasman, Lisa Miller, and Yolanda Herrera

**Members Absent:** Eddie Hall

**Other Council Members Present:** Liz Perkins, Jean Sherman, Jan Pearce, Conney Dahn, Frank Shalett, TJ Moon, Dennis Hart and Jack Kosick

**Staff Present:** Margaret J. Hooper, Valerie Breen, Sue Kabot, Sheila-Gritz-Swift, Susan DeBeaugraine, Vanda Jenkins, and Kristin Vandergriff

**Guests:** Amanda Johnson, Vanessa Monn, Andrea Gary (DOH), Sheila Moehler, Paul Shalett and Jessica Bratten (DOE)

**I. Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order by Sarah Goldman, Chair, at 9:04 am. Hooper took roll and there was a quorum present.

**II. Welcome & Introductions:**

Members were reminded that those attending the meeting who were not a committee member could not vote but could participate in discussion and the public could speak during the public comment period.

**III. 2023 Platform:**

Goldman and Hooper gave a proposal of the Council's premier 2023 Legislative Issue entitled, **"Invest in home and community-based services to include individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities into their community".**

There are many aspects of the iBudget waiver that need to be supported so a broad-based request to invest in this waiver seemed the best way to frame the platform this year. The need for strengthening the Support Coordination system and Behavioral Services are emerging. The draft position included the following recommendations, some of which have been modified by the Committee. **1.** The Council supports estimating increases in utilization that accurately reflect the yearly additional needs of individuals on the iBudget waiver. **2.** This recommendation was changed to say a significant reduction of individuals should

come off the waitlist each year instead of 10%. Also, a careful analysis of who is on the waitlist is recommended. 3. The Council supports creating a robust case management and support coordination workforce to address the needs of individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities(I/DD). 4. The Council supports addressing the behavioral needs of individuals with I/DD. The narrative paragraph was edited to include behavioral services for all with I/DD who need them and an investment in Behavioral Focused group homes and Behavioral Intensive groups homes.

**Action Taken-** Miller made a motion to support the position with the waitlist and behavioral edits. Sleasman seconded. The motion passed. There was no opposition or abstentions.

### **Supported Decision Making (SDM)**

Goldman and Hooper suggested that the Council support Supported Decision-Making (SDM) again this year. The Council advocated for legislation for the last two years. Proposed language was suggested for statue 393 last year to make SDM an alternative to Guardian Advocacy and this passed out of one committee. The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee voted to continue to work on this issue.

**Action Taken-** Johnson made a motion to support the position as written. Sleasman seconded. The motion passed. There was no opposition or abstentions.

### **Arc Waitlist Campaign**

Hooper suggested she work with Arc of Florida to help launch a Campaign to explain the iBudget Waitlist called Be Prepared, Be Counted and Be Heard. The Campaign includes information and advocacy concerning education about what services Florida has for individuals with I/DD, the benefits of being on the Waitlist and the importance of being heard.

**Action Taken-** Miller made a motion to support Margaret's work on this campaign on behalf of the Council. Sleasman seconded. The motion passed. There was no opposition or abstentions.

### **Foster Children with Disabilities**

The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee heard from advocates, Amanda Johnson and Vanessa who work with the foster care system. They told stories about children with I/DD who have intense behavioral challenges and the need more services and behavioral supports from APD. The Committee voted to approve the draft position that advocated that children with disabilities should be included in the foster care system with supports from APD as applicable.

**Action Taken** Sleasman made a motion to approve the draft position that stated that children with disabilities be included in the foster care system with supports from APD as applicable. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was no opposition or abstentions.

**Dental Services for individuals with I/DD**

The Committee voted to support increased funding for dental services for individuals on the iBudget Waitlist and for more availability of dental services for those on the iBudget waiver.

**Action Taken** Johnson made a motion to support funding for dental services for those on the iBudget Waitlist and for more availability of dental services for individuals on the iBudget waiver. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was no opposition or abstentions.

**IV. Hybrid Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day scheduled for March 14, 2023, was reported**

**V. Public Comment**

None

**VI. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



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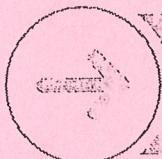
# Legislative Platform 2023



**Invest in home- and community-based services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

## Position Statement

The Council supports a Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services waiver for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The waiver must include services that encourage inclusion in the community; a safe, healthy, meaningful life; and help the individual avoid costly, restrictive institutional care.



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## Issue

This year, the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) will prioritize talking with lawmakers about the value of investing in Florida's Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). This waiver is referred to as the iBudget waiver, whose recipients waive their rights to an institution and features the provision that each person's plan of service is individualized to their unique needs for health, safety, and community inclusion.

Last year, Personal Support providers received rate increases to \$15 an hour to encourage providers to enter the profession and to retain those in it who were earning lower rates. While the Council is monitoring the outcomes of this investment, it now appears that in several areas of the state, there are not enough Support Coordinators in the system to initiate and develop service plans and a shortage of Behavior Specialists and other providers to assist individuals and their families with necessary services.

Support Coordinators report increased caseloads, burdensome reporting requirements, and difficult reporting systems. A few years ago, the Legislature required independent support coordinators to work for organizations and the loss of income that resulted due to administrative costs has not incentivized these workers to remain in the profession with the increased workload.

Unfortunately, the need for behavioral services is increasing for children and young adults and there are not enough behavioral service providers to meet the need. Foster care diversion programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and adults with I/DD who are on the waiver and need behavioral service providers are going unserved and many are placed in psychiatric hospitals through the Baker Act when this could have been prevented with in-home behavioral services.

## Recommendations

 **The Council supports estimating increases in utilization that accurately reflect the additional needs of individuals on the iBudget waiver.**

Service utilization estimates and management are a crucial way to predict and contain costs. Currently, the need for more services for existing waiver recipients is the largest reason for perceived deficits. The actual biggest reasons for increased service needs are due to aging caregivers, aging waiver recipients, and an individual's graduation from high school.

 **The Council recommends that a significant number of individuals on the iBudget waitlist be transitioned from the list each year with the goal of eliminating it. A careful analysis of who is on the waitlist should be undertaken and reviewed yearly.**

Lawmakers should include a yearly reduction of the iBudget waitlist with the goal of eliminating it. Policymakers and the public would benefit from a detailed analysis of the largest waitlist categories six and seven. It would add to understanding the current needs of those on the waitlist and help predict future needs by gathering information about the length of time people have been on the waitlist and what services they will need.

 **The Council supports creating a robust case management and support coordination workforce to address the needs of individuals with I/DD.**

The State needs to encourage and employ individuals to provide the case management services that are essential to create and implement a person-centered service plan. Incentives can include rates commensurate with experience and training, along with streamlined reporting systems and burdensome regulations that must be met. This will increase the availability of providers and improve workforce stability.

 **The Council supports addressing the behavioral needs of individuals with I/DD.**

Individuals with I/DD are having extraordinary challenges finding behavioral services even when they are in crisis situations. Involuntary commitments through the Baker Act and voluntary hospitalizations are on the rise because families and providers are unable to care for those in crisis at home. Active recruitment of providers and priority funding for Intensive Behavioral (IB) and Behavior-Focused (BF) group homes are recommended. Also, active recruitment of behavior therapists and a larger rate differential are essential for personnel managing extreme behaviors that are typical in an IB group home placement.



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PLAIN TEXT

*One way the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) works on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) is to educate legislators about issues that are important to people with I/DD and their families. One of the most important issues to people with I/DD and their families is for lawmakers to:*

*Invest in home- and community-based services to include individuals with I/DD in their communities.*





The FDDC supports a Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services waiver for people with I/DD.

The waiver must include services that help people with I/DD stay in the community.



These services should help people:

- Remain in their homes and communities.
- Stay out of expensive institutions that keep them away from the community.

Florida's Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver for people with I/DD is usually called the iBudget waiver.

People who receive the iBudget waiver are supported in their homes and communities.

These people receive services designed to meet their individual needs.



There are ongoing and additional needs for workers to provide services and supports to people with I/DD.

In 2022, the pay rate for Personal Support Providers (PSP) was raised to \$15 per hour.

Advocates are watching to see whether the \$15 per hour rate increases the number of PSPs available.

***Additionally, in some areas of Florida, there are shortages of other service providers:***

***Support Coordinators—these are people who create service plans and find services for people with I/DD***

***Behavior Therapists - these are people who help people with I/DD with their behavior***

Many people with I/DD who need help with their behavior are not receiving the services they need.

Often people with I/DD who need help with their behavior are placed in hospitals and crisis stabilization settings that don't meet their needs. When they are released, there are no appropriate services and supports available.



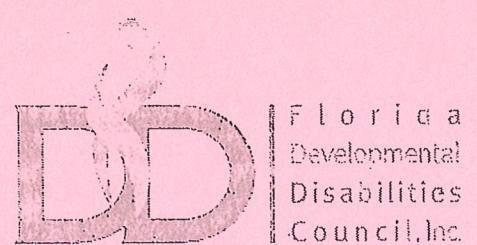
## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Assess the significant additional needs of people already receiving the iBudget waiver as well as the needs of new people receiving the waiver. This will help the Legislature set aside enough money to fund the iBudget waiver.
- Reduce the waitlist for iBudget services. Each year, more people should be moved off the waitlist.
- Attract more people into jobs that provide services through the iBudget waiver. Higher salaries, more training, and better workplace practices should be considered.
- Attract more people into jobs as behavior therapists and make sure they are paid well.
- Provide more money for Intensive Behavioral (IB) and Behavior-Focused (BF) group homes to reduce the number of people who are hospitalized because of their behavior.

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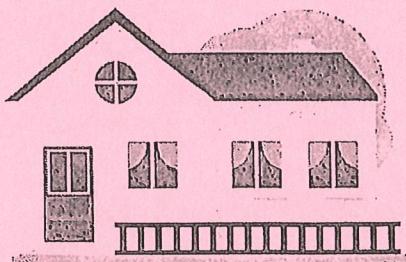
2023  
EASY READ

*The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) works to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).*

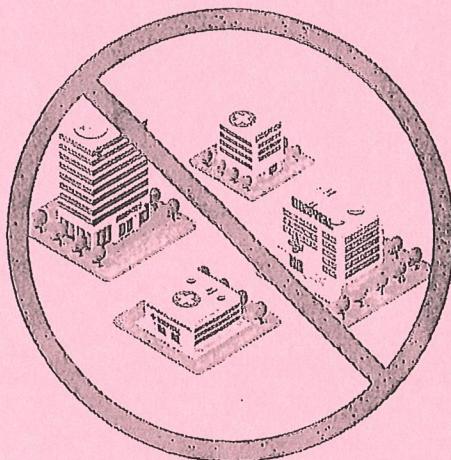
*One way FDDC does this is to teach lawmakers about issues that are important to people with I/DD and their families.*



## HOME- AND COMMUNITY- BASED SERVICES ARE BEST



People with I/DD and their families need lawmakers to invest in home- and community-based services.



These services help people with I/DD to live in their communities instead of expensive institutions.

To do this, FDDC supports a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for people with I/DD.



Florida's HCBS Medicaid waiver for people with I/DD is usually called the iBudget Waiver.

Florida has a large number of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). These people need help with daily activities like eating, getting dressed, and taking care of themselves.

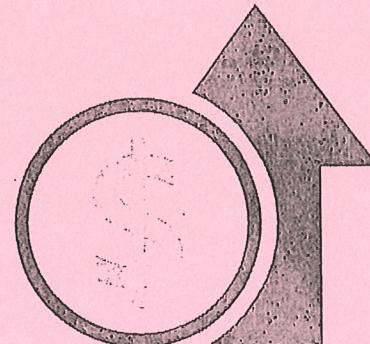
**Florida needs more specially trained workers to provide services for people with I/DD.**

These workers are called Personal Support Providers (PSP).

In 2022, the pay rate for PSPs was raised to \$15 per hour.

The increase is supposed to attract and keep more people to this job.

The pay increase helped, but there may still not be enough PSPs.



## OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS



In some areas of Florida, there are shortages of other service providers:

- Support Coordinators who help people with I/DD plan and find their services
- Behavior Therapists who help people with I/DD with their behavior



Many people with I/DD who need help with their behavior are not receiving the services they need.

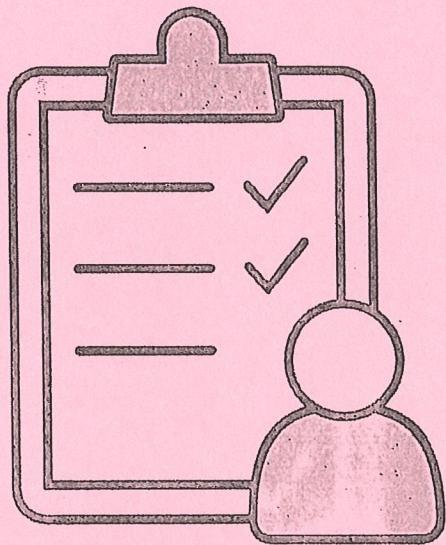
Often people with I/DD who need help with their behavior are placed in hospitals or settings that don't meet their needs.

