

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Description:	
Meeting Name:	Family Support Council
Date and Time:	Thursday, September 21, 2023 12pm-1:30pm
Location:	Zoom
Chair(s):	Rhonda White
Recorder:	Catherine Rinehart Mello
Link:	Zoom

Agenda:			
Item Number	Agenda Topic	Presenter/Facilitator	Notes:
1	Welcome and Introduction	Rhonda White	Members introduced themselves and their roles
2	Introduction of New Member	Rhonda White	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Member Craig Leen
3	OMA Training	Rhonda White and Catherine Rinehart Mello	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First training on Open Meetings Act was shared with FSC members• Reviewed OMA Factsheet Draft• Submitted to BEGA for review• Created to help new members learn about FSC and

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			<p>responsibilities related to the OMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings have to be open when discussing the business of the FSC• Meetings will need to be posted two weeks in advance.• FSC will have to have a meeting agreement and reminders about thinking about what to share since it will be posted on the internet.• FSC has to consider privacy with in person only vs accessibility of having hybrid meetings.• FSC may consider format meeting by meeting for in person vs hybrid.• FSC represents the lifespan and all cultures within DC. <p>FSC concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns about OMA and how it relates to rights under the ADA and IDEA related to families convening.• How to make meetings accessible to families and feel like a “safe place” to share concerns with compliance requirements for OMA
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns about causing harm because information/recordings live on forever on the internet.• Following the OMA may be a barrier to getting families to share.• Committee Meetings can be closed• We need to make sure that meetings are accessible to voting members• Concern about how much families of people with disabilities are monitored constantly through services systems, public safety, etc• DC has highest rate of due process complaints.• Families feel like they have to hire a lawyer to file suits or complaints and this perpetuates inequities in systems and creates barriers to entry into services.• If DC operates in a complaints based system, DC needs to fund attorneys similar to public defenders.• Concerns that family and family members with IDD are treated as sub-human.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A robust ombudsman team or public attorney would need to include training on how to support families and complex situation including involvement criminal justice system and child welfare.• Families are concerned about harm and retaliation if they speak about “problems” in public forums.• Having a safe space for families is high priority for FSC members. <p>Considerations for Follow up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing OMA or how it applies to Family Support Council• Does the FSC want to advocate to DC Council to change legislation• Will have to make decisions about how to proceed when FSC has a quorum• FSC has to figure out how to get families to come together including bringing together groups of families.
4	Bylaws		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All members need to read draft bylaws by the next meeting.• Review bylaws draft to give structure in current position

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			<p>which can be amended in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a lot of work getting the bylaws where they are now. 	
5	Next Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 26th , 11-1pm • Will review and vote on bylaws. • Hybrid • Will include information 	
6	Events		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Ties presenting about programs at DD Council Meeting • Parent Summit (can go on website) • Adult Service Series 	
Family Support Council		Attendance	Ex Officio	Attendance
	Rhonda White	x	Carla Ware-Easterling (DBH)	x
	Shonta Jones		Amani Walker (DCPS)	
	Adrienne Farley	x		
	Chioma Oruh	x		
	Thomas Mangrum			
	Linda Brown	x		
	Daisy Brown	x		
	Azeb Adere			
	Oliver Roy	x		
	Craig Leen	x		
	Tokie Jones			

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Catherine Rinehart Mello (DDS staff support)		x	

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