

**NYS Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD)**  
**Full Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15, 2024**  
**Meeting held in hybrid format, both remotely and in-person**

**Members Present:**

Naome Adam  
Mariela Adams  
Shameka Andrews  
Eileen Borden  
Peter Cole  
Dave Deuel  
Bin Feng  
Susan Fox  
Jamie Harla  
Ketrina Hazell  
Shawn Fultz  
Valeriya Gregory  
Vincent McLaughlin  
Jessica Pidgeon  
Colleen Scott  
Xavier Skeeter  
Suzanne Swan  
Julianne Venneman

**Members Attending Remotely:**

Josh Christiana  
Suzannah Iadarola  
Deidra Moore

**Guests/Presenters Attending:**

Carol Napierski, New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation  
John Maltby, New York Regional Housing Collaboratives  
Marisa Roark, Department of Education  
Krista Rock, OPWDD Counsel's Office  
Matthew Brady, OPWDD Counsel's Office  
Marilee Boylan, University of Rochester Medical Center  
Melinda Dolezal – Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

Joshua Phelps  
Jennifer Thau  
Debora Thivierge  
Joanne Siegel

**Members Absent:**

Daniel Cunningham  
Dave Feickert  
Stuart Flaum  
Amanda Haught  
Julie Keegan

**CDD Staff Attending:**

Sarah Amplo  
Kim Berg  
Kay Broughton  
Gina Bulman  
Anna DeRosa  
Jenn Goldman  
Jackie Hayes  
Jesse Kendall  
Kristin Proud  
Kyra Te Paske  
Drew Webster

**Welcome and Opening Remarks:**

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The meeting was called to order at 9:42 AM by Council Chair David Deuel, with welcoming remarks from CDD Executive Director Kristin Proud, and quorum was established by calling the roll with introductions. An overview of Zoom procedures was provided. The meeting was chaired by Jennifer Thau.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Vincent McLaughlin to approve the previous full Council minutes dated October 26, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ketrina Hazell. Naomi Adam, Deidra Moore, and Jessica Pidgeon abstained. The minutes were approved.

**Council Governance Revisions**

Krista Rock of OPWDD's Counsel's Office gave an explanation of CDD By-law revisions.

**Vote on Revision of the CDD By-Laws:**

Vincent McLaughlin made a motion to table the vote on revisions of the CDD by-laws until the June full Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Fox. Jamie Harla abstained. Vincent McLaughlin voted in favor. All other Council members voted in opposition. The motion did not pass.

Sue Fox made a motion to revise the CDD By-laws as discussed and agreed upon by the Council. Josh Phelps seconded. Vincent McLaughlin voted in opposition. All other Council members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

Krista Rock of OPWDD's Counsel's Office gave an explanation of CDD Conflict of Interest plain language document.

**Vote on Accessible Language version CDD Conflict of Interest policy:**

Colleen Scott made a motion to approve the accessible language version of the CDD Conflict of Interest policy as discussed and agreed upon by the Council. Shawn Fultz seconded. Peter Cole, Susan Fox, Joanne Siegel, and Suzannah Iadarola abstained. Vincent McLaughlin voted in opposition. The motion was approved.

**Funding Motions:**

**Motion 1:** To fund the Unified Court System's Community Dispute Resolution Center (CDRC) up to \$100,000 a year, for 3 years (\$300,000 total), to develop and pilot a conflict resolution competency training for care managers and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) regional office staff.

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Josh Christiana made a motion to vote, seconded by Jamie Harla. None voted in opposition. Jessica Pidgeon abstained. The motion was approved.

**Motion 2:** To fund CP Unlimited \$200,000 a year, for 3 years (\$600,000 total). The grantee will use funds to pilot a Support Aide program.

Deidra Moore recused from discussion and vote. Xavier Skeeter made a motion to vote, seconded by Peter Cole. None voted in opposition. Jessica Pidgeon abstained. The motion was approved.

**Motion 3:** The CDD will award up to \$150,000 a year, for 5 years to eligible organizations to pilot innovative grant projects.

Funding Motion 3 was tabled until a future meeting.

**Motion 4:** To fund up to \$20,000 to host an in-person advocacy learning opportunity for self-advocates, family members and caregivers across the state, taking place in Albany, NY in September 2024.

Vincent McLaughlin made a motion to vote, seconded by Shawn Fultz. None voted in opposition. Josh Christiana abstained. The motion was approved.

A Video Screening of: *Housing for People with Developmental Disabilities: A Success Story* was shown during the meeting.

**Presentation-- Regional Housing Collaboratives:**

Carol Napierski of the New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation and John Maltby of New York Housing Resource Center discussed Regional Housing Collaboratives.

**Leadership Reports:**

Shameka Andrews provided the Caucus Report.  
David Deuel provided the Chairperson's Report.  
Kristin Proud gave the Executive Director's Report.  
Jesse Kendall gave the Fiscal Update.

**Adjournment:**

Vincent McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the full Council meeting. Ketrina Hazell seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.