When they come out, there are no helpful services and supports available.



## WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

FDDC wants lawmakers to assess the needs of people already receiving the iBudget Waiver as well as the needs of those needing the waiver.



This will help the Legislature set aside enough money to fund the iBudget Waiver.

FDDC also wants lawmakers to reduce the waitlist for iBudget services.



FDDC wants lawmakers to:

attract more people into jobs that provide services through the iBudget Waiver

*This means having higher salaries, more training, and better workplace practices.*

hire more behavior therapists at good pay

reduce the number of people hospitalized because of their behavior

*This means providing more money for Intensive Behavioral (IB) and Behavior-Focused (BF) group homes.*



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# Legislative Platform 2023



## Supported Decision Making 2023

### **Position Statement**

The Council supports meaningful alternatives to full guardianship and Guardian Advocacy. Supported Decision Making can be explored when guardianships are considered. Some of the more restrictive forms of guardianship, while necessary for some individuals, can be considered a last resort after less restrictive options are explored.



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## Issue

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council has been a leader in Guardianship alternatives, for individuals with developmental disabilities, for years. The Council's Lighting the Way to Guardianship is a popular publication outlining different alternatives to a full guardianship.

Supported Decision-Making (SDM) is an alternative to guardianship that allows people with disabilities to make their own decisions with the support of people they trust. It is a unique tool proven successful in 15 states and D.C., that will further the Florida Legislature's intent to ensure guardianship is only imposed when there is no alternative.

Regardless of a person's legal status (even for individuals under guardian advocacy or full guardianships) the person with a disability should be meaningfully involved in making decisions about their life and the person's wishes and preferences should be followed to the greatest extent possible.

Parents of children with disabilities are often told they need to seek guardianship as soon as their child turns 18. Meanwhile, the Florida law states that you cannot put someone under guardianship if there is a "less restrictive" alternative, but the law does not offer a meaningful alternative. Judges and loved ones need more information and options.

Finally, SDM provides people with disabilities with a better quality of life. Research shows that increased self-determination leads to better outcomes in employment and community integration. Increased independence can help people with disabilities be better able to identify situations that could lead to abuse.

## Recommendations



**List alternatives to guardianship in Florida Statute, including SDM and ensure judges have the information they need to protect people with disabilities.**



**Require anyone trying to put another person under guardianship or guardian advocacy to show why an alternative, including SDM, will not work.**



**Support an SDM system that allows loved ones to stay involved without the need for extensive cost and paperwork.**





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## Foster Care Recommendations for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

### Foster Care Recommendations

The Council supports a foster care system that includes individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and has the capacity to meet their unique needs. Foster care diversion programs and family settings are the best options for children with I/DD and their families.



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## Issue

This year the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) has heard from foster care providers and other advocates about the needs of foster children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The system includes diversion programs to keep children from being placed in foster care.

Universal issues are challenging parents and caregivers in providing consistent and quality care for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Families have had difficulty navigating resources for assistance and services, and many families are unaware that there is a state agency that can help them.

Parents have difficulty navigating a complex service system. Services such as applied behavior analysis (ABA); Speech, physical, and occupational therapies; as well as mental health services are provided by the primary insurance but usually not at the levels that children with disabilities may require.

If a child is fortunate enough to be approved for services through a private insurance company or Medicaid, then finding a provider becomes the next challenge. There is a shortage of behavioral providers and therapists that will work for Medicaid rates, and even those who can afford to pay more for a therapist have difficulty finding one in their geographic area.

Educationally relevant therapies and academic supports can be requested through the school system. However, not all students are enrolled in public schools and even if they are, parents have difficulty knowing how or what to request without an advocate.

Another source of help can come through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). There are many parents who are not familiar with the agency and what services can be provided, or they were discouraged and did not apply due to the length of the waitlist. The application process for services through the iBudget waiver can be overwhelming, and the supplemental documents required lead to a longer application process.

Unfortunately, without therapy services, children can have a behavioral, mental, or physical health crisis that gradually escalates and can lead to a Baker Act. The Baker Act enables someone to request emergency mental health services for a person who can't or won't request help for themselves. These crisis situations may have been avoided if therapeutic care for children with disabilities was easier to access. Through the dedication of professionals who work for the State, many children have been diverted from group residential care and extended foster care. However, there continue to be ongoing service issues for children with I/DD in all aspects of the foster care system with increased frequency. This makes the process of supporting these families and children more difficult.

## Recommendations

Individuals in foster care who apply for APD services at age 18 are having to wait over a year to be placed on the waiver, even if the application process begins 6 months prior to their 18th birthday. This can result in several issues including living in hotels, especially if the individual can no longer live in the foster home in which they were previously placed due to being 18. Updating the application and crisis process timeframes and applying targeted case management can expedite services.

Families in crisis and diversion who are not on the APD waitlist may not even know about the agency. Those who are not in APD's system face a lengthy application, crisis determination process, and waiver enrollment for services that are needed immediately. A possible solution is to provide information about APD and the application process to each family who may be eligible at the end of each Individual Education Plan meeting.

Teenagers with severe behavior issues who are a danger to themselves, and others are left in a critical care unit after a Baker act incident because parents do not believe it is safe for the individual to return home. A behaviorally intensive group home is often the most appropriate setting for an individual with I/DD exhibiting behaviors that are a danger to themselves or others. Families are often encouraged to try ABA therapy in the home. However, families cannot get a provider, or they cannot return the individual to the home due to the danger presented to a sibling or a vulnerable adult. Baker Acts are on the rise because families and providers are unable to care for those in crisis at home.

The state needs to initiate active recruitment and priority processing of Intensive Behavioral (IB) and Behavior-Focused (BF) foster homes (group homes for men and women should be considered for older, eligible teenagers). Also, there should be active recruitment of behavior providers and a larger rate differential implemented for those with extreme behaviors typical in an IB group home placement. Another recommendation is to waive the requirements of specified ABA attempts in the home first for extreme situations.

HB 19

2023

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to individual education plans;  
amending s. 1003.5716, F.S.; requiring individual  
education plans for certain students to contain  
information and instruction on certain legal rights  
and responsibilities that transfer to students at the  
age of 18; requiring such information to include ways  
in which a student may provide informed consent to  
allow his or her parent to continue to participate in  
his or her educational decisions; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 1003.5716, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

1003.5716 Transition to postsecondary education and career opportunities.—All students with disabilities who are 3 years of age to 21 years of age have the right to a free, appropriate public education. As used in this section, the term "IEP" means individual education plan.

(1) To ensure quality planning for a successful transition of a student with a disability to postsecondary education and career opportunities, during the student's seventh grade year or

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26 when the student attains the age of 12, whichever occurs first,  
27 an IEP team shall begin the process of, and develop an IEP for,  
28 identifying the need for transition services before the student  
29 with a disability enters high school or attains the age of 14  
30 years, whichever occurs first, in order for his or her  
31 postsecondary goals and career goals to be identified. The plan  
32 must be operational and in place to begin implementation on the  
33 first day of the student's first year in high school. This  
34 process must include, but is not limited to:

35 (b) Preparation for the student to graduate from high  
36 school with a standard high school diploma pursuant to s.  
37 1003.4282 with a Scholar designation unless the parent chooses a  
38 Merit designation; and

39 (c) Provision of the information to the student and his or  
40 her parent of the school district's high school-level transition  
41 services, career and technical education, and collegiate  
42 programs available to students with disabilities and how to  
43 access such programs. Information shall also be provided on  
44 school-based transition programs and programs and services  
45 available through Florida's Center for Students with Unique  
46 Abilities, the Florida Centers for Independent Living, the  
47 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Agency for Persons  
48 with Disabilities, and the Division of Blind Services. Referral  
49 forms, links, and technical support contacts for these services  
50 must be provided to students and parents at IEP meetings; and

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51       (d) At least 1 year before the student reaches the age of  
52 majority, provision of information and instruction to the  
53 student and his or her parent on self-determination and the  
54 legal rights and responsibilities regarding the educational  
55 decisions that transfer to the student upon attaining the age of  
56 18. The information must include the ways in which the student  
57 may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to  
58 continue to participate in educational decisions, including:

59       1. Informed consent to grant permission to access  
60 confidential records protected under the Family Educational  
61 Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as provided in s. 1002.22.

62       2. Powers of attorney as provided in chapter 709.

63       3. Guardian advocacy as provided in s. 393.12.

64       4. Guardianship as provided in chapter 744.

65       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2                   An act relating to Medicaid expansion through a  
3                   Medicaid buy-in program; creating s. 409.9141, F.S.;  
4                   requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
5                   establish and implement a Medicaid buy-in program for  
6                   specified individuals with disabilities under certain  
7                   circumstances; providing requirements for the program;  
8                   requiring the agency to seek by a specified date  
9                   federal waiver approval or submit any state plan  
10                  amendments necessary to implement the program;  
11                  requiring the agency to implement the program upon  
12                  receiving federal approval; providing an effective  
13                  date.  
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15                  Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17                  Section 1. Section 409.9141, Florida Statutes, is created  
18                  to read:

19                  409.9141 Medicaid buy-in program for individuals with  
20                  disabilities.—

21                  (1)(a) The agency shall establish and, subject to federal  
22                  approval through a waiver or state plan amendment, implement a  
23                  Medicaid buy-in program, authorized under the Ticket to Work and  
24                  Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, Pub. L. No. 106-170,  
25                  and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-33, for

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26 individuals with disabilities who are between 18 and 64 years of  
27 age and whose incomes exceed the maximum income eligibility  
28 level for initial enrollment to obtain coverage for medical  
29 assistance under the Medicaid program.

30 (b) The Medicaid buy-in program must provide full Medicaid  
31 benefits to eligible individuals and must limit any premiums or  
32 cost sharing to a certain percentage of an individual's income,  
33 as determined by the agency.

34 (2) By October 1, 2023, the agency shall seek federal  
35 waiver approval or submit any state plan amendments necessary to  
36 implement the Medicaid buy-in program under this section. The  
37 agency shall implement the program upon receiving federal  
38 approval.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

STATE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday January 26, 2023

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

OUR MISSION

*"To advocate and promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities".*

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| 10:30 a.m.             | <b>Call to Order</b><br><b>Welcome &amp; Roll Call</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Jean Sherman, Chair</i>                                             |
| 10:30 a.m.- 10:35 a.m. | <b>Approval of Minutes**</b><br>(A) Minutes from 09/22/22<br>(B) Minutes from 12/6/22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>Jean Sherman, Chair</i>                                             |
| 10:35 a.m.-10:45 a.m.  | <b>Update on IFPs/Sole Source/Bids</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Valerie Breen,<br/>Executive Director</i>                           |
| 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  | <b>Approval of Program Budget with Revisions **</b><br>(C) Current State Plan Budget Narrative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Jean Sherman, Chair<br/>Sheila Gritz-Swift,<br/>Senior Director</i> |
| 11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.  | <b>Task Force Updates</b><br><br><b>Minutes</b><br><b>Access to Services</b><br>(D) Approved 8/17/22 Minutes<br>(E) Approved 10/6/22 Minutes<br>(F) Draft 1/5/23 Minutes<br><br><b>Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS)</b><br>(G) Approved 8/18/22 Minutes<br>(H) Draft 12/13/22 Minutes<br><br><b>Aging Caregivers</b><br>(I) Approved 7/27/22 Minutes<br>(J) Draft 1/11/23 Minutes (To be provided as supplemental materials)<br><br><b>Self-Advocacy Leadership</b><br>(K) Approved 5/11/22 Minutes<br>(L) Approved 9/7/22 Minutes<br>(M) Draft 11/16/22 Minutes<br><br><b>Broad Systems Change/Emerging Needs</b><br>(N) Approved 8/24/22 minutes<br>(O) Draft 9/14/22 Minutes (To be provided as supplemental materials) | <i>Jean Sherman, Chair</i>                                             |

**Task Force Collaborative Presentation**

- Access to Services
- Home- and Community-Based Services
- Aging Caregivers
- Self-Advocacy Leadership
- Broad Systems Change/Emerging Needs

*Jamie Mayersohn*

*Sue Kabot*

*Valerie Breen*

*Kristin Vandagriff*

*Jan Pearce*

11:50 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Public Comment/Meeting Adjourned**

*Jean Sherman, Chair*

**\*\* Items that require vote**

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

State Plan Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 22, 2022

**Members Present:** Jean Sherman, Ed.D., RN; Jan Pearce; Elly Hagen; Dennis Hart, M.D.; Jack Kosik; Lisa Miller; Sarah Goldman, Elizabeth "Liz" Perkins, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:** Eddie Hall, Kali Wilson

**Council Members Present:** Kevin Johnson, TJ Moon; Frank Shalett, Jessica Brattain, Conney Dahn

**Visitors:** Sheila Moehler, Paul Shalett, Amanda Johns, Vanessa Monn

**Staff Present:** Sheila Gritz-Swift; Valerie Breen; Lisa Taylor; Margaret Hooper; Sue Kabot, Ed.D., Susan DeBeaugraine; Kristin Vandagriff; Vanda Jenkins

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Jean Sherman at 10:45.

Quorum was established.

**I. Approval of May 19, 2022 Minutes**

**Action Taken:** Kosik made a motion to accept the May 19, 2022 minutes. Perkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Approval of July 27, 2022 Minutes**

**Action Taken:** Kosik made a motion to accept the July 27, 2022 minutes. Perkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Update on IFPs/Sole Source Status**

Valerie Breen provided a brief update on the status of IFPs/Sole Source contracts and agreements.

**IV. Approval of Program Budget with modifications**

The 5-year state plan budget approved in 2021 was shared. Adjustments were made for 2023 to increase our overall goal for Self-Advocacy to \$2,720,074. The narrative on page 15 of the State Plan Committee materials behind Tab 2 explains the difference for 2023 which impacts the overall goal for this Priority.

**Action Taken:** Perkins made a motion to accept the modifications to the budget. Pearce seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Task Force Updates**

Each Task Force Chair or Co-chair provided an update on their task force membership and current projects, including project providers, funding award, project term, purpose, and status. The status reports provided rich information on the positive outcomes that are being achieved through projects that are in place.

**VIII. Public Comment/Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

**State Plan Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday December 6, 2022  
Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:** Jean Sherman, Ed.D., RN; Elly Hagen; Eddie Hall; Lisa Miller; Sarah Goldman; Elizabeth "Liz" Perkins, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:** Brent McNeal; Dennis Hart, M.D.; Jack Kosik; Kali Wilson

**Staff Present:** Sheila Gritz-Swift

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Jean Sherman at 3:07.

Quorum was established.

**I. Review of funding proposals for unobligated dollars approved by the Executive Committee**

- a. Approval of the 12-month renewal proposal in the amount of \$125,000 for the Postsecondary Models Youth Postsecondary Education Ambassador Curriculum project

**Action Taken:** Miller made a motion to approve the Ambassador Curriculum project. Hagen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of an increase in funding in the amount of \$17,508 that extends work from June 2023 through September 2023 for the National Project SEARCH Research Project

**Action Taken:** Perkins made a motion to approve the additional funding for the National Project SEARCH Research Project. Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Public Comment/Meeting Adjourned**

With no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

**State Plan 2022 - 2026**  
**Budget Narrative**  
**As of 1/08/2023**

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| <b><u>1. Access to Services</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$2,175,064</b> |
| ○ There is a change in funding that decreases the goal in the amount of \$124,936.<br>○ This change represents the differential between the amount budgeted and the actual contract amount for the <i>Research for a Statewide Access to Services Information System</i> initiative.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    |
| <b><u>2. Home &amp; Community-Based Delivery Systems</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>\$3,168,873</b> |
| ○ There is a change in funding that decreases the goal in the amount of \$6,127.<br>○ This change represents the differential between the amount budgeted and the actual contract amount for Best Practices in Case Management, Researching Provider Solutions, Measuring Service Quality, Dual Diagnosis, and Training First Responders initiatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |
| <b><u>3. Aging Caregivers</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$750,000</b>   |
| ○ There is no change to funding or initiatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                    |
| <b><u>4. Self-Advocacy Leadership</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                    |
| ○ There is no change to funding or initiatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>\$2,720,074</b> |
| <b><u>5. Broad Systems Change/Emerging Needs</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>\$1,013,783</b> |
| ○ There are changes in funding that increase the goal in the amount of \$698,223. *<br>○ This change increases funding for the National Project SEARCH Research Project contract by \$17,508.<br>○ The increase was approved in the interim by the State Plan Committee and the Executive Committee.<br>○ This change continues funding for a fifth year for the Postsecondary Models project in the amount of \$125,000.<br>○ The increase was approved in the interim by the State Plan Committee and the Executive Committee.<br>* \$142,508 will be funded with program reserve funds.<br>○ There are cumulative adjustments between state plan budgets (2017 to 2021 and 2022 to 2026) relating to initiatives funded with Program Reserve. The cumulative adjustments increase the goal in the amount of \$555,715. The initiatives funded under this goal are Project SEARCH Adult Model and Postsecondary Models. |                    |
| <b><u>Advocacy/Communications</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>\$1,535,668</b> |
| ● There is a change in funding that decreases the goal in the amount of \$23,743.<br>○ This change represents the differential between the amount budgeted and the actual amount for public policy, communications, and state plan goal related initiatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    |
| <b><u>Other</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$597,469</b>   |
| ● There is a change in funding that decreases the goal in the amount of \$2,531.<br>○ This change represents the differential between the amount budgeted and the actual amount for task force travel/miscellaneous.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    |

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| <u>Program Reserve</u>                                                                                                                                                                          | \$1,165,966         |
| • The reserve has been increased by \$206,322 based on the above increases, reductions, and cumulative adjustments. Reserve for 2021 and 2022 is \$726,920. Reserve for 2023-2026 is \$439,046. |                     |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>\$13,126,897</b> |

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**

**Access to Services Task Force  
Minutes  
August 17, 2022**

**Present:** Elly Hagen (Chair), Cherie Hall, Laurie Harlow, Elizabeth Perkins, Jean Sherman, Lisa Miller.

**Absent:** Barbara Palmer/Tom Rice

**Staff:** Jamie Mayersohn

The Access to Services Task Force Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Hagen at 2:10 pm. Roll call was taken.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Action Taken:** Harlow made a motion to accept the April 22, 2022 minutes. Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Update in Current Projects and # 2022-AS-7000: Research and Development for a Statewide Access to Services Information System (SEE POWERPOINT)**

Mayersohn shared that 2 projects are scheduled to be completed in September 2022 (Postsecondary Models and Improving Postsecondary Outcomes) and that both have requested short-term No-Cost Extensions in order to wrap up these multi-year projects. Both projects are being invited to present to both the Task Force and the full Council. An update on the progress of the Black ASD project was also provided.

After a brief review of the first IFP for ASK (as discussed in earlier meeting) Mayersohn announced that 4 proposals were received. The scoring committee met and forwarded the NADD (National Association for the Dually Diagnosed) submission to the State Plan Committee where approval was granted to begin negotiations. Initial meeting has been held with follow-up scheduled for August 31, 2022 so that Executive Director Breen can participate. Mayersohn anticipated contract execution by September 15, 2022.

The role of the Steering Committee was then discussed. Perkins asked that the new Family-Community Liaison, Siddiqua Alleyne, be included. Perkins to arrange for virtual introductions. Sherman added that Mailman also has a Family Navigator, and she will reach out to find out if they would like to be included. Sherman further recommended that a representative from one (or more) of the CARD Centers be included, and perhaps PIP or FLSAND members.

**III. Selection of Date for Next Meeting**

Task Force agreed that they would like to hold an in-person meeting to coincide with the September Council Meeting. Mayersohn to follow-up with Tallahassee staff to see if there is a time that works.

**IV. Public Input**

Chair invited Public Input.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

**Approved: October 6, 2022**

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**

**Access to Services Task Force  
Minutes  
October 6, 2022**

**Present:** Lisa Miller (co-chair), Cherie Hall, Elizabeth Perkins, Tom Rice, Jean Sherman.

**Absent:** Elly Hagen, Laurie Harlow

**Staff:** Jamie Mayersohn, Margaret Hoooper

The meeting was called to order by Chair Miller at 3:05 pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Action Taken: Hall made a motion to accept the August 17, 2022 minutes. Sherman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Update on Access to Services Project**

Mayersohn shared that an agreement has been entered into with the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) and presented the 3 stages of the project and the tentative timeline. Mayersohn committed to sending a copy of the PowerPoint to all Task Force members.

A discussion took place about the roles of the Task Force and the Steering Committee. Mayersohn to send follow-up email.

**III. Selection of Date for Next Meeting**

Topic tabled.

**IV. Public Input**

Chair invited public input.

*The Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.*

**Approved January 5, 2023**

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**

**Access to Services Task Force  
Minutes  
January 5, 2023**

**Present:** Elly Hagen, Laurie Harlow, Peter Slesman, Elizabeth Perkins, Tom Rice, Jean Sherman.

**Absent:** Lisa Miller (co-chair),

**Staff:** Jamie Mayersohn

**Guest:** Jeanne Farr, CEO of the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Action Taken: Perkins made a motion to accept the October 6, 2022 minutes. Hagen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Update on Projects**

Mayersohn shared that the Improving Postsecondary Outcomes: Targeted Diversity project has been completed and that Dr. Terri Daley will be presenting at the full Council meeting later this month.

Mayersohn also shared that upon completion of year 4 of the Postsecondary Models project there was a recommendation for an additional year of work to create a Youth Postsecondary Education Ambassadors Curriculum, which was approved by the State Plan and Executive Committees. Work on this new initiative will begin on January 9, 2023 with the goal creating and piloting a Youth Postsecondary Education Ambassador Curriculum that will add a dimension to previous work by emphasizing and significantly elevating the role of current and former students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in expanding postsecondary program options throughout the state of Florida.

Activities will include developing and piloting an advocacy and leadership curriculum to train young adults with I/DD ages 18-26 who are currently enrolled or recently completed postsecondary programs to serve as Inclusive Postsecondary Education Ambassadors. Trained Ambassadors will promote the value and importance of college for students like themselves primarily to postsecondary institutions and secondary educators.

Mayersohn then introduced Jeanne Farr, CEO of the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) to present an update on the Access to Services Research Project.

Farr discussed the unique, family-centric approach that the project is taking and provided an update on the status of Phase 1 (survey) which will be submitted for IRB approval on January 9, 2023. The role of the Steering Committee was shared, including their adopted, recommendation that a multi-lingual

component be added. Task Force members were encouraged to share suggestions for additional distribution partners (current list to be distributed by Mayersohn).

### **III. Public Input**

Chair invited public input.

*The Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.*

Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Task Force

Minutes

August 18, 2022

Zoom

Members Present: Elly Hagen, Dennis Hart, Kali Wilson, Kevin Johnson, Andrea Gary

Members Absent: Frank Shalett

Staff Present: Susan Kabet

The Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Task Force meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Kali Wilson, Chair. Roll call was taken by Susan Kabet and a quorum was established.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 21, 2022 HCBS Task Force Meeting

- a. The minutes were posted for the members to view. No one offered any corrections.
- b. Action Taken/Motion

Dennis Hart made a motion to approve the April 21 2022 minutes.

Elly Hagen seconded the motion.

All were in favor. None were opposed.

2. Current Projects Update

- a. NADD Dually Diagnosed Study-the draft report of the research study was shown to the task force and will be attached to the draft minutes. Feedback is due this week and will be incorporated into the final document. The strategic plan will be in draft form soon and distributed for feedback. The contract was extended to September 30, 2022 and it is expected that all work will be completed by then. A Year 2 Agreement is under development that will focus on training for school and direct service agency personnel, and families. Year 2 will run from September 29, 2022 through September 30, 2023.
- b. The Paramedicine Project has been given a no-cost extension and will now end January 31, 2022. The project will begin to serve individuals with I/DD in counties that are adjacent to Orange County. Recently, they reported serving 50 clients and have administered 100 COVID vaccinations.
- c. Easy Read-Dale DiLeo has been given a Year 5 Contract that is ready for signature. The 2019-20 Employment First Annual Report was shared with the group and will be attached to the draft minutes from the August meeting. The Year 5 Contract includes both Easy Read and Plain Text versions for all surveys that are developed to ensure that there is broad representation from individuals with I/DD when completing these instruments.
- d. The Behavior Therapist Shortage project is getting underway. The advisory committee has been identified and introductory meetings have been scheduled for August 18 at noon and August 19 at 3:00. The first meeting will be held during the FABA annual conference with a Zoom option, on September 22, 2022 at either 2:00 or 3:00 pm. They

have submitted their IRB application and are now revising the application for resubmission based on feedback received.

3. Projects Through Sole Source

- a. Quality Case Management-A contract is being developed with Mathematica, Inc. who submitted a proposal to the Council and is targeted to begin September 1, 2022.
- b. Measuring Service Quality-A proposal is being developed by Mathematica, Inc., and it is expected to be submitted this week.

4. Project Through Bid

- a. First Responder Training went out for a bid and responses were due 4:00 pm on August 18, 2022.

5. Project Needing a Provider

- a. Provider Pool still does not have an interested potential provider.

6. Public Input

- a. There were no members of the public in attendance, so no public input was obtained.

7. Adjournment

- a. The next meeting of the HCBS Task Force will be scheduled for mid-December.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

**Home- and Community-Based Services  
Task Force Meeting,  
December 13, 2022, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Minutes**

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| <b>3:00 pm</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>               | <i>Kali Wilson, Chair</i> |
|                | <b>Roll Call and Introductions</b> | <i>Kali Wilson, Chair</i> |

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm. In attendance were Andrea Gary, Elly Hagen, and Kevin Johnson. Absent were Kali Wilson, Dennis Hart, and Frank Shalett. Sue Kabot was also in attendance as staff. There was a quorum established.

**3:05 pm      Approval of August 18, 2022 Minutes**

Kevin made a motion to approve the August 18, 2022 minutes and Elly seconded the motion. All in attendance approved the minutes as presented.

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| <b>3:10 pm</b> | <b>Project Update: NADD Dually Diagnosed Study<br/>Project Update: Paramedicine Project<br/>Project Update: Easy Read and Plain Text: Legislative Platform and Social<br/>Validity Scale for the Behavior Therapist Shortage project</b> | <i>Sue Kabot, Staff</i> |
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Sue reported that the Dual Diagnosis Study was completed and that the next project that NADD has begun is the Dual Diagnosis Training activity. The first stakeholder workgroup meeting was held and they have distributed a template for existing training and existing policies/procedures in dual diagnosis. They have also drafted a survey to distribute to a large list of people to collect this information. Their first deliverable is due December 15, 2022.

The paramedicine pilot will be requiring a second amendment to extend the project to September 30, 2023. The catchment area was expanded to Seminole and Osceola Counties and a more targeted marketing plan is being implemented.

Dale DiLeo is continuing work on Easy Read and Plain Text documents. He has created an Easy Read and Plain Text Legislative Platform and the first of the social validity scales in Easy Read (i.e., Addressing the Behavior Therapist Shortage).

**3:25 pm      Project Update: UF Addressing the Behavior Therapist Shortage      Sue Kabot, Staff**  
**Project Update: Mathematica Quality Case Management**  
**Project Update: Mathematica Measuring Service Quality**  
**Project Update: FAU CARD First Responder Training**

The UF Behavior Therapist Shortage Project is making progress. They will be providing a draft report of their environmental scan in January as well as a report of the focus groups held with Registered Behavior Technicians. A second advisory group meeting is scheduled for January.

Mathematica has shown themselves to be a stellar provider. They have many systems in place to support their research projects. The Quality Case Management project held their first workgroup meeting and were able to get a lot of feedback from the group. The Measuring Service Quality project has their first workgroup meeting scheduled for December 14 and the second meeting will be on site at ARC Broward, targeted for late January or early February.

The FAU CARD First Responder Training Project is proceeding smoothly. They had their first stakeholder workgroup meeting and are collecting existing training materials. Their first deliverable is due December 15.

**3:50 pm      Provider Pool now Researching Provider Solutions      Sue Kabot, Staff**

The Provider Pool project was reconceptualized to be a research project instead of actually developing a provider pool. Three groups will be targeted: people on CDC+, those on the Waiver waitlist, and those unknown to APD who are finding their own providers. This will provide information on how people are getting their needs for services and supports met and whether there are creative ways that can be disseminated to other individuals with IDD and their families. A bid was released and one response was received. Results will be posted December 16.

**3:55 pm      Public Input      Kali Wilson, Chair**

There were no individuals from the public at the meeting so there was no public input.

**4:00 pm      Schedule next meeting and Adjournment      Kali Wilson, Chair**

Sue reminder the group that the next Council meeting is January 26 and 27 in Tallahassee and that Vanda had sent information about travel arrangements. The next Task Force meeting should be scheduled for Late March or early April 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

**FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.**

**Aging Caregiver Task Force/State Alliance Team**

**Minutes**

**July 27, 2022**

**3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM Platform**

**Present:** Jean Sherman, Elizabeth Perkins, Yolanda Herrera, Jack Kosik, Ann Dalton (Agency for Health Care Administration), Tom Rice (Agency for Persons with Disabilities), Kira Houge (Department of Elder Affairs), Damian Gregory, Dean Gregory-Stewart, and Darrell Drummond.

**Absent:** Mary Jo McKay

**Staff:** Valerie Breen, Christina DeMeo

Breen co-led the meeting with Chair Perkins. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

**I. Introduction of Members**

Members were asked to introduce themselves and provide a brief background. Breen noted the addition of Gregory, Stewart, and Drummond were added resource members to the Aging Caregiver Task Force and noted that all members are now part of the Project of National Significance (PNS) grant, awarded to the Council, titled Bridging the Aging and Developmental Disability Networks. Breen stated that the purpose of today's meeting would be focused on the expectations of the PNS grant.

**II. Purpose of the Grant**

Breen briefly reviewed the expectations of the grant project. Both she and DeMeo had just returned from a 2-days orientation in Washington D.C. Highlights from the meeting were 1) the 5- year goal is to identify ways to bridge the gap between Aging and Developmental Disability (DD networks, 2) ensure diversity, inclusion and equity for persons with DD and aging to identify the differences in cultures- making it sensitive to the needs of all, 3) we meet 5 times per year, and 4) we have access to national experts from the Administration for Community Living on the aging side, US Aging (representing the Area Agencies on Aging), University of Chicago (research) and Brandeis University (research).

**III. Focus of Florida's Grant**

Breen spent some time reviewing the Council current aging project, Aging Generations' Expectations in Developmental Disabilities (AGEDD) and the work that they are currently doing. Breen presented the two charts created under the AGEDD project that demonstrate the lack of alignment between the two systems (see attached charts). She reported that none of the

elements between the two systems align- not eligibility requirements, not age eligibility or other characteristic, not the application process, and not definition of services.

Breen reported the Administration for Community Living Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Johnson noted that a major focus for ACL was involving the Area Agencies on Aging and their Aging and Disability Resource Centers to increase their familiarity with the DD population.

Breen proposed the question to the group as to what we wanted our 5-year focus to be, since Breen and DeMeo needed to submit year 1 and year 2 workplans on this grant by August 30, 2022. Did the group want to dovetail with the AGEDD project in a training and education efforts with the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)?

Discussion ensured among members regarding training and education. Members noted that they had participated in several training and education efforts, and they ended up never being used. They also were concerned that families and self-advocate needs, and issues were integrated in whatever we worked on. Breen reported to the group that the direction of families and self-advocates would be the focus- maybe initially by gathering information from families and self-advocates as a starting point.

#### **IV. Discussion of the PNS Work Plan**

Breen reported that, based on the group's feedback, she, DeMeo and Sherman would draft an workplan through 2023. DeMeo will create a link that everyone can review the initial workplan and provide feedback. Although an initial plan has to be submitted by August 30<sup>th</sup>, the egroup can provide feedback after that date since it will be a living and breathing document with input from the group.

#### **V. Next steps**

The next Aging Caregiver Task Force/State Alliance meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ET via ZOOM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**

**Self-Advocacy Leadership Task Force**  
**Minutes**  
**05/11/2022**

**Present:** Eddie Hall, Chair; T.J. Moon; Laurie Harlow; and Jack Kosik

**Absent:** Sarah Goldman, Co-Chair

**Staff:** Kristin Vandagriff

**Guests:** Margaret Hooper (FDDC), Joe McCann (Family Café)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:03pm.

Task Force Chair, Eddie Hall, welcome task force members and guests and instructed staff to conduct roll call. He also reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded, and that FDDC matters are subject to Florida's Sunshine Law. Additionally, Chair Hall asked if any task force members had a conflict of interest to declare based on anything on the agenda. No members declared a conflict. The January 28, 2022 task force meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with Jack Kosik making the motion, and Eddie Hall making the second, and all members answering in the affirmative.

**I. Self-Advocacy and Leadership PowerPoint Presentation**

Task Force Chair, Eddie Hall, introduced the meeting's guest speaker, Joe McCann, who presented a project update related to the Advocacy Summit. Mr. McCann presented an update on registered attendees, the core topics the summit would focus on (housing and transportation), the regional breakout session structure, development of regional and individual plans, as well as reviewing the Advocacy Summit agenda. Additionally, Mr. McCann discussed 3-4 optional webinars which would complement the Advocacy Summit, addressing topic resources, root causes, and after-summit evaluation of outcomes and impact. Mr. McCann also provided a listing of the evaluation components for this project. Member questions to Mr. McCann included information on how to connect with him to learn more about attending the summit. Information was provided to members that since the Advocacy Summit was a FDDC-funded event, that it would be a conflict for Council members to receive personal care reimbursement, travel reimbursement etc. if they attended. Members noted appreciating the Advocacy Summit content provided. Kristin Vandagriff provided an update on self-advocacy evaluation efforts, sharing input received from the PIP and the Fellows projects regarding the ARC Self-Determination scale not being the right fit to measure growth from those projects. It was noted that this prompted development of two new tools for the Fellows Leadership Project, a Leadership Rating Scale based on the Essential Behavioral Leadership Qualities Approach and an Organizational Management Growth tool, to be used instead of the ARC scale for this project. It was also noted that due to the other evaluation components that the PIP project had in place, the creation of a new tool to replace the ARC scale was not noted to be necessary. It was also reported that the new PIP curriculum strand was not anticipated to be started in year two of the plan as the First Responder training was timely and would need completed in year two. Members did not express any concern or other input regarding this update.

## **II. Questions, Discussion, and Next Meeting**

No other project questions were asked. Task force members did not feel that any resource members were currently needed at this time. Task force members did not note anything that needed to be brought before the State Plan Committee. Task force members noted that they next wanted to meet in September and chose September 7<sup>th</sup>, 3-4:30pm as the time and date of the next meeting which will occur via Zoom. Members discussed wanting the next task force meeting to focus on the Fellows Leadership Program and include an invitation to FDDC self-advocacy evaluation contractor, Bruce Menchetti, to discuss the new evaluation tools and any data collected using them.

## **III. Public Input**

There were no comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm, with Jack Kosik making a motion, Eddie Hall providing a second, and all members answering in the affirmative.

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**

**Self-Advocacy Leadership Task Force**  
**Minutes**  
**09/07/2022**

**Present:** Eddie Hall, Chair; Sarah Goldman, Co-Chair; T.J. Moon; Laurie Harlow; and Jack Kosik

**Staff:** Kristin Vandagriff

**Guests:** Margaret Hooper (FDDC,) Bruce Menchetti

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:02pm.

Task Force Chair, Eddie Hall, welcomed task force members and guests and instructed staff to conduct roll call. He also reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded, and that FDDC matters are subject to Florida's Sunshine Law. Additionally, Chair Hall asked if any task force members had a conflict of interest to declare based on anything on the agenda. No members declared a conflict. The May 11, 2022, task force meeting minutes were approved with Jack Kosik making the motion, and Sarah Goldman making the second, and all members answering in the affirmative.

**I. PowerPoint Presentation on Project Progress Updates**

Kristin Vandagriff, Director of Programs and Contracts, who provides staffing to this task force, gave a brief project update on the three projects within this task force's purview: 1) Advocacy Summit, 2) Partners in Policymaking, and 3) Fellows Leadership program. Advocacy Summit updates covered: participation numbers, core topics of focus, regional plans, pre-event webinars, participant input, evaluation, post-event webinar planning, and future regional coalition efforts. Partners in Policymaking updates covered: contract renewal, 2022-23 training class efforts, 2023-24 training class planning, quarterly graduate activities, and regional graduate coalitions. Fellows Leadership Program updates covered: renewal contract, new Fellows recruitment, past Fellows mentorship of new Fellows, supporting FL SAND's 2023 self-advocacy conference, building trainings into the new online platform, and the May Route to Self-Determination training. Council members, Eddie Hall, and Jack Kosik, provided their input regarding the Advocacy Summit, as did FDDC staff Margaret Hooper who also attended the event. All noted positive event feedback from participants. Eddie Hall added input regarding the Fellows providing Route to Self-Determination training this past May and the positive impact it had on training participants. Bruce Menchetti, the FDDC self-advocacy evaluation consultant provided an update on the efforts undertaken to enhance the evaluation tools for the Fellows Leadership Program. The collaborative team was discussed as was the need to find a tool which better fit the skill level of program participants. The development of the two new tools for the Fellows Leadership Program were discussed, with a walk through both tools: 1) Essential Behavioral Leadership Qualities tool (Leadership Rating Scale), and 2) Organizational Management Growth tool. Mr. Menchetti discussed the collection of year one data for the Fellows which will be analyzed and brought to the task force at a future meeting, as well as how the Essential Behavioral Leadership Qualities tool was enhanced further based on feedback from the Fellows. It was noted that the Fellows and the contractor (OMS) have positively received these tools.

## **II. Questions, Discussion, and Next Meeting**

No other project questions were asked. Task force members did not feel that any resource members were currently needed at this time. Task force members did not note anything that needed to be brought before the State Plan Committee. Task force members noted that they next wanted to meet in November and chose November 16, 3-4:30pm as the time and date of the next meeting which will occur via Zoom. Members discussed wanting the next task force meeting to focus on the Partners in Policymaking Program and include an invitation to the PIP Coordinator, Stacey Hoaglund. Members noted especially wanting to hear more about: PIP overview agenda for the current training class, recruitment/advertisement efforts, selection process, and demographic make-up.

## **III. Public Input**

There were no comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

## Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

### Self-Advocacy Leadership Task Force

#### Minutes

11/16/2022

**Present:** Eddie Hall, Chair; Sarah Goldman, Co-Chair; T.J. Moon; Laurie Harlow; and Jack Kosik

**Staff:** Kristin Vandagriff

**Guests:** Margaret Hooper (FDDC,) Stacey Hoaglund (PIP Coordinator), Rhiannon Bowen (The Arc of Volusia)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:02pm.

Task Force Chair, Eddie Hall, welcomed task force members and guests and instructed staff to conduct roll call. He also reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded, and that FDDC matters are subject to Florida's Sunshine Law. Additionally, Chair Hall asked if any task force members had a conflict of interest to declare based on anything on the agenda. No members declared a conflict. The September 7, 2022, task force meeting minutes were approved with Jack Kosik making the motion, and Sarah Goldman making the second, and all members answering in the affirmative.

#### I. PowerPoint Presentation on Project Progress Updates

Kristin Vandagriff, Director of Programs and Contracts, who provides staffing to this task force, gave a brief project update on two projects within this task force's purview: 1) Advocacy Summit, 2) Fellows Leadership Program. Advocacy Summit updates covered: knowledge pre/post survey data, satisfaction participant data, as well as the project's next steps before being closed out. Fellows Leadership Program updates covered: new Fellows update, past Fellows mentorship of new Fellows, the 2023 Florida Self-Advocacy Conference planning, building trainings into the new online platform, Leadership Rating Scale results for the year one Fellows, and results for the Organizational Management Growth tool for year one which will serve as the baseline rating for comparison across the next four years. Stacey Hoaglund, the Partners in Policymaking Coordinator presented as a guest an update for this project, covering: the 2022-2023 class agenda content and speakers, 2022-2023 recruitment efforts, selection process scoring rubric, demographic make-up, knowledge pre/post test results for the 2021-2022 class, program satisfaction, 2023-2024 class planning efforts, quarterly graduate activities, regional graduate coalition plans. Additionally, a one-minute video was shared from the PIP YouTube Channel providing a glimpse into the 2022-2023 class session one experience of participants.

#### II. Questions, Discussion, and Next Meeting

Task force members did not feel that any resource members were currently needed at this time. Task force members did not note anything that needed to be brought before the State Plan Committee. Task force members noted that they next wanted to meet in either March 15, April 5, or April 12 from 3-4:30pm. Members requested those three options be provided to OMS, the provider for the Fellows Leadership Program, to see which might work best for OMS staff and a Fellow to join the task force to talk about the 2023 Florida Self-Advocacy Conference, Fellows recruitment, and demonstrating the online training platform. Once OMS and Fellows availability is determined the meeting will be scheduled and public noticed. This meeting will occur via Zoom. Members also denoted wanting to continue to get general updates on PIP during this spring meeting.

### **III. Public Input**

There were no comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14pm.

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**

**Broad Systems Change/Emerging Needs Task Force**

**Minutes**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**08/24/2022**

**Present:** Jan Pearce, Conney Dahn, Yolanda Herrera, Victoria Zepp

**Absent:** Victoria Gaitanis, Lisa Miller

**Staff:** Susan Prater-DeBeaugraine

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jan Pearce at 3:40 p.m. (delayed due to technical issues).
- Chairperson Pearce welcomed the members.
- The minutes of the April 2022 meeting were approved.
- Chairperson Jan Pearce and staff provided an overview of each of the current projects for which the task force has oversight and the two which are ending by 9/30/22.
- The Florida SEARCH Adult Model:
  - The full Council approved the continuation of the project with RESPECT of Florida (Florida ARF) and the national project SEARCH Training and Technical Assistance agreement during the May 2022 meeting.
  - Additional funds were included in the RESPECT of Florida contract to address the issues of assessments and behavioral issues that have impacted several participants who had to be discharged from the program.
  - The project will continue with the four participating Employment Center sites including Martin County Arc; The Arc of Putnam County; Goodwill Industries Suncoast; and MacDonald Training Center, Inc. Two of the host sites will be discontinued (Pirates Cove and Resort and Casa Celeste); however, new sites will be selected. Beck Automotive (Putnam) and Zoo Tampa (McDonald Training Center) will continue.
  - Several participants have either been offered jobs at the hosts' sites or have pending offers.

- Graduation will be upcoming in September and Council/Task Force member, Conney Dahn, agreed to attend the Martin County graduation.
- Two projects have ended including Employ Me 1<sup>st</sup> and the Employment First Collaborative Training Initiative. Chairperson Pearce gave an overview of the work that they have completed since inception and reported that some of the components of the Employment First Collaborative Training Initiative have been included in a federal grant submitted by Vocational Rehabilitation. In addition, the Employ Me 1<sup>st</sup> contractor, the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI), assisted VR with the federal application and if selected, will continue to work with VR in implementing the \$13 million grant.

Staff person DeBeaugraine then gave an overview of the updated Planning Ahead Guide, 5<sup>th</sup> revision. Each Chapter was discussed with task force members, and they were asked to volunteer to review specific chapters for which they have expertise. The full guide will be sent to the volunteers so that they can also review the full product. They were asked to specifically not share the guide until all FDDC photo releases were received.

The task will reconvene on September 14<sup>th</sup> to give a final review of the guide. In the meantime, they will forward any comments to the staff. Chairperson Pearce will meet with staff DeBeaugraine on August 26, 2022, to review the guide as well.

- The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2022, via Zoom. A public notice will be issued by staff.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday January 26, 2023**

**12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**OUR MISSION**

*"To advocate and promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities".*

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b>              | <b>Call to Order</b><br><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>                                                                               | <i>Jack Kosik, Chair</i>                                                    |
| <b>12:05 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.</b> | <b>Approval of Minutes</b><br>(A) Minutes for 9/22/22**                                                                                  | <i>Jack Kosik, Chair</i>                                                    |
| <b>12:10 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.</b> | <b>Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/22 Audit</b><br>(B) Financial Audit ** (to be provided)                                                       | <i>Law, Redd, Crona &amp; Munroe,<br/>P.A. Certified Public Accountants</i> |
| <b>12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.</b> | <b>Review/Discussion of Financials</b><br>(C) Administrative Budget/Actual 10/1/22-11/30/22<br>(D) Program Reserve Update as of 1/08/23. | <i>Jack Kosik, Chair &amp; Lisa Taylor</i>                                  |
| <b>12:40 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Public Comment</b>                                                                                                                    | <i>Jack Kosik, Chair</i>                                                    |
| <b>12:45 p.m.</b>              | <b>Meeting Adjourned</b>                                                                                                                 | <i>Jack Kosik, Chair</i>                                                    |

\*\* Items that require vote

Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 22, 2022

**Members Present:** Dennis Hart, Finance Chair, Sarah Goldman, Jack Kosik, and Peter Sleasman  
**Members Absent:** Kali Wilson

**Other Council Members Present:** Kevin Johnson, Council Chair, Andrea Gary, Elly Hagen, Yolanda Herrera, T.J. Moon, and Liz Perkins

**Staff Present:** Lisa Taylor, Valerie Breen, Margaret Hooper, Vanda Jenkins, Sue Kabot, and Kristin Vandagriff

Meeting was called to order by Chair Hart at 12:30 p.m.

**I. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Action Taken:** Kosik made a motion to accept the minutes of 5/19/22 as presented. Goldman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Review/Discussion of Financials**

• **Administrative Budget/Actual 10/01/21 through 6/30/22**

Hart presented on the budget to actual expenditures for the nine-month period ending 6/30/22. This nine-month period represents approximately 75% of the budget with actual expenditures at approximately 62%. Hart highlighted multiple line items.

Breen provided an overview of the Council's processes for administrative budget projections, programmatic reserve, and proposed modifications to the 2023 Administrative budget.

• **Administrative Budget Projections 10/01 through 9/30/22**

Taylor provided an overview of expenditures to date for administrative line items. The budgeted amount, amount expended to date as well as the projected amount to be spent through 9/30/22, and the budget difference was presented. There were some line items that were under budget and some over budget resulting in a projected surplus of \$258,000 at 9/30/22. After final reconciliation is prepared, these unspent funds will be transferred to Program Reserve.

• **Programmatic Reserve**

Taylor provided an update on the estimated balance of Program Reserve funds. These funds are used, with approval, primarily to enhance contract amounts or address emerging needs. The estimated balance as of 9/30 is \$442,360.

**III. 2023 Administrative Budget with proposed Modifications**

The Council approved a 5-year budget September 2021. On an annual basis, the finance committee is responsible for reviewing and approving modifications to the administrative budget. Hart presented proposed modifications to the 2023 administrative budget in the amount of \$110,069. The increases were related to computer, payroll, professional fees, and travel.

**Action Taken:** Kosik made a motion to accept the 2020-2021 modifications to the 2023 administrative budget in the amount of \$110,069. Goldman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Public Comment**

Hart asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Audited Financial Statement for  
the fiscal year ending 9/30/22

To be Provided

**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual with Administration Programmatic Breakdown**  
**Cumulative Expenditures 10/01/22 through 11/30/22**

|         |                                      | Administration<br>Annual Budget | Expenditures<br>Nov-22 | A                          | =              | B          | +              | C        |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------|
|         |                                      |                                 |                        | 12 month<br>(Under) Budget | \$ Over Budget | Allocation | Administration | Programs |
| Expense |                                      |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 2022 Administrative                  |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 Computer Expenses                 | 52,000.00                       | 14,481.68              | (37,518.32)                |                | 6,343.00   | 8,138.68       |          |
|         | 22 Dues                              | 25,000.00                       | 115.00                 | (24,885.00)                |                | 50.00      | 65.00          |          |
|         | 22 Education/Training                | 7,000.00                        |                        | (7,000.00)                 |                | 102.00     | -102.00        |          |
|         | 22 Insurance-General                 | 13,857.00                       |                        | (13,857.00)                |                |            | 0.00           |          |
|         | 22 Office Supplies & Expense         |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 Bank Charges                      | 2,100.00                        | 345.07                 | (1,754.93)                 |                | 151.00     | 194.07         |          |
|         | 22 Office Supplies & Expense - Other | 13,020.00                       | 819.08                 | (12,200.92)                |                | 353.00     | 466.08         |          |
|         | Total 22 Office Supplies & Expense   | 15,120.00                       | 1,164.15               | (13,955.85)                |                | 504.00     | 660.15         |          |
|         | 22 Payroll                           |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 Benefits                          |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 STD, LTD and Life                 | 13,000.00                       | 1,514.10               | (11,485.90)                |                | 674.00     | 840.10         |          |
|         | 22 Health Insurance                  | 102,000.00                      | 6,783.79               | (95,216.21)                |                | 3,023.00   | 3,760.79       |          |
|         | 22 Dental Insurance                  | 5,050.00                        | 431.06                 | (4,618.94)                 |                | 192.00     | 239.06         |          |
|         | 22 AFLAC                             | 16,640.00                       | 967.74                 | (15,672.26)                |                | 433.00     | 534.74         |          |
|         | 22 Retirement                        |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 Retirement Administration         | 6,500.00                        |                        | (6,500.00)                 |                |            | 0.00           |          |
|         | 22 Retirement Contributions          | 66,069.00                       | 4,515.15               | (61,553.85)                |                | 1,971.00   | 2,544.15       |          |
|         | Total 22 Retirement                  | 72,569.00                       | 4,515.15               | (68,053.85)                |                | 1,971.00   | 2,544.15       |          |
|         | Total 22 Benefits                    | 209,259.00                      | 14,211.84              | (195,047.16)               |                | 6,293.00   | 7,918.84       |          |
|         | 22 Workers Comp Insurance            | 4,558.00                        |                        | (4,558.00)                 |                |            | 0.00           |          |
|         | 22 Payroll Taxes                     | 94,517.00                       | 11,437.75              | (83,079.25)                |                | 4,997.00   | 6,440.75       |          |
|         | 22 Employee Gross                    | 1,178,000.00                    | 150,526.97             | (1,027,473.03)             |                | 65,764.00  | 84,762.97      |          |
|         | 22 Payroll Processing Fee            | 2,200.00                        | 294.00                 | (1,906.00)                 |                | 128.00     | 166.00         |          |
|         | Total 22 Payroll                     | 1,488,534.00                    | 176,470.56             | (1,312,063.44)             |                | 77,182.00  | 99,288.56      |          |
|         | 22 Professional Fees                 |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 Contract                          | 50,000.00                       |                        | (50,000.00)                |                |            | 0.00           |          |
|         | 22 Legal Fees                        | 11,000.00                       | 240.50                 | (10,759.50)                |                | 106.00     | 134.50         |          |
|         | 22 HR Consultant                     | 16,000.00                       | 2,025.00               | (13,975.00)                |                | 901.00     | 1,124.00       |          |
|         | 22 Audit & 990                       | 22,000.00                       |                        | (22,000.00)                |                |            | 0.00           |          |
|         | Total 22 Professional Fees           | 99,000.00                       | 2,265.50               | (96,734.50)                |                | 1,007.00   | 1,258.50       |          |
|         | 22 Postage                           |                                 | 7,000.00               | 77.59                      | (6,922.41)     |            | 34.00          | 43.59    |
|         | 22 Rent                              |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 Equipment Rental                  | 6,000.00                        | 229.67                 | (5,770.33)                 |                |            | 229.67         |          |
|         | 22 Building Rent                     | 138,973.00                      | 22,777.58              | (116,195.42)               |                | 9,948.00   | 12,829.58      |          |
|         | Total 22 Rent                        | 144,973.00                      | 23,007.25              | (121,965.75)               |                | 9,948.00   | 13,059.25      |          |
|         | 22 Telephone                         |                                 | 6,900.00               | 806.84                     | (6,093.16)     |            | 351.00         | 455.84   |
|         | 22 Travel Council                    |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 TVL/C DD Council Mtg              | 112,000.00                      | 11,840.75              | (100,159.25)               |                | 5,265.00   | 6,575.75       |          |
|         | 22 Travel Council Other              | 3,500.00                        |                        | (3,500.00)                 |                |            | 0.00           |          |
|         | Total 22 Travel Council              | 115,500.00                      | 11,840.75              | (103,659.25)               |                | 5,265.00   | 6,575.75       |          |
|         | 22 Travel Staff                      |                                 |                        |                            |                |            |                |          |
|         | 22 TVL/S DD Council Mtg              | 6,000.00                        | 3,926.84               | (2,073.16)                 |                | 1,736.00   | 2,190.84       |          |
|         | 22 Travel Staff - Other              | 5,500.00                        |                        | (5,500.00)                 |                |            | 0.00           |          |
|         | Total 22 Travel Staff                | 11,500.00                       | 3,926.84               | (7,573.16)                 |                | 1,736.00   | 2,190.84       |          |
|         | 22 Employee Morale                   |                                 | 1,500.00               | 7.98                       | (1,492.02)     |            | 4.00           | 3.98     |
|         | 22 Board Development                 |                                 | 12,000.00              | 0.00                       | (12,000.00)    |            | 0.00           | 0.00     |
|         | Total 2022 Administrative            | 1,999,884.00                    | 234,164.14             | (1,765,719.86)             |                | 102,526.00 | 131,638.14     |          |
|         | Total Award                          |                                 | 4,207,477.00           |                            |                | 2.44%      | 3.13%          |          |

|                                                            |           |  |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|-------------|
| <b>Programmatic Reserve - as of 11/02/2022</b>             |           |  | \$686,191   |
| <b>Projects funded:</b>                                    |           |  |             |
| Project SEARCH Adult Model - Approved Exec Comm - 11/15/22 | (17,508)  |  |             |
| Post Secondary Models - Approved Exec Comm - 11/15/22      | (125,000) |  | (142,508)   |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                            |           |  | 543,683     |
| <b>Increase in 2022 Grant Award (9/06/22)</b>              |           |  | 30,798      |
| <b>Unspent Funds</b>                                       |           |  |             |
| Black ASD ID Research Expansion Project                    | 41,012    |  |             |
| Improv Postsecond Outcomes-Targeted Disparity-YR4          | 6,513     |  |             |
| Easy Read                                                  | 40,550    |  |             |
| Aging Caregivers Roadmap Initiative                        | 800       |  |             |
| P/R Digital Communication/Outreach                         | 61,134    |  | 150,009     |
| <b>Adjustment of Prior Estimates</b>                       |           |  |             |
| Adjustment of Admin for legal fees reclassified            | (3,275)   |  |             |
| Adjustment of Communication & Advocacy                     | 5,564     |  | 2,290       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                            |           |  | 183,097     |
| <b>Program Reserve Available at 1/08/23</b>                |           |  | \$726,780   |
| Estimated Program Reserve for 2023 - 2026                  |           |  | 439,186     |
| <b>Estimated Grand Total Program Reserve</b>               |           |  | \$1,165,966 |

|                                                |           |  |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|------------------|
| <b>Programmatic Reserve - as of 9/20/22</b>    |           |  | <b>\$478,238</b> |
| <b>Projects funded:</b>                        |           |  |                  |
| Project SEARCH Adult Model                     | (2,920)   |  | (2,920)          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                |           |  | <b>475,318</b>   |
| <b>Unspent Funds</b>                           |           |  |                  |
| Spanish Translation Yr 4                       | 47,821    |  |                  |
| Advocacy Summitt                               | 26,445    |  |                  |
| Dual Diagnosis                                 | 261       |  |                  |
| Employment First Collaborative Training        | 64        |  |                  |
| 2021 Administration                            | 117,342   |  |                  |
| Project SEARCH Adult Model                     | 105,513   |  |                  |
| National Project Search Training & TA          | 16,200    |  | <b>313,646</b>   |
| <b>Adjustment of Prior Estimates</b>           |           |  |                  |
| 2022 Additional Administration funds           | 10,101    |  |                  |
| Communication & Advocacy                       | (110,000) |  |                  |
| Florida SAND Fellows Leadership Program        | (2,950)   |  |                  |
| Other - Task force Travel/Misc                 | 76        |  | <b>(102,773)</b> |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                |           |  | <b>210,873</b>   |
| <b>Estimated Program Reserve at 11/02/2022</b> |           |  | <b>\$686,191</b> |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Funds Beginning Date<br>Funds Must be Spent by                    | 2020 &<br>2021 | 2022      | 2023      | 2024                   | 2025      | 2025                   | 2026      | 2026                   | 2026      | Total                  | Total Per<br>Goal/Area |                        |   |                            |
| <b>Goals:</b>                                                     |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| <b>1. ACCESS TO SERVICES</b>                                      |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| ASK Steering Committee & Research                                 | 126,531        | 248,533   | 250,000   | 200,000                | 200,000   | 200,000                | 200,000   | 200,000                | 200,000   | 1,225,064              | 950,000                |                        |   |                            |
| ASK Web-based platform and training                               |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| <b>2. Home &amp; Community Based Delivery System</b>              |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| Best Practices in Case Management                                 | 100,000        | 99,839    | 125,000   | 75,000                 | 75,000    | 75,000                 | 75,000    | 75,000                 | 75,000    | 549,839                | 998,761                |                        |   |                            |
| Researching Provider Solutions                                    |                | 100,000   | 148,761   | 250,000                | 250,000   | 250,000                | 250,000   | 250,000                | 250,000   | 549,907                | 998,761                |                        |   |                            |
| Measuring Service Quality                                         |                | 199,907   | 125,000   | 75,000                 | 75,000    | 75,000                 | 75,000    | 75,000                 | 75,000    | 295,425                | 998,761                |                        |   |                            |
| Addressing the Behavior Therapist Shortage                        | 195,425        |           | 100,000   | 100,000                | 100,000   | 100,000                | 100,000   | 100,000                | 100,000   | 524,951                | 998,761                |                        |   |                            |
| Dual Diagnosis                                                    | 75,000         | 149,951   | 100,000   |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           | 249,990                | 998,761                |                        |   |                            |
| Training First Responders                                         |                | 149,990   | 100,000   |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| <b>3. AGING CAREGIVERS</b>                                        |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| Aging Caregivers Roadmap Initiative                               |                | 150,000   | 150,000   | 150,000                | 150,000   | 150,000                | 150,000   | 150,000                | 150,000   | 750,000                | 750,000                |                        |   |                            |
| <b>4. SELF ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP</b>                                |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| Florida SAND                                                      | 317,006        | 300,000   | 261,725   | 338,275                | 300,000   | 300,000                | 300,000   | 300,000                | 300,000   | 1,517,006              | 250,000                |                        |   |                            |
| Partners in Policymaking Coordinator                              | 50,000         | 50,000    | 50,000    | 50,000                 | 50,000    | 50,000                 | 50,000    | 50,000                 | 50,000    | 250,000                | 653,068                |                        |   |                            |
| Partners in Policymaking Travel/Supports                          | 150,000        | 78,340    | 162,500   | 156,289                | 105,939   | 105,939                | 105,939   | 105,939                | 105,939   | 300,000                | 653,068                |                        |   |                            |
| Partners in Policymaking Curriculum Strand                        |                |           | 150,000   |                        | 150,000   |                        | 150,000   |                        | 150,000   |                        | 300,000                |                        |   |                            |
| <b>5. Broad Systems Change/Emerging Needs</b>                     |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| Programmatic Reserve (1.5%)                                       | 82,901         | 643,879   | 258,108   | 63,112                 | 63,462    | 54,504                 | 54,504    | 54,504                 | 54,504    | 1,165,966              | 1,013,783              |                        |   |                            |
| State Plan Initiatives funded with Program Reserve                | 50,000         | 938,783   | 25,000    |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| <b>Subtotal - GOALS</b>                                           | 629,857        | 3,197,888 | 1,810,209 | 1,837,337              | 1,783,026 | 1,735,443              | 1,735,443 | 1,735,443              | 1,735,443 | 10,993,760             | 10,993,760             |                        |   |                            |
| <b>Advocacy &amp; Communications</b>                              |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| State Plan Goal Related(Easy Read, Spanish Translation)           | 83,696         | 85,575    | 170,000   | 170,000                | 170,000   | 170,000                | 170,000   | 170,000                | 170,000   | 849,271                | 176,287                |                        |   |                            |
| Public Policy/Legislative Education                               | 8,903          | 7,384     | 40,000    | 40,000                 | 40,000    | 40,000                 | 40,000    | 40,000                 | 40,000    | 510,110                | 500,000                |                        |   |                            |
| Communications                                                    | 92,599         | 193,658   | 315,792   | 310,000                | 310,000   | 313,619                | 313,619   | 313,619                | 313,619   | 1,535,668              | 1,535,668              |                        |   |                            |
| <b>Subtotal - ADVOCACY &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</b>                   | 722,456        | 3,391,546 | 2,126,001 | 2,147,337              | 2,096,645 | 2,045,443              | 2,045,443 | 2,045,443              | 2,045,443 | 12,529,428             | 12,529,428             |                        |   |                            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                      |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| <b>Other</b>                                                      |                |           |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |           |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| Task Force Travel/Misc                                            | 1,495          | 974       | 5,000     | 5,000                  | 5,000     | 5,000                  | 5,000     | 5,000                  | 5,000     | 5,000                  | 5,000                  | 22,469                 |   |                            |
| Program Evaluation (Performance Measures Data System)             |                | 15,000    | 15,000    | 15,000                 | 15,000    | 15,000                 | 15,000    | 15,000                 | 15,000    | 15,000                 | 15,000                 | 75,000                 |   |                            |
| Consultant - Project Evaluation                                   | 118,408        | 20,000    | 61,592    | 100,000                | 100,000   | 100,000                | 100,000   | 100,000                | 100,000   | 100,000                | 100,000                | 500,000                |   |                            |
| <b>Subtotal - OTHER</b>                                           | 119,903        | 35,974    | 81,592    | 120,000                | 120,000   | 120,000                | 120,000   | 120,000                | 120,000   | 120,000                | 120,000                | 597,469                |   |                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                                | 842,359        | 3,427,520 | 2,207,593 | 2,267,337              | 2,216,645 | 2,165,443              | 2,165,443 | 2,165,443              | 2,165,443 | 13,126,897             | 13,126,897             | 0                      | 0 |                            |
| Program Funds                                                     |                | (0)       | 0         | 0                      | 0         | 0                      | 0         | 0                      | 0         |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |
| Available Funds                                                   |                | 2,022     | 2,023     | 2,024                  | 2,025     | 2,026                  | 2,026     | 2,026                  | 2,026     |                        |                        |                        |   |                            |

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**Funds Beginning Date**  
**Funds Must be Spent by**

1/10/2023

| Approved Budget 2022-2026 with Modifications in effect January 2021 |           | 2020 & 2021            | 2022                   | 2023                   | 2024                   | 2025                   | 2026      | Total     | Total Per Goal/Area |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Funds Beginning Date                                                | 9/30/2023 | 10/1/2021<br>9/30/2023 | 10/1/2022<br>9/30/2024 | 10/1/2023<br>9/30/2025 | 10/1/2024<br>9/30/2026 | 10/1/2025<br>9/30/2027 |           |           |                     |
| Funds Must be Spent by                                              |           |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |           |           |                     |
| Administrative                                                      |           | Actual at 9/30/22      |                        |                        |                        |                        |           |           |                     |
| Computer                                                            |           | 39,333                 | 52,000                 | 35,000                 | 35,000                 | 35,000                 | 35,000    | 196,333   |                     |
| Dues-NACDD                                                          |           | 20,187                 | 25,000                 | 25,000                 | 25,000                 | 25,000                 | 25,000    | 120,187   |                     |
| Education/Training                                                  |           | 8,109                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 7,000     | 36,109    |                     |
| Insurance-General                                                   |           |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |           |           |                     |
| Directors & Officers and Employment Practices Liability             |           | 4,200                  | 5,634                  | 5,722                  | 5,837                  | 5,953                  | 5,953     | 27,346    |                     |
| Property, Crime, General and Professional Liability                 |           | 5,083                  | 6,644                  | 6,752                  | 6,887                  | 7,025                  | 7,025     | 32,391    |                     |
| Umbrella Policy                                                     |           | 1,065                  | 1,186                  | 1,259                  | 1,284                  | 1,310                  | 1,310     | 6,104     |                     |
| ERISA                                                               |           | 633                    |                        | 696                    |                        | 765                    | 765       | 2,094     |                     |
| State of Florida policies                                           |           | 385                    | 393                    | 393                    | 401                    | 409                    | 409       | 1,982     |                     |
| Total Insurance-General                                             |           | 11,366                 | 13,857                 | 14,822                 | 14,409                 | 15,462                 | 15,462    | 69,916    |                     |
| Office Supplies & Expense                                           |           |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |           |           |                     |
| Bank Charges                                                        |           | 1,672                  | 2,100                  | 2,150                  | 2,200                  | 2,250                  | 2,250     | 10,372    |                     |
| Supplies & Expense                                                  |           | 7,861                  | 13,020                 | 13,020                 | 13,020                 | 13,020                 | 13,020    | 59,941    |                     |
| Total Office Supplies & Expense                                     |           | 9,533                  | 15,120                 | 15,170                 | 15,220                 | 15,270                 | 15,270    | 70,313    |                     |
| Payroll                                                             |           |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |           |           |                     |
| Payroll Processing Fee                                              |           | 1,909                  | 2,200                  | 2,250                  | 2,300                  | 2,350                  | 2,350     | 11,009    |                     |
| Employee Gross                                                      |           | 364,936                | 1,178,000              | 1,151,361              | 1,185,902              | 1,221,479              | 1,221,479 | 5,719,021 |                     |
| Payroll Taxes (Includes State U/C Taxes)                            |           | 75,452                 | 94,517                 | 92,479                 | 95,221                 | 97,943                 | 97,943    | 455,613   |                     |
| Workers Compensation Insurance                                      |           | 2,086                  | 4,558                  | 4,786                  | 5,025                  | 5,277                  | 5,277     | 21,733    |                     |
| Benefits                                                            |           |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |           |           |                     |
| Retirement                                                          |           | 36,432                 | 72,569                 | 74,582                 | 76,654                 | 78,789                 | 78,789    | 339,026   |                     |
| AFLAC                                                               |           | 13,918                 | 16,640                 | 16,640                 | 16,640                 | 16,640                 | 16,640    | 80,478    |                     |
| Dental Insurance                                                    |           | 4,362                  | 5,050                  | 2,827                  | 2,968                  | 3,116                  | 3,116     | 18,325    |                     |
| Health Insurance                                                    |           | 84,388                 | 102,000                | 113,535                | 119,212                | 125,177                | 125,177   | 544,307   |                     |
| STD, LTD, Life Insurance                                            |           | 16,720                 | 13,000                 | 16,503                 | 17,328                 | 18,195                 | 18,195    | 81,745    |                     |
| Total Benefits                                                      |           | 155,820                | 209,259                | 224,087                | 232,801                | 241,912                | 241,912   | 1,063,879 |                     |
| Total Payroll                                                       |           | 600,203                | 1,488,534              | 1,474,963              | 1,521,250              | 1,568,963              | 1,568,963 | 6,653,912 |                     |
| Professional Fees                                                   |           |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |           |           |                     |
| Audit & 990                                                         |           | 19,450                 | 22,000                 | 20,688                 | 21,308                 | 21,947                 | 21,947    | 105,393   |                     |
| Consultants                                                         |           | 17,128                 | 50,000                 | 50,000                 | 50,000                 | 50,000                 | 50,000    | 217,128   |                     |
| Legal Fees                                                          |           | 6,762                  | 11,000                 | 11,000                 | 11,000                 | 11,000                 | 11,000    | 50,762    |                     |
| HR Consultant                                                       |           | 7,422                  | 16,000                 | 16,000                 | 16,000                 | 16,000                 | 16,000    | 71,422    |                     |
| Total Professional Fees                                             |           | 50,762                 | 99,000                 | 97,688                 | 98,308                 | 98,947                 | 98,947    | 444,705   |                     |
| Postage                                                             |           | 2,867                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 7,000     | 30,867    |                     |
| Rent                                                                |           | 135,385                | 138,973                | 142,998                | 147,144                | 148,893                | 148,893   | 713,393   |                     |
| Building Rent                                                       |           | 5,469                  | 6,000                  | 6,000                  | 6,000                  | 6,000                  | 6,000     | 29,469    |                     |
| Equipment/Rental                                                    |           | 140,854                | 144,973                | 148,998                | 153,144                | 154,893                | 154,893   | 742,862   |                     |

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1/10/2023

| Funds Beginning Date<br>Funds Must be Spent by | 10/1/2021<br>9/30/2023 | 10/1/2022<br>9/30/2024 | 10/1/2023<br>9/30/2025 | 10/1/2024<br>9/30/2026 | 10/1/2025<br>9/30/2027 | Total Per<br>Goal/Area |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2020 &<br>2021                                 | 2022                   | 2023                   | 2024                   | 2025                   | 2026                   | Total                  |
| Telephone                                      | 6,219                  | 6,900                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 7,000                  | 34,119                 |
| Travel                                         |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        | 0                      |
| Council Meetings                               | 33,784                 | 118,000                | 75,000                 | 75,000                 | 75,000                 | 376,784                |
| Member Travel - Other                          | -                      | 3,500                  | 3,500                  | 3,500                  | 3,500                  | 14,000                 |
| Staff Travel                                   | 12,432                 | 5,500                  | 15,500                 | 15,500                 | 15,500                 | 64,432                 |
| Total Travel                                   | 46,216                 | 127,000                | 94,000                 | 94,000                 | 94,000                 | 455,216                |
| Employee Morale                                | 291                    | 1,500                  | 1,500                  | 1,500                  | 1,500                  | 6,291                  |
| Total Administrative                           | 617,342                | 935,940                | 1,987,884              | 1,928,141              | 1,978,831              | 2,030,033              |
| Less Program costs                             |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| Net Administrative                             | 617,342                | 935,940                | 1,987,884              | 1,928,141              | 1,978,831              | 2,030,033              |
| Board Development                              | -                      | 12,000                 | 12,000                 | 12,000                 | 12,000                 | 48,000                 |
| Addition (Reduction) to Program Reserve        | 258,142                | (110,069)              | 4,207,477              | 4,207,478              | 4,207,476              | 22,653,068             |
| Grand Total                                    | 1,459,701              | 4,363,460              |                        |                        |                        | 22,653,068             |

\*Approximately 63% (\$5,316,498) is program cost

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday January 26, 2023  
12:45 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

OUR MISSION

*"To advocate and promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities."*

|            |                                                       |                         |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 12:45 p.m. | Meeting Called to Order                               | Kevin Johnson, Chair    |
| 12:50 p.m. | Approval of the 11/15/22 Minutes **<br>(A) 11/15/2022 | Kevin Johnson, Chair    |
| 12:55 p.m. | Additional Council Vacancies                          | Kevin Johnson, Chair    |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Agreements for Match from the State                   | Valerie Breen, Ex. Dir. |
| 1:15 p.m.  | Update on Personnel/Medical Leave                     | Valerie Breen, Ex. Dir. |
| 1:25 p.m.  | Public Input                                          |                         |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Adjourn                                               |                         |

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
11/15/22  
Via Zoom Platform

**Present:** Kevin Johnson, Jack Kosik, Dennis Hart, Eddie Hall, Sarah Goldman and Elly Hagen  
**Absent:** Lisa Miller  
**Staff:** Valerie Breen, Sheila Gritz-Swift and Lisa Taylor  
**Other:** Penny Morey, HR Consultant, RemarkableHR Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Johnson

**I. Approval of the 9/22/22 Executive Committee Minutes**

Action Taken: Kosik made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Goldman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Approval of Policies**

Breen and Taylor presented on the updates to the Procurement Policy and the Self-Certification Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold addendum to the policy. A question was raised by Kosik regarding annual approval of the self-certification. Breen stated that at the annual January Council meeting where the audit report is provided, a standing agenda item will be the review/renewal of the self-certification to ensure that the Treasurer and Finance Committee agree with the renewal based on our audit findings.

Action Taken: Hart made a motion to accept the Procurement Policy and Self-Certification Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold as presented. Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Breen and Taylor reviewed the modifications to the Funding & Budget Policy with the committee. There were changes to the title and approval process. Kosik requested that for future presentations, the Committee see the side-by-side comparison of what was changed, but it wasn't necessary for them to move forward for approval in this meeting.

Action Taken: Kosik made a motion to accept the Funding & Budget Policy as presented. Hagen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Approval of Funding Proposal**

Gritz-Swift provided a summary on both funding requests explained in the one-page summary provided to the committee. The first request was for a total of \$125,000 to be implemented within 12 months for a Youth Postsecondary Education Ambassador Curriculum as an addition to the work conducted through the Postsecondary model initiatives conducted through the Council. The second request was for an additional \$17,508 for the National Project Search Research model to extend their work through September 2023. Both amounts would be taken from the Council's program reserve dollars.

Action Taken: Hart made a motion to approve both projects from the Program Reserve in the total amount of \$142,508. Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. Additional Council Vacancies

Johnson reported that the committee needs to review applications for two seats for persons with developmental disabilities and one seat for a representative from a non-governmental agency. Five applications have been received for the non-governmental seat and only 1 application for a person with developmental disability. Johnson stated that more recruitment needs to be done to have a larger number of persons with developmental disabilities to review. The committee agreed to review and rate the 6 applications in December so that they could move ahead with interviews with appropriate candidates in January prior to the Council meeting.

#### V. Public Comment

There was no one in attendance from the public. Johnson then closed the meeting for only Executive Committee members to address the Executive Director performance evaluation and compensation.

#### VI. Executive Director Evaluation

After Breen and Morey had a discussion with the committee regarding the proposed two new positions for the Council, the proposed organizational chart, the adjusted salary ranges, and levels for 2023, and had the opportunity to address questions, Breen was excused from the meeting. Morey stayed per Johnson's request.

Johnson reported that he had received comments from 10 staff and Council members along with the self-evaluation conducted by Breen she had provided to the Executive Committee members. He reviewed the comments with the Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee members then took the time to review Breen's self-evaluation ratings and proposed adjustments to her scores and proposed goals, which would be discussed between Johnson and Breen.

Action Taken: Kosik made a motion to approve Breen's self-evaluation. Hart seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnson reported that Penny Morey's firm completed a review of Breen's current compensation in line with the compensation for all FDDC positions. Morey reported that the Executive Director role required a reclassification to a 22 based on duties, responsibilities, and accountability. This would require a market adjustment along with a merit increase based on the rating for Breen's performance.

Action Taken: Kosik made a motion to approve the re-classification from a 21 to a 22 for the Executive Director position. Hart seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnson reported that Morey had requested consideration for a one-time opportunity to allow Breen's unused accrued leave at the end of 2022 be carried over to 2023. Johnson reported that Breen will be coming

off the Council's 100% employer paid health insurance plan with an annual cost of \$15,026 to the Council for her health premium. She will be moving to Medicare 12/1/22.

Action Taken: Hart made the motion to approve the one-time carryover of Breen's remaining unused paid time off in 2022 to 2023. Goldman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnson then addressed Hall's question about the cost of administrative overhead for the Council. Johnson reported that simply evaluating administrative costs as a percentage of total operating budget in comparison to other nonprofits may not be appropriate given the Council's nature (both funding and function). As opposed to direct-service organizations the Council may always have a higher percentage of administrative cost. In addition, this metric has been downplayed as an indicator of effectiveness of an organization. Finally, while organizations that are funded primarily through charitable contributions may have additional pressure to justify administrative expenses to justify their efficiency, the Council's funding mechanism is fundamentally different. Therefore, comparable organizations are nuanced, and this should be taken into consideration when evaluating total administrative costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday January 26, 2023, and Friday January 27, 2023

### Thursday January 26th

|                     |                                                         |                                                                                |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2:30 p.m.           | Call to Order/Roll Call                                 | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                    |
| 2:35 p.m.           | Approval of September Minutes**<br>(A) 09/22/22 Minutes | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                    |
| 2:35 p.m.-2:55 p.m. | Chair/Vice Chair Report                                 | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i><br><i>Eddie Hall, Vice Chair</i>                   |
| 2:55 p.m.-3:15 p.m. | Executive Director Report                               | <i>Valerie Breen, Exec. Dir.</i>                                               |
| 3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. | Break                                                   | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                    |
| 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | Years 3 & 4 State Plan Discussion                       | <i>Sue Kabot, Chief of Programs</i><br><i>Sheila Gritz-Swift, Sr. Director</i> |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Public Input/Meeting Adjourned                          | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                    |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Dinner on Own                                           |                                                                                |

### Friday January 27th

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| 9:30 a.m.             | Call to Order/Roll Call                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                         |
| 9:35 a.m.-10:45 a.m.  | State & Sister Agency Reports<br><i>Agency for Persons with Disabilities</i><br><i>Agency for Health Care Administration</i><br><i>Department of Elder Affairs</i><br><i>Department of Education-Vocational Rehabilitation</i><br><i>Department of Education-Bureau of Exceptional Student Services</i><br><i>Department of Health, Children Medical Services</i><br><i>Disability Rights Florida</i><br><i>University of Miami-Mailman Center</i><br><i>University of South Florida-Florida Center for Inclusive Communities</i> | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                         |
| 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Working Lunch/Council Reports<br><i>Public Policy Committee</i><br><i>State Plan Committee</i><br><i>Finance Committee</i><br><i>Executive Committee</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i><br><i>Sarah Goldman, Chair</i><br><i>Jean Sherman, Chair</i><br><i>Jack Kosik, Chair</i><br><i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i> |
| 12:00 -1:00 p.m.      | Post-Secondary Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Terry Daly, Ph.D., Director</i><br><i>UCF-CARD</i>                                                                                               |
| 1:00 p.m.             | Public Input/Adjourn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Kevin Johnson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                         |

Full Council Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2022

Thursday, September 22, 2022

**Members Present:** Kevin Johnson, Chair, Conney Dahn, Sarah Goldman, Elly Hagen, Laurie Harlow, Dennis Hart, Yolanda Herrera, Jack Kosik, Lisa Miller, TJ Moon, Jan Pearce, Elizabeth Perkins, Tom Rice, Frank Shalett, Jean Sherman and Peter Sreasman

**Members Absent:** Dick Bradley, Eddie Hall, Kali Wilson and Victoria Zepp

**Staff Present:** Valerie Breen, Susan DeBeaugrine, Sheila Gritz-Swift, Margaret Hooper, Vanda Jenkins, Sue Kabot, Lisa Taylor and Kristin Vandagriff

**Others Present:** Jessica Brattain, Andrea Gary, Kira Houge, Catherine McGrath, , Sheila Mohler and Paul Shalett

The committee meetings began on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:15 pm. The full council meeting also started on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm and continued through Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

- I. Roll call was taken by Jenkins and quorum was established. Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.
- II. Approval of the Minutes

**Action Taken:** Kosik made a motion to accept the May 19, 2022 minutes. Herrera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **Chair/Vice-Chair Report**

Johnson included in his presentation the rebranding of Bishop Grady Villas to Magnify. He displayed the new website and gave a verbal overview of the facility.

In the absence of Eddie Hall, our Council Vice-Chair, Johnson gave the vice-chair report and showed a video on "Removing the Barriers."

IV. **Executive Director Report**

Breen began her report by sharing the accomplishments of the FDCC. She continued her presentation with slides from her vacation in Paris where she explained and expounded on the outcomes of her being hospitalized. And as a result, she shared her experience and observed some interesting facts relating to those with developmental disabilities and the services they receive in other countries.

V. **Workforce Collaborative Training presentation**

McComas presented on Workforce Collaborative Training Initiative: Improving Direct Support Professionals' Skills and Retention. FDCC staff, Gritz-Swift & Kabot was also a part of this presentation.

VI. **Public Comment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Friday, September 23, 2022

**Members Present:** Kevin Johnson, Chair, Sarah Goldman, Elly Hagen, Laurie Harlow, Dennis Hart, Yolanda Herrera, Lisa Miller, TJ Moon, Jan Pearce, Elizabeth Perkins, Tom Rice, Frank Shalett, Jean Sherman and Peter Sleasman

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The Council meeting continued, roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. Roll call was taken by Jenkins and quorum was established. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

II. **State and Sister Agency Reports**

Reports were provided by Barbara Palmer & Tom Rice, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Catherine McGrath, Agency for Healthcare Administration; Kira Houge, Department of Elder Affairs, Jan Pearce, Vocational Rehabilitation, Jessica Brattain, Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Student Services, Andrea Gary, Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Jean Sherman, Mailman Center, Elizabeth Perkins, Florida Center for Inclusive Communities and Peter Sleasman, Disabilities Rights Florida,.

III. **Public Policy Committee Report**

Refer to attached Public Policy Committee Summary Report presented by committee Chair, Sarah Goldman.

IV. **State Plan Committee Report**

Refer to attached State Plan Committee Summary Report presented by committee Chair, Jean Sherman.

V. **Finance Committee Report**

Refer to attached Finance Committee Summary Report presented by committee Chair, Dennis Hart.

VI. **Executive Committee Report**

Refer to attached Executive Committee Summary Report presented by committee Chair, Kevin Johnson.

VII. **Public Comment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

## Public Policy Committee Report

September 22, 2022

The Public Policy Committee met yesterday, and we discussed and approved the Council's Legislative Platform which includes the following,

### Invest in home and community-based services to include individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities into their community

This year the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee approved prioritizing talking with lawmakers about the value of investing in Florida's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). There are many aspects of the iBudget waiver that need to be supported so a broad-based request to invest in the Waiver seemed the best way to frame our platform this year. The need for strengthening the Support Coordination system and Behavioral Services appear to be emerging. The draft position is on page 3 of your materials and includes the following recommendations some of which have been modified by the Committee. 1. The Council supports estimating increases in utilization that accurately reflect the yearly additional needs of individuals on the iBudget waiver. Recommendation 2. was changed to say a significant reduction of individuals should come off the waitlist each year instead of 10%. Also, a careful analysis of who is on the waitlist is recommended. 3. The Council supports creating a robust case management and support coordination workforce to address the needs of individuals with I/DD. 4. The Council supports addressing the behavioral needs of individuals with I/DD. The narrative paragraph will be edited to include behavioral services for all with I/DD who need them and an investment in Behavioral Focused group homes and Behavioral Intensive groups homes.

### Supported Decision Making (SDM)

The Council has advocated for Supported Decision-Making legislation for the last two years. Proposed language was suggested for statute 393 last year to make SDM an alternative to Guardian Advocacy and this passed out of one committee. The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee voted to continue to work on this issue.

### Arc Waitlist Campaign

Arc of Florida is about to launch a Campaign to explain the iBudget Waitlist called Be Prepared, Be Counted and Be Heard. The Campaign includes information and advocacy concerning education about what services Florida has for individuals with I/DD, the benefits of being on the Waitlist and the importance of being heard. The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee approved Margaret's work on this campaign on behalf of the Council.

### Foster Children with Disabilities

The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee heard from advocates, Amanda Johnson and Vanessa who work with the foster care system. They told stories about children with I/DD who have intense behavioral challenges and the need more services and behavioral supports from APD. The Committee voted to approve the draft position.

### Dental Services for individuals with I/DD

The Committee voted to support increased funding for dental services for individuals on the iBudget Waitlist and for more availability of dental services for those on the iBudget Waiver.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day is scheduled for March 14, 2023!

**FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.**

**State Plan Committee Report**

**September 22, 2022**

**I. Approval of minutes from May 19, 2022 Meeting**

The minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

**II. Approval of minutes from July 27, 2022 Meeting**

The minutes from the July 27, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

**III. Update on IFPs/Sole Source Status**

Valerie Breen provided a brief update on the status of IFPs/Sole Source contracts and agreements.

**IV. Approval of Program Budget with modifications**

The 5-year state plan budget approved in 2021 was shared. Adjustments were made for 2023 to increase our overall goal for Self-Advocacy to \$2,720,074. The narrative on page 15 of the State Plan Committee materials behind Tab 2 explains the difference for 2023 which impacts the overall goal for this Priority.

**V. Task Force Updates**

Each Task Force Chair or Co-chair provided an update on their task force membership and current projects, including project providers, funding award, project term, purpose, and status. The status reports provided rich information on the positive outcomes that are being achieved through projects that are in place.

**Finance Committee Report**  
**September 22, 2022**

**Action Items:**

1. Approved minutes from the 5/19/22 Finance Committee meeting.
2. Approved an increase of \$110,069 for the 2023 Administration budget. The increases are primarily related to computer, travel, and payroll. Funds are available within our Programmatic Reserve Budget to accommodate the request.

**Review/Discussion:**

1. Reviewed the Administrative Expenditures Budget to Actual Report for 10/01/21 through 6/30/22. Line items were highlighted with details and the overall administrative spending is in line with the budget with anticipated unspent funds.
2. Reviewed Administrative Budget Projections 10/01/21 – 9/30/22. We are estimating approximately \$258,000 will be unspent. These funds will be transferred to Program Reserve.
3. Reviewed Program Reserve. Program Reserve is initially funded at an amount equal to 1.5% of our grant award. Program Reserve is also made up of unspent funds from Administration, Advocacy & Communication, contracts, and projects. Our current policy allows for these funds to be used, with approval, to enhance contract amounts, or other funding needs, or address emerging needs. We are estimating the balance of Program Reserve to be \$442,000 at 9/30/22.

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.

Executive Committee Report

September 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Finance and Executive Committee members unanimously adopted the FDDC 2023 budget.

The Executive Committee members were recognized for their work on modifying the Council application process.

The performance review process for the Executive Director was reviewed with committee members and a doodle poll will be sent for early November to schedule the performance review.

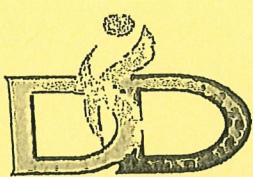
There was no public comment.

The meeting was closed to all attendees accept the Executive Committee members for personnel discussion.

The members heard a presentation from Connie Chiara, CEO of Corporate Benefits Partners, who was asked to evaluate and identify options for staff ancillary benefits (i.e., short-term; long-term, dental and life insurance). Ms. Chiara provided information on comparative benefits from other carriers. The committee agreed to hire Ms. Chiara to work with staff regarding benefits.

The members heard a presentation from Penny Morey, President of RemarkAbleHR, the Council's human resource consultant. Ms. Morey provided a comprehensive presentation on the current market related to compensation. The committee agreed to adopt the 2023 merit matrix as presented to be used for employee performance compensation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



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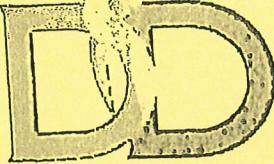
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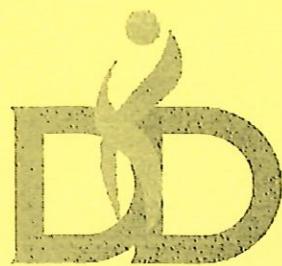
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# **2023 MEETING SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS**

## **FDDC Council Meeting**

January 26-27, 2023  
Hotel Indigo Collegetown  
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## **FDDC Council Meeting**

May 18-19, 2023  
Florida Hotel & Conference Center  
Orlando, FL

## **FDDC Council Meeting**

September 21-22, 2023  
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